

BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

AGENDA

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Darrell Hicks and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rosanne Ward.

ROLL CALL BY CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK DONNA MELTON

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MEMBERS PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE VIDEO: MARY POWERS, ANGIE HERN

DIST. 3	KELEAH DYE	NORMAN FRAZIER	GARY FURR
DIST. 4	SONNY HALL	PHIL MELTON	DWAYNE FOWLER
DIST. 5	RACHELLE HILL	MIKE NUNNERY	ROSANNE WARD
DIST. 6	DARRELL HICKS	RONNIE HOPPER	MARY POWERS (VIDEO)
DIST. 1	ANGIE HERN (VIDEO)	DON PATTON	WARD PLANT
DIST. 2	DAYNA FERGUSON	KENNETH MILLER	ROCKY PRESSON

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AGENDA

Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy

4. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin

5. Election of Chairman

6. Election of Chairman Pro-Tem

7. Approval of Agenda

8. Citizens Forum

9. Commissioners Forum

10. County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor, Invited Guest Speaker Forum, or Proclamations
11. Approval of Minutes
12. Report of Public Utilities
13. Resolution requesting that Senator John Stevens and Representative Bruce Griffey be sent a copy and that they work in conjunction with the State of Tennessee prohibiting state hauling contract be given to any transportation hauling companies which are delinquent in paying Ad Valorem taxes, unless these companies have a payment arrangement agreed upon by Benton County, and which Benton County finds to be acceptable. (20200921-01) VV
14. Resolution to re-appoint Trip Palen to the E911 board for a four-year term effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2024. (20200921-02) VV
15. Resolution to appoint Shari Kim Dudley to the Benton County Industrial Board for a four-year term effective September 21, 2020 and set to expire on August 1, 2024. (20200921-03) VV
16. Resolution to appoint Kim Summers to the Benton County Solid Waste Board for a three year term effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2023. (20200921-04) (VV)
17. Resolution budgeting funds received in the amount of \$1,891.82 within the schools budget. (20200921-05) (VV)
18. Resolution budgeting insurance recovery funds in the amount of \$6,195.50 within the Capital Projects fund for repairs and replacements to the repeaters in Benton County. (20200921-06) (VV)
19. Resolution budgeting funds received from a United Way donation in the amount of \$200.00 within the Senior Citizens budget. (20200921-07) (VV)
20. Resolution budgeting funds received from August revenues in the amount of \$2,553.25 within the sheriff's budget. (20200921-08) (VV)
21. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,609.00 from the Sex Offender Registry Reserve Account and budgeting within the SOR budget. (20200921-09) (VV)
22. Resolution budgeting funds received in awarded drug monies in the amount of \$491.80 within the Drug Control Fund. (20200921-10) (VV)
23. Resolution budgeting insurance recovery funds received for damaged vehicles in the amount of \$7,091.16 within the Sheriff's budget. (20200921-11) (VV)
24. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$242,760.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 171 – Capital Projects in order to cover CARES Act up front expenses and to later be reimbursed. (20200921-12) (RCV)
25. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$4,351.92 from the Drug Court Fee Reserve Account within the General Fund in order to remit the fees collected during the 2019-2020 fiscal year to the State of Tennessee. (20200921-13) (RCV)
26. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$12,362.00, which reverted back to the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund at June 30th, and budget the said funds within the library budget. (20200921-14) (RCV)
27. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget within the Veteran Service Officer budget in order to cover the county's TCRS retirement contribution for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. (20200921-15) (RCV)
28. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$79,573.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to provide the Sheriff's Department and Jail employees a \$1,200 gross salary pay increase. (20200921-16) (RCV)
29. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$8,550.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to provide the Sheriff's Department and Jail employees re-occurring longevity pay supplement. (20200921-17) (RCV)
30. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$11,934.60 from the Unassigned Reserves within the County General Fund for the Victim Assistance Assessment Fees collected throughout the 2019-2020 fiscal year in order to remit the funds to the Women's Resource Assistance Program. (20200921-18) (RCV)
31. Appointing Notaries
32. Any Other Business
33. Adjourn

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY:

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK DONNA MELTON

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hill to nominate Rosanne Ward for Chairman.

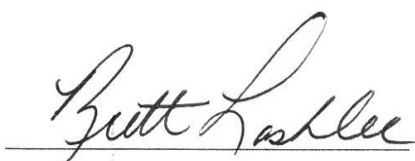
Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Miller to nominated Ward Plant for Chairman.


On a Roll Call Vote 10 votes for Rosanne Ward and 7 votes for Ward Plant and 1 pass.

Commissioner Rosanne Ward changed her vote from pass to Rosanne Ward.

Rosanne Ward is elected Chairman.

<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	ROSANNE WARD	WARD PLANT	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X		X			
NORMAN FRAZIER		X	X				
GARY FURR		X	X				
SONNY HALL		X	X				
PHIL MELTON		X	X				
DWAYNE FOWLER		X	X				
RACHELLE HILL		X	X				
MIKE NUNNERY		X	X				
DARRELL HICKS		X		X			
RONNIE HOPPER		X	X				
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X		X			
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X		X			
DON PATTON		X		X			
WARD PLANT		X					X
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X				
KENNETH MILLER		X		X			
ROCKY PRESSON		X		X			
ROSANNE WARD		X	X				


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

ELECTION OF PROTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Miller to nominate Ward Plant for PROTEM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Hill to nominate Gary Furr for PROTEM.

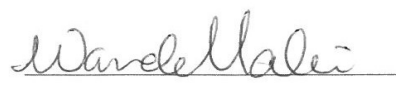
On a Roll Call Vote, 10 votes for Ward Plant and 8 votes for Gary Furr.

Gary Furr changed his vote from pass to Gary Furr, Ward Plant changed his vote from pass to Ward Plant.

Ward Plant is elected to PROTEM.

<u>ELECTION OF PROTEM</u>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	GARY FURR	WARD PLANT	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X		X			
NORMAN FRAZIER		X	X				
GARY FURR		X	X				
SONNY HALL		X		X			
PHIL MELTON		X	X				
DWAYNE FOWLER		X	X				
RACHELLE HILL		X	X				
MIKE NUNNERY		X	X				
DARRELL HICKS		X		X			
RONNIE HOPPER		X		X			
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X		X			
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X		X			
DON PATTON		X		X			
WARD PLANT		X		X			
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X				
KENNETH MILLER		X		X			
ROCKY PRESSON		X		X			
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X	X				


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve the Agenda. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

CITIZENS FORUM

Benton County Attorney Shaun Johnson ask for the Commission to meet early next month so he can advise the new commissioners on the litigation updates.

Mack Terry and John Bukky, board members of the Magic Valley Golf Course, addressed the Commission about the length of the lease agreement for the Golf Course. The Golf Course is self-supporting and pays property tax and sales tax to benefit Benton County. They are also not connected to the County Club.

Mayor Lashlee responded about the Golf Course and possible property development on some of the acreage there.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Rachelle Hill said that two of the resolutions coming up tonight involve the Sheriff's Department salaries. She said a comment was made that if these resolutions pass that the Court House employees would resent the Sheriff's office employees getting a raise. She also said that no Sheriff's employees resent the Court House employees because they got a raise.

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, INVITED GUEST SPEAKER FORUM, OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Lashlee responded to Commissioner Hill’s comments about the Employee Raises. He recommended withdrawing the resolutions.

Commissioner Plant said the raises requested by the Sheriff’s Department should go through the proper channels and should be considered at the beginning of a budget year.

WELCOME & START A NEW LEGISLATIVE YEAR!

We welcome two new members to our county government – Mr. Dwayne Fowler and Mr. Michael Nunnery, both who are no strangers to our citizens. Both have been lifelong citizens of our county and active all of their life in county activities, issues and concerns. Mr. Fowler will replace Doug Vickers from the 4th District, and Mr. Nunnery will be replacing Janet Higdon from the 5th District.

We elect a new Commission Chairman this month. Once that selection is made, the Chair should be prepared to assign commission members to a respective legislative committee to begin October 1st to run through September 30th of following year. We ask the chair to submit these assignments prior to October 1st so as we can distribute in our October monthly packets to allow members time and opportunity to attend the monthly committee meetings.

E-911

The agreement between Benton County and E-911 District of Benton County that was highlighted in last month’s commission meeting has been approved, but now the E-911 project is down to a decision between a 22-acre tract, and our 6-acre tract. Should the 22-acre tract pass inspections, they will opt for construction at such site. Otherwise, they will opt for the county owned parcel. Such choice would bring in \$50,000 to the county which will be allocated toward our Emergency Management Agency (EMA) building operations project.

COVID-19

Our confirmed cases continue to rise, but have gone from a dramatic increase to a more consistent state and leveling off. We have moved from the 5th lowest impacted county, to the 20th lowest in Tennessee. Additionally, we are the lowest impacted county in West-Tennessee. Although the case count is higher than we prefer, we really sit at the appropriate per-capita spot in Tennessee. We are the 21st lowest per-capita county in Tennessee and sit at the 20th lowest confirmed cases spot so in essence, our case numbers are not abnormally high.

You may also see an unusual amount of budget request related to COVID-19 expenditures. We have been allocated “up to” \$240,000 (approximate) in COVID-19 CARES Act funding and we are trying to maximize this grant with continuous protective and health upgrades to our operating environments. This activity will last through the month of December or January 2021 as we make COVID-19 purchases and expenditures. December 30th is the deadline for all work and purchases to be completed. Ashley Travis is our grant coordinator on these efforts.

MAGIC VALLEY GOLF COURSE AGREEMENT

Mr. Mack Terry, Board Chair at the Magic Valley Golf Course will plan to address the commission to clarify some mis-interpretations or mis-information related to the MVCG having a “country club” which was in the wording of their original agreement. This placed a bad perception on the agreement in that their releasing of a portion of their land lease back to the county and the 25% reinvestment of the sale proceeds of that parcel would go toward a country club is not proper reflection of the reality. MVGC has no country club and the parcel many of us remember as having formerly housed a country club is privately owned, as well as not operating as a country club. I did advise Mr. Terry the original lease agreement really needed to be revised. This probably should have happened back in 1966 when the original agreement was drafted, but what has happened is it seems the county has continually extended a very old agreement that was improperly worded due to the non-existence of a country club having been on county property.

GRANTS: ASIAN CARP

There are only 3 TWRA permitted/licensed vendors of Asian Carp in Tennessee. Two are in Henry County and one in Benton County. Our only Benton County licensed commercial vendor for Asian Carp processing in D&D Caviar located in Harmon’s Creek. The owner, Mr. Dale Roberson approached me with assistance toward writing a grant application with the TWRA that would improve and upgrade his facility in its capacity and operational enhancements to handle larger quantities of Asian Carp. We compiled a need’s assessment, obtained quotes and estimates, wrote a letter of compliance and need, and submitted the application in early August. We are pleased to announce that TWRA plans to award Benton County a \$125,000 (approximate) Grant to upgrade the operations at D&D Caviar! There will be more details to follow in press-releases, but we all know the threat that Asian Carp bring to our local waters. This grant will better position our county in the fight against the threat of Asian Carp and we will continue our efforts in seeking funding related to this threat.

GRANTS: BROADBAND

What a difference 3 weeks can make! In this short period of time, our county was awarded two large broadband development and expansion grants. One went to a firm called TEC in late August, whom many of you may be aware of as they have been in Benton County two years now applying for grant applications and target area evaluations. Their grant came through the Tennessee Emergency Broadband Fund and is valued around \$1.1 million of a \$1.4 million project. The other grant came this past September 9th and was a federal grant from USDA. Benton County’s portion will be estimated near \$2-4 million and will be installed and managed by Ardmore Telephone Company. These grant awards are I believe only a start as these well-capitalized entities will wish to expand their presence in Benton County. Competitive rates, greater access and options for higher-speed broadband is something our citizens and businesses desperately need. These grants will have a beneficial impact for our citizens and hopefully we will continue to see aggressive and immediate expansion and development of high-quality broadband in Benton County.

GRANTS: PATSY CLINE MEMORIAL PARK

We are awaiting the drafts and specs of the excavation work needed for the amphitheater project and stage. This project will mainly be done over the course of the next year and most work will be done via local contractors. We will net \$67,500 from the Tourism Grant to be combined with another \$25,000 of budgeted funds. We are in the early planning stages of how to "Ribbon-cut" the opening of the Amphitheater at the Patsy Cline Memorial Park. We are looking to make this not just another ordinary ribbon cutting, but an event we will remember a lifetime. We are looking at September 8, 2021 which is the birthdate of Patsy Cline. Our hopes are in choosing this date we can remember her birth, not her death. It's possible an annual celebration will result from this celebratory event.

Many of you may remember Carrie (Folks) Strang, who won the 1986 Ms. Tennessee title. She grew up in New Johnsonville. She won that title based on her rendition of Patsy Cline's "Sweet Dreams" and has been performing it ever since having spent many years in the entertainment business. She has agreed to be a co-chair of the event and will coordinate the entertainment segments of the opening.

FARMERS MARKET COMPLEX / AG EXTENSION CIVIC COMPLEX

We are nearing the grant application phase toward directing financial awards toward the construction of our Ag Extension Civic Complex and Farmers Market. We will be bringing resolutions related to the initial phases to get started on our grant applications. These are related to applications, agreements, funding, and required processes that various state departments need county commission approval on. Please feel free to visit my office and ask myself of Ashley for clarifications and information if these appear complicated or confusing.

Our strategy is to apply for a 50/50 matching Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant through the State of Tennessee. Additionally, the City of Camden has agreed to allow us to apply for their LPRF Grant so long as we make the financial match which we have budgeted money for. In leveraging Grant Funds already allocated in our current budget as well as and our property purchased value toward the project, we will end up building this entire Farmers Market Complex (estimated around \$1.5 million dollars) for only the initial cost of the land (\$150,000). This project will also include the remodel of the strip-mall buildings, walking paths & sidewalks, adequate parking & paving, and a large Farmers Market Pavilion Building. We will also pursue TN AG and Economic Development Grants if the opportunity presents itself to qualify for additional funds. The Ag Extension Civic Complex will be a separate project component which we will plan to utilize open-market Financing to complete.

Agriculture is the #1 Industry in Benton County! We have not done anything to recognize, assist, or award our farming community. It is time we move forward with this grand project which will put Benton County on the public forefront of Agriculture second to no other county in Tennessee. We have purposely chosen this site as it adjoins our County Fairgrounds, CO-OP, and in a primary historic business area of our county seat (Camden). What a tribute this will be to our farmers and county agricultural operations. Even University of Tennessee President Randy Boyd, on his visit to Benton County recently asked to be invited to the opening when we get to that point, and excitedly commented on how this complex will be a pride of University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Offices.

BENTON COUNTY JAIL

We have an awardee on the Sheriff's Dept & Jail Security Camera System Upgrade project. Stanley Security was the awarded bidder, and beat their preliminary estimate by \$9,000. Their total bid varies in cost to the county as they present us a base (minimum needed option) of \$255,385, but offer 5 alternate add-on options in order of priority of need for the sheriff. Should I decide to opt for the entire bid with all the options, it will cost approximately \$380,000.

To assist me in the decision making, I will solicit a recommendation from the property & Law Enforcement Committee's. They will make their determination from discussions with the sheriff, the contractor, myself and weigh it against need vs. wants. The dilemma we have is that we also budgeted funds to construct an enhanced sally-port for the sheriff's department. In going with the full camera system, we come up short of needed funding for the sally-port. Thus, the challenge faced with the total bid and why I wish to solicit input from the noted legislative committees. In the end, I will determine the best overall option for the county and the sheriff's departments long-term needs, but will do so with valued input from the commissioners. How would we make up the shortfall of appropriated funding? Well we would have to scale down the sally-port project, scale back some of the camera system options, consider pulling funds from Litigation Reserve, or a compliment of all of those choices. I will final the project proposal by the end of next week and will convey this to the county commission thereafter.

PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve AUGUST 2020 minutes. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 2020921-01**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to amend **RESOLUTION 2020921-01**. To correct a typo “**pf**” in the last paragraph between “State” and “Tennessee” to read “**of**” and that the verbiage be changed from “any transportation hauling companies” to “any **of the** transportation companies listed”.

Commissioner Frazier withdrew this Motion to amend.

On original Motion to approve, with exception to amend the typo mentioned above, On a roll call Vote, 11 Ayes, 6 Nays and 1 Pass. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-01 SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON AND WARD PLANT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Comptrollers of the Treasury has certified the Ad Valorem Assessments for the public utility and transportation companies as required in Tennessee Code Annotated §67-5-1331 for tax year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Ad Valorem Assessment total taxes paid to Big Sandy, Camden and Benton County would be \$427,155 dollars; and

WHEREAS, found in the Comptroller’s assessment were eighteen (18) truck companies, ten (10) of which have Benton County addresses; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has one truck company that has not paid Ad Valorem tax since 2008 and continues to contract with the state of Tennessee for transportation truck hauling.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of September 2020 that this resolution be given to Senator John Stevens and Representative Bruce Griffey, in that they working in conjunction with the State pf Tennessee, prohibit state hauling contracts being given to any transportation hauling companies unless these companies owing delinquent Ad Valorem Tax dollars have a payment arrangement with Benton County, which Benton County finds to be acceptable.

RESOLUTION 2020921-01							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X			X		
NORMAN FRAZIER		X				X	
GARY FURR		X				X	
SONNY HALL		X				X	
PHIL MELTON		X					X
DWAYNE FOWLER		X				X	
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
MIKE NUNNERY		X				X	
DARRELL HICKS		X		X	X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X			X		
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X			X		
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X			X		
DON PATTON		X			X		
WARD PLANT		X			X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X		X		
KENNETH MILLER		X			X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X				X	


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-02**. On a Roll Call Vote, 15 Ayes, 1 Nay and 2 Pass. Motion Carries.

Commissioner Dye said these same members have sat on this board for years. She says they refuse to contribute to Code Red. Other counties do participate and she thinks we need a change and she is not supporting this.

Mayor Lashlee says new names will come up. Mayor says he would entertain anyone who shows interest in service and is knowledgeable.

Commissioner Ferguson asked for a list of the board members be in the packet.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-02
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, the term of E911 board member, Trip Palen, is soon to expire; and
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the E911 board to re-appoint Trip Palen to the E911 board for another four (4) year term; and
WHEREAS, this would be a four (4) year term effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2024.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that Trip Palen be re-appointed to the E911 board for a four (4) year term effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2024.

<u>RESOLUTION 20200921-02</u>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	ROSANNE WARD	WARD PLANT	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X				X	
NORMAN FRAZIER		X					X
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DWAYNE FOWLER		X			X		
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
MIKE NUNNERY		X			X		
DARRELL HICKS		X			X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X					X
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X			X		
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X			X		
DON PATTON		X			X		
WARD PLANT		X	X		X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X			X		
KENNETH MILLER		X		X	X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X			X		


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hill to combine **RESOLUTION 20200921-03 and RESOLUTION 20200921-04.** On a Roll Call Vote, 11 Ayes, 6 Nays and 1 Pass. Motion Carries.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Frazier to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-03 and RESOLUTION 20200921-04** as combined. On a Roll Call Vote, 16 Ayes and 2 Nays. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-03
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

WHEREAS, a member of the Benton County Industrial Board has recently submitted her resignation as the Secretary Treasurer of the board; and
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the board members and the county mayor to appoint Shari Kim Dudley to the Benton County Industrial Board to fulfill this vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Shari Kim Dudley will be appointed for a four (4) year term to be effective September 21, 2020 and set to expire on August 1, 2024.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that Shari Kim Dudley be appointed to the Benton County Industrial Board to fulfill the recent vacancy, and the appointment be for a four (4) year term effective September 21, 2020 and set to expire on August 1, 2020.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-04
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

WHEREAS, there is a recent vacancy on the Benton County Solid Waste Board; and
WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the board and the county mayor to appoint Kim Summers to the Benton County Solid Waste Board for a three (3) year term; and

WHEREAS, this three (3) year term would be effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2023.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that Kim Summers be appointed to the Benton County Solid Waste Board, to fulfill a recent vacancy, for a three (3) year term effective October 1, 2020 and set to expire on September 30, 2023.

<u>COMBINE RESOLUTION 20200921-03 and RESOLUTION 20200921-04</u>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X			X		
NORMAN FRAZIER		X			X		
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DWAYNE FOWLER		X			X		
RACHELLE HILL		X		X		X	
MIKE NUNNERY		X			X		
DARRELL HICKS		X				X	
RONNIE HOPPER		X				X	
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X			X		
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X			X		
DON PATTON		X			X		
WARD PLANT		X					X
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X		X		
KENNETH MILLER		X				X	
ROCKY PRESSON		X				X	
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X				X	

**APPROVE AS COMBINED RESOLUTION 20200921-02 and
RESOLUTION 20200921-03**

COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X			X		
NORMAN FRAZIER		X		X	X		
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DWAYNE FOWLER		X			X		
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
MIKE NUNNERY		X			X		
DARRELL HICKS		X				X	
RONNIE HOPPER		X			X		
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X			X		
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X			X		
DON PATTON		X			X		
WARD PLANT		X			X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X		X		
KENNETH MILLER		X				X	
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X			X		


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-05**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-05
SPONSORED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE
RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
September 21, 2020

WHEREAS: The Board of Education received funds from the CARES Act to reimburse for the partial cost of employees receiving unemployment and UTRUST has requested these funds be paid to them;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2020-21 budget as follows;

		<u>INCREASE</u>
44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 1,891.82
71100 210	Unemployment Compensation	\$ 1,891.82


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Plant to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-06**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-06
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Department recently experienced damage and/or property loss to multiple repeaters throughout the county due to weather damage; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff filed the loss and/or damage as a liability insurance claim with Tennessee Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, the county has received the insurance reimbursement amount of \$6,195.50 in order to make any necessary repairs or replacements to the repeaters; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$6,195.50 within the appropriate expenditure account in order to make these repairs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of September 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$6,195.50 be budgeted to the Revenue Account No. 171.44170 – Capital Projects Miscellaneous Refunds and to the Expenditure Account No. 171.91130.709 – Other Equipment.


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-07.** On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-07
 SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Senior Citizens Department has received funds in the total amount of \$400.00 from United Way for a donation; and
 WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Director, requests that only \$200.00 of the \$400.00 donation be budgeted within an account in order to conduct a special training for homemakers on COVID-19 guidelines; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$200.00 within the Senior Citizens budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of September 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$200.00 received from United Way as a donation to the local Senior Citizens Center be budgeted as the following:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>		
101.48610	DONATIONS	\$200.00
		\$200.00
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>		
101.56300.599	SENIOR CITIZENS OTHER CHARGES	\$200.00
		\$200.00


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-08.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to Amend **RESOLUTION 20200921-08** line 3 “INCREASE EXPNDITURE-OTHER CHARGES FROM 101.54150.599 TO 101-54160-599. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-08

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received funds in the amount of \$ 2,553.25 for revenues for the month of August, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 2,553.25 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of September, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 2,553.25 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of August, 2020 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:		
101.43395	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 300.00
101.44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$ 700.00
101.44540	SALE OF PROPERTY	\$ 1,553.25
		\$ 2,553.25
INCREASE EXPENDITURE:		
101.54110.353	TOW-IN SERVICES	\$ 700.00
101.54110. 790	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,553.25
101.54150.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 300.00
		\$ 2,553.25


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-09**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-09

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office needs to purchase some equipment for the sex offender officer required for in the field registration of sex offenders; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate said funds in the amount of \$ 1,609.00 to the appropriate expenditure account within the Administration of the Sexual Offender Registry budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST day of September, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 1,609.00 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES

101.34525	SEX OFFENDER RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$ 1,609.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 1,609.00
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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-10**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-10

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received funds in the amount of \$ 491.80 in awarded drug monies and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 491.80 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Drug Enforcement budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of September, 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 491.80 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

122.44560	DAMAGES RECOVERED FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$ 491.80
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

122.54150.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 491.80
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\$ 491.80


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-11**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-11

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received monies in the amount of \$ 7,091.16 for car accident insurance claims and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 7,091.16 to the appropriate expenditure account within the Sheriff's budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of August 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 7,091.16 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for insurance claims be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.49700	INSURANCE RECOVERY	\$ 7,091.16
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.338	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR - VEHICLES	\$ 7,091.16
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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-12**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-12

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has issued a 100% (one-hundred percent) funding resource for counties to utilize to help cover expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this funding source is called the TN CARES Act reimbursable grant and each county total funding amount was decided by the population from the 2018 census and figured at \$15.00 per person; and

WHEREAS, Benton County has been allotted \$242,760 in CARES Act funding and has been encouraged to make necessary technological upgrades and advancements to implement remote access capabilities for general government and legislative operations, along with supplies needed to combat the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act funding is limited and on a very strict timeline, where all reimbursements are to be submitted by November 1, 2020 and any/all projects and/or purchases must be received or completed no later than December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the said funds in the amount of \$242,760 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 171-Capital Projects and budget to the appropriate expenditures, which have been determined by the State of Tennessee Chart of Accounts, in order to move forward with utilizing the CARES Act funding; and

WHEREAS, when the reimbursements are received from the CARES Act, the revenue will also be receipted into revenue accounts determined by the State of Tennessee Chart of Accounts, and the CARES Act funding will utilize Revenue Account No. 171.47301 – COVID-19 Grant #1.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of September 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$242,760 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 171-Capital Projects and budgeted to the expenditure accounts listed below to later be fully (100%) reimbursed by the TN CARES Act funds:

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

171.58801.709 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Data Processing Equipment		\$150,000.00
171.58801.410 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Custodial Supplies		\$ 20,000.00
171.58801.411 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Data Processing Supplies		\$ 10,000.00
171.58801.707 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Building Improvements		\$ 15,000.00
171.58801.499 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Other Supplies & Materials		\$ 8,760.00
171.58801.791 – COVID-19 Grant #1 – Other Construction		\$ 39,000.00

\$242,760.00


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-13**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-13
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Drug Court Treatment Act of 2003 establishes guidelines and funding provisions for drug courts created in Tennessee. The Act provides for a \$75 fee to be applied to any offenses under T.C.A. Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, of the Tennessee Drug Control Act. On June 7, 2007, an amendment to the Drug Court Treatment Act of 2003 was approved and went into effect on July 1, 2007. This amendment allows the clerks of courts to collect the sum of \$75 from any person who is found in violation of the terms and conditions of a suspended sentence imposed for any criminal conviction wherein the violation is premised upon a positive drug screen; and

WHEREAS, Benton County does not have an operational drug court treatment program, therefore the fees collected throughout a fiscal year will need to be remitted to the state of Tennessee in the full amount; and

WHEREAS, the drug court fees collected through both General Sessions and Circuit Court for the 2019-2020 fiscal year total the amount of \$4,351.92 and were placed within a reserve account restricted for Drug Court, Account No. 101.34520; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$4,351.92 from the Reserve Account No. 101.34520 and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to remit the payment to the state of Tennessee for the fees collected from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that the drug court fees collected in the amount of \$4,351.92 from the General Sessions and Circuit Courts throughout the 2019-2020 fiscal year be budgeted to the Revenue Account No. 101.34520 – Reserved for Drug Court and to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51300.599 – County Mayor Other Charges in order to remit payment of the drug court fees to the state of Tennessee.


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Hopper and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to take a 5-minute recess.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-14**. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Commissioner Frazier changed vote from pass to Aye. Commissioner Fowler changed vote from pass to Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-14
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library had applied for and received a grant for library books/media to help provide public services during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this grant was approved and received at fiscal year-end of 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the budget committee members chose not to include this in the original budget document as the roll-over of funds would have affected the maintenance of effort for the library budget; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to make a budget amendment by appropriating the roll over grant amount of \$12,362 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to provide the department with the grant funds to utilize in this fiscal year budget of 2020-2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$12,362.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budgeted to Expenditure Account No. 101.56500.432 – Library Books/Media in order to roll over the amount unused from the previous fiscal year 2019-2020 without affecting the maintenance of effort for the library budget.


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-15**. On a Roll Call Vote, 17 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-15
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, due to the position status change for the Veteran Service Officer the retirement/pension line item was not added to the new budget to cover this change and the county's contribution amount; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and make a budget amendment to add the correct expenditure line item to the Veteran Service Officer budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that the amount of \$2,500.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget to the Expenditure Account No. 101.58300.204 – Pensions/Retirement in order to cover the county's contribution for the FY 2020-2021 on this new full-time position.

<u>RESOLUTION 20200921-15</u>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
KELEAH DYE		X			X		
NORMAN FRAZIER		X				X	
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DWAYNE FOWLER		X			X		
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
MIKE NUNNERY		X			X		
DARRELL HICKS		X			X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X			X		
MARY POWERS VIDEO		X			X		
ANGIE HERN VIDEO		X			X		
DON PATTON		X		X	X		
WARD PLANT		X			X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X	X		X		
KENNETH MILLER		X			X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
ROSANNE WARD CHAIRMAN		X			X		


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-16.** **PULLED BY SHERIFF**

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-16

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Sheriff Kenny Christopher to provide all employees of the sheriff's office and the jail a \$ 1,200.00 gross salary increase; and

WHEREAS, this \$ 1,200.00 increase will apply to each PayScale step and would take effect the first pay period in October 2020 and be in effect forever more.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of September, 2020 that the total amount of \$ 79,573.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and be budgeted to the expenditure accounts listed in the attached document in order to provide the employees of the sheriff's office and the jail a \$ 1,200 gross salary pay increase:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-17.** **PULLED BY SHERIFF**

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-17

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Sheriff Kenny Christopher to provide all full-time employees of the sheriff's office and the jail who have passed their fifth year of continuous employment with a \$ 50.00 per year of service longevity pay; and

WHEREAS, the \$ 50.00 longevity pay would be reoccurring and the longevity payment would be paid out to the employees during the first week of November 2020 on a separate check from regular payroll.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of September, 2020 that the total amount of \$ 8,550.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and be budgeted to the expenditure accounts listed below in order to provide the employees of the sheriff's office and the jail with longevity pay:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 8,550.00
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\$ 8,550.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 6,900.00
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101.54210.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 1650.00
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\$ 8,550.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20200921-18**. On a Roll call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Commissioner Hicks exited the meeting at 8:24pm. He will be counted absent the rest of the meeting. Roll is 17 present, 1 absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 20200921-18
SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, a special fee is collected as revenue (Account No. 101.42392) through General Sessions and Circuit Courts for Victim Assistance Assessment (VAA Fee); and

WHEREAS, these funds collected throughout a fiscal year are set aside for the Women's Resource Assistance Program (WRAP); and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$11,934.60 was collected throughout the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year and reverted back to the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$11,934.60 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget the said funds to the appropriate expenditure account in order to remit the funds to the Women's Resource Assistance Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21ST Day of September 2020 that the funds collected in the amount of \$11,934.60 be appropriated from the Unassigned Reserves within the County General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51300.599 – County Mayor Other Charges in order to remit these funds to the Women's Resource Assistance Program.


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

NOTARIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve September 2020 Notaries. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

ALICA C OWEN ROSIE M TURNER CRYSTAL L HASTINGS

LAURIE PIERCE CHRISTY R BAKER

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Christopher asked for permission for the inmates to cut up the tops of the downed trees at the Industrial Park to make firewood for needy citizens.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hopper and seconded by Commissioner Miller to suspend the rules of order to bring up the Sheriff's request for permission to cut up the tops of the trees at the Industrial Park. On a Roll Call Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to give the Sheriff permission to cut up the tops of the trees. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

County Clerk Wanda Malin asked that everyone keep Susan Hubbs, Benton County Library, in your prayers. She is very sick and in the hospital.

Commissioner Frazier asked about the Sheriff's office camera system.

Mayor Lashlee responded to Commissioner Frazier's inquiry saying that the project was being discussed by Budget, Law and Property Committees. Recommendations have been received.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to go with the recommendation received for the Sheriff's office camera system. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Mayor Lashlee said that with new Commissioners on board everyone needs to study up on what a "conflict of interest" means for casting a vote. He has asked the County Attorney that beginning in October every year, Commissioners will need to sign an acknowledgement that they have been to training and know what they are doing.

Chairman Ward said she would have a list of new committee appointees at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn this meeting. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Meeting was adjourned.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK