

BENTON COUNTY April 21, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON APRIL 21, 2025 THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy.

Invocation was led by Keith Arnold and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Barry Holland

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 15 Present and 3 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Rocky Presson, and Gary Furr)**

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

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) Sheriff Ken Christopher**
 - 6) Approval of Minutes**
 - 7) Report of Public Utilities**

- 8) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to move the Benton County Mayor's Office to the county owned building at 21 N. Forrest Avenue in Camden (20250421-01)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures for a Property Tax incentive program relating to the negotiation and acceptance of payments in lieu of Ad Valorem tax with respect to certain facilities located in Benton County, Tennessee, and finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305. (20250421-02)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures relating to the implementation of Tax Increment Incentive Transactions that may be undertaken by the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton. (20250421-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to express support for Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City project and recognize its significant economic impact to Tennessee. (20250421-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Sam Jones to the Benton County Solid Waste Board for a four (4) year term. (20250421-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Brittany Fuller to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term. (20250421-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Candy Eaton to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term. (20250421-07)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Melton to the Benton County Agricultural Extension Board to serve the remainder of a term ending January 2026. (20250421-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,125.00 received from TN Risk Management, to a proper line item for expenditure. (20250421-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to seek Commission approval of a service agreement with Gibson Connect for internet services. (20250421-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 200,000.00 within the school budget. (20250421-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500,000.00 within the school budget. (20250421-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,590.67 received from a School Nutrition State Match to proper line items for expenditure within the school budget. (20250421-13)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 400.00 to the Circuit Clerk's Budget to cover a projected shortfall in unemployment compensation. (20250421-14)
- 22) A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 7500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Community Development Partners. (20250421-15)
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2400.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee to a proper line item for expenditure. (20250421-16)
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare multiple vehicles, in possession of the Sheriff's Department as surplus property for the purpose of auctioning them off. (20250421-17)
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for Disaster Relief. (20250421-18)

- 26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 75,003.78 to pay bills related to upgrades at the Benton County Health Department. (20250421-19)
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,000.00 to an appropriate expense account to cover the purchase of custodial supplies. (20250421-20)
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 729.13 to the General Sessions Judge's Budget to cover a projected shortfall in the Deputies line item. (20250421-21)
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to the Benton County Archives for the purchase of Archival Boxes. (20250421-22)
- 30) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to enter into an agreement and contract with Covia Corporation concerning a roadway. (20250421-23)
- 31) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 150,000.00 for funding a 100% reimbursable grant for Benton County Ag Extension. (20250421-24)
- 32) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 4526.81 to help fund computers for the library's use. (20250421-25)
- 33) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 13,500.00 to pay for the required replacement of disconnects and weather heads in the new Senior Center. (20250421-26)
- 34) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 550.00 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to an appropriate expense account to cover the purchase of needed Backup Assist Software. (20250421-27)
- 35) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,485.25 to fund the renewal of licenses for AED machines. (20250421-28)
- 36) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 240.00 fund a recommended change in antivirus software. (20250421-29)
- 37) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 17,500.00 to pay for the sealing, striping and repair of the new Senior Center parking lot. (20250421-30)
- 38) Appointing Notaries
- 39) Any Other Business
- 40) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Maureen Kerins-Addressed commission with her desire to be on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ward-Complaints across the county about dogs, trash, residents with no septic tanks, and etc.;

Mayor Ward introduced Cindy and Tammy which asked to speak regarding their concerns and/or issues with neighboring property owners about trash, rodent problems, neighbors with no septic tanks, state laws, and etc.

Mayor Ward wanted to give Kim Plunk-Benton County Resident that is employed by the federal government Department of Health and Human Service: Ms. Plunk addressed the commission about her employer asking for a workspace that is located in a government related building at no cost; Mayor Ward wanted to let the commission know as this will be coming before the property committee meeting next month

Chairman Rosanne K. Ward read letter from Benton Co. Highway Dept. Superintendent Buck Carter about his resignation on June 30, 2025 due to retiring early.

On a voice vote to accept and confirm notice of Benton Co. Highway Department Superintendent Buck Carter’s resignation on June 30, 2025 due to early retirement. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Notice of Letter Confirmed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Chairman Rosanne K. Ward read a letter dated April 9, 2025 from Benton County Attorney James Melton regarding his notice of resignation as County Attorney.

SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

Sheriff Ken Christopher-Installation of cameras for license plate readers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Holland for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

County Clerk Wanda Malin addressed the commission regarding the changes made to correct the January and March 2025 Commission Minutes that were previously voted on. The changes were to correct due typo error(s) in the line item numbers while drafting the Original Resolutions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the changes made to correct January and March 2025 Commission Minutes due to typing error(s) in the line item numbers while drafting the Original Resolutions. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Approve Corrected Minutes.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

****** *Chairman Rosanne K. Ward called a Recess from
7:10 p.m. until 7:17 p.m. *******

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to move the Benton County Mayor's Office to the county owned building at 21 N. Forrest Avenue in Camden.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Mayor's Office is in desperate need of additional office space to better serve the citizens of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the county owned property at 21 N. Forrest Avenue in Camden was purchased by Benton County with the intention of relocating the County Mayor's Office at that location; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests permission and authority to move the operations of the Benton County Mayor's Office to this location; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward be given permission and authority to move the Benton County Mayor's Office to 21 N. Forrest Avenue in Camden.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250421-01.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to amend Resolution No. 20250421-01 to also include in the building the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Economic Development Office(s). On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 3 No (Bain, Fowler, and Kiehn), and 3 Absent. Motion to Amend Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to table Resolution No. 20250421-01 for 3 months. On a roll call vote 6 Ayes, 9 No (Arnold, Douglas, Miller, Burke, Lashlee, Melton, Holland, Nunnery, and Ward) and 3 Absent. Motion to Table Failed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to refer Resolution No. 20250421-01 back to property committee so they can designate how the space will be used. On a roll call vote 10 Ayes, 5 No (Bain, Fowler, Kiehn, Price and Murphy), and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures for a Property Tax incentive program relating to the negotiation and acceptance of payments in lieu of Ad Valorem tax with respect to certain facilities located in Benton County, Tennessee, and finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Governing Body") of Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") has met pursuant to proper notice; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Governing Body Policies and Procedures for a Property Tax Incentive Program, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, relating to certain types of projects described in the Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policies and Procedures, the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton (the "Board") will be authorized to negotiate and accept from lessees payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes as provided in and subject to the limitations of such Policies and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305(b) authorizes the County to delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept from the lessees of the Board payments in lieu of ad valorem tax upon the finding that such payments are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Board as defined in said Code Section, and the Governing Body is authorized to make the same delegation to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to approve the Policies and Procedures and to delegate to the Board the authority to negotiate and accept from lessees of the Board payment in lieu of ad valorem taxes in accordance with such Policies and Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, as follows:

1. The Governing Body hereby finds that the negotiation and acceptance by the Board of payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes consistent with the Policies and Procedures are deemed to be in furtherance of the public purposes of the Board as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 7-53-305, and the Governing Body hereby consents to the Board negotiating and accepting such payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes from lessees in accordance with and subject to the limitations of the Policies and Procedures.

2. The Governing Body hereby approves the Policies and Procedures.

3. All other resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in immediate effect from and after its adoption.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve Resolution No. 20250421-02. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A Resolution by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to approve policies and procedures relating to the implementation of Tax Increment Incentive Transactions that may be undertaken by the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") has duly caused the incorporation pursuant to Sections 7-53-101 et seq., Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Act") of the Industrial Development Board of the County of Benton (the "Board"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board is authorized to provide certain tax increment incentives to pay or finance certain eligible costs relating to types of projects identified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide guidance to the Board with respect to undertaking any tax increment incentive as to any project located in the County, the Board has requested the County to approve policies and procedures relating to such incentives; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to adopt the Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Policies and Procedures") pursuant to 9-23-107 of the Uniformity in Tax Increment Financing Act of 2012, for the purpose of providing guidance to the Board and to applicants for tax increment incentives as to the County's consideration and administration of tax increment incentive transactions undertaken by the Board as to projects within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, as follows:

SECTION 1. Approval. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the Policies and Procedures on behalf of the County.

SECTION 2. Definitions. The County shall comply with the Policies and Procedures for the purpose of providing guidance to the Board and to applicants for tax increment financing as to the procedure the County intends to use in the consideration and administration of tax increment incentive transactions described in economic plans submitted by the Board to the County, but the County retains the right, in its sole discretion, to approve or disapprove any economic impact plan submitted by the Board.

SECTION 3. Separability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 4. Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions and Effective Date. All other resolutions and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in immediate effect from and after its adoption.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-03. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to express support for Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City project and recognize its significant economic impact to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has emerged as a global leader in automotive production, continuing our state's legacy of manufacturing excellence; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City is creating approximately 6,000 new high-quality jobs for hardworking Tennesseans, providing valuable employment opportunities with competitive wages and benefits that support Tennessee families; and

WHEREAS, American automotive company, Ford Motor Company, announced a \$5.6 billion investment to build BlueOval City, an advanced vehicle and battery manufacturing campus in Stanton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City represents one of the largest manufacturing investments in Tennessee history, reinforcing our state's proud tradition of American manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City investment demonstrates confidence in Tennessee's business-friendly environment, sensible regulatory framework, and values-based communities; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City is an important example of the country's robust advanced manufacturing sector and will help support the United States' position as a leader in global manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, according to an economic impact study, BlueOval City will generate 27,000 future direct and indirect jobs, resulting in more than \$1.02 billion in annual earnings for Tennessee working families, and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will generate important tax revenue for local communities and will support new and existing local small businesses throughout the community; ultimately contributing potentially \$3.5 billion each year to Tennessee's gross state product, and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will also help revitalize rural communities in West Tennessee beyond the plant walls, providing economic opportunities that support future generations; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City has led to a collaborative public and private sector parentship between BlueOval City, Ford, BlueOval SK, the State of Tennessee and Tennessee Valley Authority which has led to more than \$500 million in public infrastructure for the region.

WHEREAS, in conjunction with its Blue Oval City investment, Ford Motor Company has committed to invest \$30 million in the community through Ford Philanthropy and Ford's Good Neighbor Plan, a plan centered on community feedback that aims to invest in workforce development, farmers and small businesses, literacy, youth programs and community spaces in West Tennessee.

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will not only support workers in Tennessee, but will enhance the United States global leadership by strengthening American manufacturing capabilities, reducing our dependence on foreign supply chains, bolstering our national security and economic sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, BlueOval City will help ensure that America remains competitive in automotive manufacturing, preserving our technological leadership and industrial capabilities; now, therefore,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly recognizes the importance of supporting American companies that invest in American workers and communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025, that we hereby express our strong support for Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City project and recognize its important economic benefits and job creation potential for the citizens of Tennessee and

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025, that we hereby express our strong support for policies, at the federal and state level, that sustain Ford's investment in BlueOval City which will provide growth and opportunity for families in West Tennessee and beyond.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025, that we hereby express our strong support for preserving pro-business manufacturing tax credits. Battery manufacturing has emerged as an important contributor to Tennessee’s economy. The *Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit*, also referred to as the 45X credit, is critical in boosting domestic battery production, advancing new technologies, and strengthening the U.S. supply chain.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-04. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Sam Jones to the Benton County Solid Waste Board for a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Solid Waste Board, it will be necessary to appoint someone to serve a four (4) year term, and

WHEREAS, Sam Jones is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Sam Jones be appointed to the Benton County Solid Waste Board to serve a four (4) year term, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of April 2025 that Sam Jones be appointed to a position on the Benton County Solid Waste Board, to serve a term of four (4) years, beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250421-05. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No. and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Brittany Fuller to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, it will be necessary to appoint someone to serve a four (4) year term, and

WHEREAS, Brittany Fuller is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Brittany Fuller be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to serve a four (4) year term, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of April 2025 that Brittany Fuller be appointed to a position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, to serve a term of four (4) years, beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-06. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Candy Eaton to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, it will be necessary to appoint someone to serve a four (4) year term, and

WHEREAS, Candy Eaton is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Candy Eaton be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board to serve a four (4) year term, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of April 2025 that Candy Eaton be appointed to a position on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board, to serve a term of four (4) years, beginning upon passage of this resolution.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250421-07. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Melton to the Benton County Agricultural Extension Board to serve the remainder of a term ending January 2026.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Ag Extension Board, it will be necessary to appoint someone to serve the remainder of the term, and

WHEREAS, John Melton is a talented and honorable citizen of Benton County, who has expressed a willingness to serve our community, and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that John Melton be appointed to the Benton County Ag Extension Board for a term ending January 2026, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st Day of April 2025 that John Melton be appointed to a position on the Benton County Ag Extension Board, to serve a term ending January 2026.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution N0. 20250421-08. On a roll call 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-09
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,125.00 received from TN Risk Management, to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received funds from TN Risk Management for wind damage to Briarwood fence;
THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

49700	Insurance Recovery	\$9,125.00
76100 399	Capital Outlay Other Contracted Services	\$9,125.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-09. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-10
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to seek Commission approval of a service agreement with Gibson Connect for internet services.

WHEREAS, bids were solicited, collected and reviewed by Benton County Schools for the purpose of providing internet services to the school system; and

WHEREAS, Gibson Connect prevailed as the winning bid in this process; and

WHEREAS, The Benton County School Board has approved a service agreement between Benton County Schools and Gibson Connect for internet services; and

WHEREAS, in order to be legally entered into, this agreement must also be approved by the Benton County Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that a service agreement between Benton County Schools and Gibson Connect for internet services, as provided to the commission for review, be approved and that Benton County Schools be allowed to enter into this agreement.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner _____ and Melton seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250421-10. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-11
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 200,000.00 within the school budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget (install cameras throughout district);

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

76100 724	Site Development	\$200,000.00
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DECREASE

39000	Fund Balance	\$200,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-11. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-12
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 500,000.00 within the school budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget (Science textbook adoption);

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

71100 449	Textbooks	\$500,000.00
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DECREASE

39000	Fund Balance	\$500,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Douglas and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-12. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOE MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOE Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,590.67 received from a School Nutrition State Match to proper line items for expenditure within the school budget.

WHEREAS: USDA has made available more funds within the School Food Service (143) account in the form of a School Nutrition State Match.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following budget amendment:

INCREASE - Revenue

46520	State Matching	\$ 11,590.67
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INCREASE - Expenditures

73100 355	Travel	\$ 1,160.67
73100 370	Contracts for Sub Teachers	\$ 5,215.00
73100 399	Other Contracted Services	<u>\$ 5,215.00</u>

TOTAL	\$ 11,590.67
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No, 20250421-13. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 400.00 to the Circuit Clerk’s Budget to cover a projected shortfall in unemployment compensation.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the Unemployment line item for the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to properly fund this line item to avoid a shortfall by appropriating and budgeting needed funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 400.00

INCREASE

101.53100.210 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION \$ 400.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-14. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION, by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 7500.00 to cover an expenditure obligation to Community Development Partners.

WHEREAS, there exists a projected shortfall in the expenditure line for paying for services from Community Development Partners, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 7500.00 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 21st day of April, 2025 that funds in the be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE:

171.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 7,500.00

INCREASE:

171.91110.308 CONSULTANTS \$ 7,500.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-15. On a roll call vote 15 Aye, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2400.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$2,400.00 for the month of March, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$2,400.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the SOR 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 April, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of March, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee- Sheriff	\$2,400.00
		\$2,400.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$2,400.00
		\$2,400.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to amend Resolution 20250421-16 (*See Below Amendment#1 to Resolution No. 20250421-16*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250421-16*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20250421-16

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2400.00 received from the Sex Offender Registration Fee to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$2,400.00 for the month of March, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$2,400.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the SOR 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 April, 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of March, 2025 be budgeted as follows.

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee- Sheriff	\$2,400.00
		\$2,400.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54150.358	REMITTANCE OF REVENUES COLLECTED	\$2,400.00
		\$2,400.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250421-16 *(See Above Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250421-16)*. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET, PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare multiple vehicles, in possession of the Sheriff's Department as surplus property for the purpose of auctioning them off.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of multiple vehicles that are no longer in service and,

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department seeks to declare the following items as surplus property and dispose of them by auctioning them off on the govdeals.net website.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that the following items be declared surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

Year:	Make:	Model:	VIN#:
2014	Ford	Explorer	1FM5K8AR5EGC60349
2005	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W37X142717
2016	Ford	Explorer	1FM5581R2GGA71919
2015	Ford	Interceptor	1FAHP2MKOFG189115

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-17. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for Disaster Relief.

WHEREAS, Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee provides tremendous resources to the people of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary goals of or our local government is to foster cooperation between Benton County Government and Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in order to further our goals of cooperation and coordination and to better serve the citizens of Benton County, it is necessary and prudent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest outlining the responsibilities of each organization within this partnership regarding Disaster Relief; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward asks the Benton County Commission for permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee in relation to Disaster Relief

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward be given permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee for Disaster Relief.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250421-18. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 75,003.78 to pay bills related to upgrades at the Benton County Health Department.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Health Department Building and property recently underwent various needed upgrades; and

WHEREAS, invoices have been submitted for the services rendered on this project and it is necessary that funds be appropriated and budgeted to meet these obligations; and

WHEREAS, funds expended for this project are eligible for reimbursement to the county fund 127; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

127.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 75,003.78
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INCREASE

127.58831.707	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 75,003.78
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-19. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,000.00 to an appropriate expense account to cover the purchase of custodial supplies.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in need of various custodial supplies, and

WHEREAS, the budget is insufficient to cover the necessary purchases for the remaining duration of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, Funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 will need to be appropriated to the Sheriff's Department budget in order to cover needed custodial supplies purchases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$6,000.00
		\$6,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.410	Custodial Supplies	\$6,000.00
		\$6,000.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-20. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-21
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 729.13 to the General Sessions Judge’s Budget to cover a projected shortfall in the Deputies line item.

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted to the Deputies line item in the General Sessions Judge’s Budget was not enough to finish the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this purpose need to be appropriated and budgeted to pay this obligation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 729.13
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INCREASE

101.53310.106	DEPUTIES	\$ 729.13
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250421-21. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2000.00 to the Benton County Archives for the purchase of Archival Boxes.

WHEREAS, the archives needs to purchase boxes for archiving records; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this purpose exist in a revenue line in the budget and need to be moved to a proper line for expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.43365 ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT FEE \$ 2000.00

INCREASE

101.56900.435 OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 2000.00

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-22. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek permission and authority to enter into an agreement and contract with Covia Corporation concerning a roadway.

WHEREAS, Covia Corporation has expressed an interest in entering into an agreement and contract with Benton County; and

WHEREAS, this agreement pertains to the road leading to Covia’s Camden location; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this agreement and contract has been provided to the commission for review; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward asks the Benton County Commission for permission and authority to enter into an agreement and contract with Covia Corporation regarding the road in question; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that Mayor Mark Ward be given permission and authority to enter into an agreement and contract with Covia Corporation for the above described purposes.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No.20230821-23. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 150,000.00 for funding a 100% reimbursable grant for Benton County Ag Extension.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Agricultural Extension Office has been approved for 100% reimbursable grant for the purpose of constructing a commercial kitchen and funding required accessories; and

WHEREAS, funds must be appropriated, budgeted and spent, and then the county will be fully reimbursed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 150,000.00
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INCREASE

171.91160.707	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 150,000.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250421-24. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 4526.81 to help fund computers for the library's use.

WHEREAS, funding is needed for the purchase of 10 computers for use in the Benton County Library; and

WHEREAS, during budgeting, funds for this purpose were split between fund 101 and 171.

WHEREAS, the state auditors will not allow for a payment from two different funds, therefore it is necessary to locate the full amount for this purpose in one fund; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$ 4526.81 needs to be appropriated and budgeted into fund 171 for the completion of this funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 4526.81
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INCREASE

171.91110.709	DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$ 4526.81
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Price to amend Resolution No. 20250421-25 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250421-25*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20250421-25*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20250421-25

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 4526.81 to help fund computers for the library's use.

WHEREAS, funding is needed for the purchase of 10 computers for use in the Benton County Library; and

WHEREAS, during budgeting, funds for this purpose were split between fund 101 and 171.

WHEREAS, the state auditors will not allow for a payment from two different funds, therefore it is necessary to locate the full amount for this purpose in one fund; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$ 4526.81 needs to be appropriated and budgeted into fund 171 for the completion of this funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 4526.81
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INCREASE

171.91110.709	DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$ 4526.81
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250421-05 (*See Above Amended Resolution No. 20250421-25*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Failed Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-26

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 13,500.00 to pay for the required replacement of disconnects and weather heads in the new Senior Center.

WHEREAS, the state electrical inspector originally approved the rough in inspection of the new Senior Citizens Center at 234 W. Main Street in Camden; and

WHEREAS, during the final inspection, the inspector noted that the 3 main disconnects and weather heads need to be replaced before he will issue final approval; and

WHEREAS, funding is needed for this purpose and it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 13,500.00
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INCREASE

101.51800.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 13,500.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20250421-26. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-27

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 550.00 from the General Fund unassigned fund balance to an appropriate expense account to cover the purchase of needed Backup Assist Software.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff’s Department is in need of a more robust backup service for Sheriff Department Data, and

WHEREAS, Brian Williams has recommended the Backup Assist software to manage and create fully encrypted backups, and

WHEREAS, the software will be a one-time purchase of \$550.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$550.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$550.00
		\$550.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.411	Data Processing Supplies	\$550.00
		\$550.00

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. 20250421-27 Pulled by Sheriff******

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-28

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 6,485.25 to fund the renewal of licenses for AED machines.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of 15 ZOLL AED's that have expiring licenses, and

WHEREAS, in order for these AEDs to remain in use, the licenses for each will have to be renewed at a rate of \$456.35 per AED for a five-year license, and

WHEREAS, Funds in the amount of \$6,485.25 will need to be appropriated to the Sheriff's Department budget in order to purchase the licenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$6,485.25 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$6,485.25
		\$6,485.25

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.333	Licenses	\$6,485.25
		\$6,485.25

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No. 20250421-28. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-29

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 240.00 fund a recommended change in antivirus software.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department currently uses BitDefender antivirus software, managed by Brian Williams CISSP, for antivirus services and,

WHEREAS, A security risk has been identified in the software that has caused other users to lose all of their data and the Sheriff feels it is necessary to switch antivirus software in order to safeguard Sheriff Department Data from theft, deletion, or access by unauthorized parties, and

WHEREAS, the cost to switch to a new software recommended by Brian Williams will be approximately \$80.00 monthly, necessitating an appropriation of funds in order to increase the monthly purchase order and implement the new software immediately.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of April, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$240.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$240.00
		\$240.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.317	Data Processing Services	\$240.00
		\$240.00

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. 20250421-29 Pulled by Sheriff*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250421-30

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

April 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 17,500.00 to pay for the sealing, striping and repair of the new Senior Center parking lot.

WHEREAS, funding is needed for the sealing, striping and repair of the parking lot of the new Senior Citizens Center at 234 W. Main Street in Camden; and

WHEREAS, the funds for this project must be appropriated and budgeted for expenditure; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee meeting in regular session on this 21st day of April, 2025 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 17,500.00
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INCREASE

101.51800.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 17,500.00
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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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 20250421-30. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Amy C. Hockman, Stephanie R. Harclerod, Justin Thornton, Elizabeth Wakefield, Marty W. Roberts, Donna Marie Niskas, Andrew P. Jones, Sandra Edwards, and Sandra Farmer

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve notaries. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

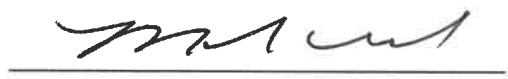
ANY OTHER BUSINESS


Sheriff Ken Christopher-Sheriff's Department Budget
Chairman Rosanne K. Ward-Update on Commissioner Gary Furr

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Melton to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE APRIL 21, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD


COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN