



Office of the Mayor
BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

1 Court Square, Room 102
Camden, TN 38320

March 16, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Mark Ward, County Mayor

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session on **Monday, March 16, 2026** at the Benton County Courthouse at **6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee.
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy
- IV. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin
 - 1) Approval of Agenda
 - 2) Citizens Forum
 - 3) Commissioners Forum
 - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
 - 5) Approval of Minutes
 - 6) Report of Public Utilities

- 7) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5165.00 received from an Airport Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure. (20260316-01)**
- 8) **A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 35000.00 received from the State for reimbursement for paid Parental Leave to the school's budget. (20260316-02)**
- 9) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$948.86 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260316-03)**
- 10) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$372.51 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure. (20260316-04)**
- 11) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$8000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the states for salaries and wages. (20260316-05)**
- 12) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$23,962.86 to the Animal Shelter Budget in order to close out the balance on the Tuturea Fund. (20260316-06)**
- 13) **A Resolution by Mayor Ward to Appropriate funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal. (20260316-07)**
- 14) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 2500.00 received from donations, to a proper line item for expenditure in the Animal Shelter Budget to purchase fencing. (20260316-08)**
- 15) **A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Guardian Advisors, LLC for debt service fees. (20260316-09)**
- 16) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to a proper line item for expenditure in the Senior Center's Budget for the purchase of food. (20260316-10)**
- 17) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 3500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item for Pauper Burials. (20260316-11)**
- 18) Appointing Notaries
- 19) Any Other Business
- 20) Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5165.00 received from an Airport Terminal Renovation Grant to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received a payment of \$ 5165.00 from the State of Tennessee for a Terminal Renovation Grant; and,

WHEREAS, these monies need to be budgeted to a proper expenditure account to pay associated invoices; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

INCREASE:

189.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE \$ 5165.00

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 5165.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 35000.00 received from the State for reimbursement for paid Parental Leave to the school's budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a reimbursement for State Paid Parental Leave from the state;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commission to approve the following changes within the 2025-26 budget as follows;

INCREASE

46596 PPL	Paid Parental Leave	\$35,000.00
71100 370	Contracted Subs	\$30,000.00
71100 370	Contracted Subs	5,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$948.86 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, Payments in the amount of \$948.86 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to move said funds into an expenditure line item for proper expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$948.86
		\$948.86
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$948.86
		\$948.86

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$372.51 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$372.51 for the month of February, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$372.51 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff’s Office and Jail Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$372.51 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of February, 2026 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$300.00
101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$72.51
		\$372.51

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$300.00
101.54210.335	Maintenance and Repair – Buildings	\$72.51
		\$372.51

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
 by _____
 On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
 _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$8000.00 to fund a reimbursable grant from the states for salaries and wages.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers a reimbursable grant through the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, which pays salaries for deputies working saturation work details, and

WHEREAS, Funds should have been appropriated at budget time to cover expected expenditures prior to receipt of reimbursements, and

WHEREAS, It will be necessary to appropriate \$8,000.00 to the proper expenditure line item to cover previously paid, and future expenditures for the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, When reimbursement checks are received, they can be deposited directly to the County General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$8000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$8000.00
		\$8000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$8000.00
		\$8000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
 by _____
 On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
 _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$23,962.86 to the Animal Shelter Budget in order to close out the balance on the Tuturea Fund.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 23,962.86 to the Animal Shelter Budget in order to “carry over” the Balance into the new fiscal year; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026, that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.100.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE (Tutureau)	\$ 23,962.86
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INCREASE:

101.100.55120.357	VETERINARY SERVICES	\$ 23,962.86
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

March 16, 2026

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

A Resolution by Mayor Ward to Appropriate funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover a short fall in the Sanitation Management budget for Waste Tire Disposal.

WHEREAS, due to increased fees being charged to the county for waste tire disposal, the line item for funding this service is depleted, and

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item, the Benton County Mayor requests that funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 be appropriated from the unassigned fund balance to the Sanitation Management budget, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,000.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURE:

101.55710.399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded

by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed

_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget & Property Committees

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the total amount of \$ 2500.00 received from donations, to a proper line item for expenditure in the Animal Shelter Budget to purchase fencing.

WHEREAS, Benton County is in receipt of donated funds for the Benton County Animal Shelter in the total amount of \$ 2500.00; and,

WHEREAS, these funds need to be budgeted to proper line items within the Animal Shelter's budget for expenditure for fencing; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2026 that funds be budgeted for this purpose as follows:

DECREASE:

101.44570 CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS \$ 2500.00

INCREASE:

101.55120.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 2500.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Guardian Advisors, LLC for debt service fees.

WHEREAS, there exists a need to fund the expenditure line for paying for fees related to debt service from Guardian Advisors, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1500.00 in order to cover this expenditure; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

151.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 1500.00

INCREASE:

151.82330.699 OTHER DEBT SERVICE \$ 1500.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to a proper line item for expenditure in the Senior Center's Budget for the purchase of food.

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1000.00 to an appropriate expenditure account within the Senior Center Budget for the purchase of food.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$1000.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows.

DECREASE:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1000.00
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INCREASE:

101.56300.422	Food Supplies	\$1000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20260316 - 11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee

March 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Ward to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 3500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the line item for Pauper Burials.

WHEREAS, there is currently a low balance in the line item that funds pauper burials, and,

WHEREAS, to properly fund this line item, it is necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 3500.00 to the line item as outlined below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$ 3500.00 be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 3500.00
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INCREASE:

101.51300.341	PAUPER BURIALS	\$ 3500.00
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\$ 3500.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded
by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN