

BENTON COUNTY May 19, 2025

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON MAY 19, 2025 THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
@ 6:00 PM.**

*Chairman Pro-Tem Jeff Murphy served as Temporary Chairman due to Chairman Rosanne K. Ward
being Absent*

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy.

Invocation was led by Larry Dobson and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Furr

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 14 Present and 4 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Rosanne K. Ward, Dwayne Fowler, and Sonny Hall)**

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn for the approval to amend the agenda for Resolution No. 20250519-13 and Resolution No. 20250519-19. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Approve Amended Agenda.


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) **Approval of Minutes**
- 6) **Report of Public Utilities**
- 7) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Killen to the Benton County Industrial Development Board to serve a four (4) year term. (20250519-01)**
- 8) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Frank Wright to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term. (20250519-02)**
- 9) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jeff Murphy to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term. (20250519-03)**
- 10) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jeff Murphy to the Benton County Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) Board to serve a four (4) year term. (20250519-04)**
- 11) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5350.00 received from the City of Camden, to the Library's Budget. (20250519-05)**
- 12) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to the Election Commission's budget to cover a projected shortfall in payroll. (20250519-06)**
- 13) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 463,844.94, received from TDEC State ARPA funds to a proper line item for expenditure. (20250519-07)**
- 14) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2400.00 received from health surveys, to the school's budget. (20250519-08)**
- 15) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 242,423.24 received from the Tennessee Department of Education, to the school's budget. (20250519-10)**
- 16) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 130,000.00 to the school's budget to fund maintenance and food supplies. (20250519-09)**
- 17) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 8,644.37 within the school's budget. (20250519-11)**
- 18) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to correct a clerical error on Resolution 20250421-17, concerning Surplus Property. (20250519-12)**
- 19) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,200.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers. (20250519-13)**
- 20) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare various items in possession of the Benton County Sheriff's Department as surplus property for the purpose of disposal. (20250519-14)**
- 21) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds received from Miscellaneous Refunds to a proper line item for expenditure. (20250519-15)**
- 22) **A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 4500.00 from the Deputies payroll to various other Sheriff's Department payroll lines to cover a shortfall. (20250519-16)**

- 23) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,000.00 from the Guards payroll to various other Jail payroll lines to cover a shortfall. (20250519-17)
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 26,000.00 from fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of funding short falls in the Sheriff's Budget. (20250519-18)
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of funding salaries for Courthouse Security. (20250519-19)
- 26) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,200.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers. (20250519-20)
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 to the Sanitation Management budget to cover a shortfall in Contracted Services for Waste Tires. (20250519-21)
- 28) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2200.00 to the Property Assessor's budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges. (20250519-22)
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$5,250 for a 95% reimbursable supplemental maintenance grant for the airport. (20250519-23)
- 30) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of 179,326.50 for the ARPA Health Department Grant. (20250519-24)
- 31) Appointing Notaries
- 32) Any Other Business
- 33) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Rocky Presson-General Budget, Investment Incomes, Property Taxes, and Etc.
Keith Arnold-Does Not Support a workspace for Kim Plunk's Employer
Debbie Bain-Condition of Roads in Benton County

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

Scott Hill-SCR Network Presentation about offering Internet Service to the County

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Price for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint John Killen to the Benton County Industrial Development Board to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Industrial Development Board it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, John Killen 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 Killen be appointed to the Benton County Industrial Development 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 19th Day of May 2025 that John Killen be appointed to a position on the Benton County Industrial Development Board, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, 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 Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve Resolution No. 20250519-01. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Frank Wright to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Records Commission it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, Frank Wright 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 Frank Wright be appointed to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term, replacing Janet Lane, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of May 2025 Frank Wright be appointed to a position on the Benton County Records Commission, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, 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 Holland and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250519-02. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jeff Murphy to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Records Commission it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, Jeff Murphy 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 Jeff Murphy be appointed to the Benton County Records Commission to serve a four (4) year term, replacing Sonny Hall, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of May 2025 Jeff Murphy be appointed to a position on the Benton County Records Commission, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, 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 Price to approve Resolution No. 20250519-03. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Murphy), and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appoint Jeff Murphy to the Benton County Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) Board to serve a four (4) year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy on the Benton County Tennessee River Resort District (TRRD) Board, it will be necessary to appoint a new member, and

WHEREAS, Jeff Murphy 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 Jeff Murphy be appointed to the Benton County TRRD Board to serve a four (4) year term replacing Stephen Stokes, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of May 2025 that Jeff Murphy be appointed to a position on the Benton County TRRD Board, to serve a four (4) year term on said Board, 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 made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250519-04. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Murphy), and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-05
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 5350.00 received from the City of Camden, to the Library's Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 for city of Camden allocation/contribution collected in the month of May 2025; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 within the library budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May 2025 that the funds in the amount of \$5,350.00 received by the Benton County Library for city of Camden allocation/contribution received for the 4th quarter of the current fiscal year be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130	CONTRIBUTIONS (City of Camden Allocation)	\$ 5,350.00
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\$ 5,350.00

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169	PART TIME PERSONNEL	\$ 5,350.00
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\$ 5,350.00

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 Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250519-05. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No. and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 to the Election Commission’s budget to cover a projected shortfall in payroll.

WHEREAS, due to the convening of extra meetings in a busy presidential election year, the Benton County Election Commission’s payroll line is projected to experience a shortfall, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1000.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 1000.00

INCREASE:

101.51500.192 ELECTION COMMISSION \$ 1000.00

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 Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250519-06. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-07
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 463,844.94, received from TDEC State ARPA funds to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, Benton County received ARPA funds from Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation, and;

WHEREAS, these funds are to be disbursed to water utilities throughout the county (pass through), and;

WHEREAS, in order to be to properly disburse these funds, it is necessary and prudent to budget them in a proper expenditure account, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

171.47401	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT #1	\$ 463,844.94
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INCREASE:

171.91110.316	CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 463,844.94
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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 Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250519-07. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-08
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2400.00 received from health surveys, to the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The Board of Education needs to budget funds received in June of 2024 into the 2024-25 budget (Health surveys);


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

<u>DECREASE</u>		
39000	Fund Balance	\$2,400.00
<u>INCREASE</u>		
72120 429	Health Services Supplies	\$2,400.00

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

APPROVED:	ATTEST:
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COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD	COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve Resolution No. 20250519-08. On a roll call 13 Ayes, 1 No (Bain), and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-09
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 130,000.00 to the school’s budget to fund maintenance and food supplies.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the Benton County School Food Service budget;

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

DECREASE - Revenue

34570	Fund Balance	\$ 130,000.00
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INCREASE - Expenditures

73100 336	Maintenance & Repair	\$ 10,000.00
73100 422	Food Supplies	\$ <u>120,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$ 130,000.00

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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20250519-09. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-10
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 242,423.24 received from the Tennessee Department of Education, to the school’s budget.

WHEREAS: The State Department of Education has funded a Summer Learning Camp;

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

INCREASE

46590 SLC	Other State Education Funds	\$242,423.24
71100 116 SLC	Teachers	\$ 67,700.00
71100 163 SLC	Educational Assistants	15,360.00
71100 201 SLC	Social Security	5,151.00
71100 204 SLC	State Retirement	7,058.00
71100 212 SLC	Medicare	1,205.00
71100 399 SLC	Other Contracted Services	6,125.00
71100 429 SLC	Instructional Supplies	2,500.00
72110 130 SLC	Social Worker	4,900.00
72110 201 SLC	Social Security	304.00
72110 204 SLC	Retirement	308.00
72110 212 SLC	Medicare	72.00
72120 131 SLC	Health Services Medical Personnel	5,175.00
72120 201 SLC	Social Security	321.00
72120 204 SLC	State Retirement	466.00
72120 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	76.00
72130 123 SLC	Other Student Support Guidance	4,900.00
72130 201 SLC	Social Security	304.00
72130 204 SLC	Retirement	442.00
72130 212 SLC	Medicare	72.00
72210 105 SLC	Regular Instruction Supervisor	10,000.00
72210 201 SLC	Social Security	620.00
72210 204 SLC	Retirement	900.00
72210 212 SLC	Medicare	145.00
72410 104 SLC	Principals	12,000.00
72410 119 SLC	Accountants/Bookkeepers	4,000.00
72410 139 SLC	Assistant Principal	10,000.00
72410 161 SLC	Secretaries	4,000.00
72410 162 SLC	Clerical Personnel	4,000.00
72410 201 SLC	Social Security	2,109.00

72410 204 SLC	State Retirement	2,736.00
72410 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	494.00
72610 166 SLC	Custodial Personnel	7,840.00
72610 201 SLC	Social Security	487.00
72610 204 SLC	State Retirement	493.00
72610 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	114.00
72710 105 SLC	Transportation Supervisor	2,000.00
72710 142 SLC	Mechanics	6,000.00
72710 146 SLC	Bus Drivers	20,000.00
72710 201 SLC	Social Security	1,736.00
72710 204 SLC	Retirement	2,357.00
72710 212 SLC	Medicare	406.00
72710 315 SLC	Contracts with Vehicle Owners	4,000.00
72710 412 SLC	Diesel Fuel	6,686.24
73100 105 SLC	Cafeteria Supervisor	2,000.00
73100 165 SLC	Cafeteria Personnel	11,920.00
73100 201 SLC	Social Security	864.00
73100 204 SLC	State Retirement	875.00
73100 212 SLC	Employer Medicare	202.00
73100 422 SLC	Food Supplies	1,000.00

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 Douglas seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250519-10. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-11
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence, to move funds in the amount of \$ 8,644.37 within the school's 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;

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

INCREASE

71200 429 SPRK	Special Education Instructional Supplies	\$8,644.37
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DECREASE

71200 163 SPRK	Special Education Assistants	\$ 855.00
71200 201 SPRK	Special Education Social Security	55.00
71200 204 SPRK	Special Education Retirement	55.00
71200 212 SPRK	Special Education Medicare	14.00
71200 399 SPRK	Special Education Contracted Services	4,480.00
72220 524 SPRK	Special Education In Service	3,185.37

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 202505191-11. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-12
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to correct a clerical error on Resolution 20250421-17, concerning Surplus Property.

WHEREAS, A clerical error was noticed in resolution number 20250421-17, which identified an incorrect vehicle to be sold, and
WHEREAS, in order to complete the original intent of the resolution, the following changes need to be made:

Delete the Following language from the body of the resolution:

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

And replace it with:

Year:	Make:	Model:	VIN#:
2014	Ford	Explorer	1FM5K8AR5EGC60349
2007	Ford	Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W37X142717
2016	Ford	Explorer	1FM5K8AR2GGA71919
2015	Ford	Interceptor	1FAHP2MKOFG189115

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that the preceding corrections be made to resolution number 20250421-17.

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 Melton to approve Resolution No. 20250519-12. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-13
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,200.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Commission passed resolution number 20250421-28 during the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on April 21, 2025, appropriating \$6,485.25 for the purchase of 15, five-year AED licenses at \$456.35 each, and

WHEREAS, A typo was identified that caused an incorrect amount of funds to be appropriated, and

WHEREAS, the original resolution read to appropriate \$6,485.25, but the proper amount should have been \$6,845.25 and,

WHEREAS, in order to complete the intent of the resolution, an additional \$360.00 will need to be appropriated

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$6,485.25 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$360.00
		\$360.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.333	Licenses	\$360.00
		\$360.00

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 Bain to approve Resolution No. 20250519-13.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Price to amend Resolution No. 20250519-13 (*See Below Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-13*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. On roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20250519-13*****

Amendment for 20250519-13

To delete all language after the header and substitute the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 360.00 from the fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing licenses for AEDs.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Commission passed resolution number 20250421-28 during the regularly scheduled commission meeting held on April 21, 2025, appropriating \$6,485.25 for the purchase of 15, five-year AED licenses at \$456.35 each, and

WHEREAS, A typo was identified that caused an incorrect amount of funds to be appropriated, and

WHEREAS, the original resolution read to appropriate \$6,485.25, but the proper amount should have been \$6,845.25 and,

WHEREAS, in order to complete the intent of the resolution, an additional \$360.00 will need to be appropriated

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$ 360.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$360.00
		\$360.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.333	Licenses	\$360.00
		\$360.00

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

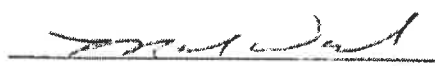
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250519-13 (*See Above Amendment to Resolution No. 20250419-13*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to declare various items in possession of the Benton County Sheriff's Department as surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of multiple vehicles obtained from LESO which are no longer of use to the department, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department has been granted approval by LESO to dispose of the vehicles as we see fit, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department seeks to declare the following vehicles as surplus property and dispose of them as outlined below, and

WHEREAS, Revenues generated from the sale of any of these vehicles shall be deposited to the drug fund, as the vehicles were originally requisitioned for anti-drug operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that the following items be declared surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

Year:	Make:	Model:	VIN#:	Method of Disposal
1999	Chevrolet	Freight Star Parcel	1GBHG31F9X1153780	Auction – Govdeals
1999	Chevrolet	Incomplete Van	1GBHG31F4X1154108	Auction – Govdeals
2000	Chevrolet	3500 Express	1GBHG31F4Y1245400	Auction – Govdeals
1997	Chevrolet	3500 Express	1GBHG31F5V1090397	Auction – Govdeals
1997	Chevrolet	Truck	1GBHG31F7V1091972	Auction – Govdeals
1981	Vantage	Truckall	LFWA21150BJH07201	Donate - Prison

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. 20250519-14. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds received from Miscellaneous Refunds to a proper line item for expenditure.

WHEREAS, A Clerical Error caused 2 Benton County Sheriff's Department employees to be overpaid for hours worked under the Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant, totaling \$700.00, and

WHEREAS, Benton County was issued a refund from One of these officers thus far, and those funds must be re-appropriated to an appropriate line-item for future expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$700.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

INCREASE REVENUES :

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$350.00
		\$350.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$350.00
		\$350.00

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 approve Resolution No. 20250519-15. On a roll call vote 14 Aye, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 4500.00 from the Deputies payroll to various other Sheriff's Department payroll lines to cover a shortfall.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in various Payroll line items, and

WHEREAS, Funds already appropriated to the Benton County Sheriff's Department for salaries are sufficient to cover the individual line-item overages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.106	Deputies	\$4,500.00
		\$4,500.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.110	Lieutenants	\$500.00
101.54110.119	Accountants/Bookkeepers	\$1,000.00
101.54110.133	Paraprofessionals	\$2,500.00
101.54110.161	Secretary(s)	\$500.00
		\$4,500.00

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 Price and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250519-16.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to amend Resolution No. 20250519-16 (*See Below Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-16*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-16*****

Amendment for 20250519-16

To delete all language after the header and substitute the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2270.00 from the Deputies payroll to various other Sheriff's Department payroll lines to cover a shortfall.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in various Payroll line items, and

WHEREAS, Funds already appropriated to the Benton County Sheriff's Department for salaries are not sufficient to cover the individual line-item overages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$2,270.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.106	Deputies	\$2,270.00
		\$2,270.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.110	Lieutenants	\$110.00
101.54110.119	Accountants/Bookkeepers	\$260.00
101.54110.133	Paraprofessionals	\$1800.00
101.54110.161	Secretary(s)	\$100.00
		\$2,270.00

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 Kiehn to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250519-16 (*See Above Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-16*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-17
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,000.00 from the Guards payroll to various other Jail payroll lines to cover a shortfall.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Jail has identified a shortfall of funds in various Payroll line items, and

WHEREAS, Funds already appropriated to the Benton County Jail for salaries are sufficient to cover the individual line-item overages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$ 11,000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.160	Guards	\$11,000.00
		\$11,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.110	Lieutenants	\$4,000.00
101.54210.133	Paraprofessionals	\$5,000.00
101.54210.165	Cafeteria Personnel	\$1,000.00
101.54210.167	Maintenance Personnel	\$1,000.00
		\$11,000.00

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

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250519-17.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to amend Resolution No. 20250519-17 (*See Below Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-17*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20250519-17*****

Amendment for 20250519-17

To delete all language after the header and substitute the following:

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 8700.00 from the Guards payroll to various other Jail payroll lines to cover a shortfall.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Jail has identified a shortfall of funds in various Payroll line items, and

WHEREAS, Funds already appropriated to the Benton County Jail for salaries are not sufficient to cover the individual line-item overages.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$8,700.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.160	Guards	\$8,700.00
		\$8,700.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.110	Lieutenants	\$3,000.00
101.54210.133	Paraprofessionals	\$4,500.00
101.54210.165	Cafeteria Personnel	\$500.00
101.54210.167	Maintenance Personnel	\$700.00
		\$8,700.00

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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250519-17 (*See Above Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-17*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$ 26,000.00 from fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of funding short falls in the Sheriff's Budget.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff's Department has identified a shortfall of funds in various line items, and

WHEREAS, Additional funds will need to be appropriated in order to sufficiently fund them for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$26,000.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$26,000.00
		\$26,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.413	Drugs and Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00
101.54210.454	Water and Sewer	\$3,500.00
101.54110.307	Communication	\$2,500.00
101.54210.422	Food Supplies	\$15,000.00
		\$26,000.00

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 Melton to approve Resolution 20250519-18. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-19
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of funding salaries for Courthouse Security.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff’s Department has identified a shortfall of funds in the 53310.106 deputies line item, used to pay the salaries of Courthouse Security, and

WHEREAS, Funds will need to be appropriated to cover the expected salary burden for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.53310.106	Deputy(ies)	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250519-19.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to amend Resolution No. 20250519-19 (*See Below Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-19*). On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment for Resolution No. 20250519-19*****

Amendment for 20250519-19

To delete all language and substitute the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 from fund balance to an expenditure line item for the purpose of funding salaries for Bailiffs.

WHEREAS, a shortfall of funds has been identified in the 53310.106 deputies line item for the General Sessions Judge, used to pay the salaries of Bailiffs, and

WHEREAS, Funds will need to be appropriated and budgeted to cover the expected salary burden for the duration of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$4,000.00 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.53310.106	Deputy(ies)	\$4,000.00
		\$4,000.00

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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve as amended Resolution No. 20250519-19 (*See Above Amendment for Resolution 20250519-19*). On a roll call 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to appropriate funds in the amount of \$4,200.00 from fund balance of Fund 171 to an expenditure line item for the purpose of purchasing bullet proof vests for newly hired officers.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department has hired 3 new officers that need to be outfitted with bulletproof vests, and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds were not appropriated to the Sheriff Department budget for this purpose during the budget process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds be appropriated within the Sheriff's Budget as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
171.39000	Fund Balance	\$4,200.00
		\$4,200.00
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
171.91130.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$4,200.00
		\$4,200.00

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 Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250519-20. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-21
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 to the Sanitation Management budget to cover a shortfall in Contracted Services for Waste Tires.

WHEREAS, the Sanitation Management budget will experience a shortfall in the line for Other Contracted Services (Waste Tires), and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,000.00
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INCREASE:

101.55710.399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 10,000.00
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Upon a Motion by _____	Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____	Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20250519-21. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Pro-Tem Chairman Jeff Murphy Called Recess at
6:54 p.m. until 7:02 p.m.*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-22

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2200.00 to the Property Assessor's budget to cover a projected shortfall in Postal Charges.

WHEREAS, due to the increased cost of postage and the volume of mailings this year, the Benton County Property Assessor's postage line is projected to experience a shortfall, and;

WHEREAS, in order to properly fund this line item for the remainder of the fiscal year, it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2200.00 for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 2200.00
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INCREASE:

101.52310.348	POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 2200.00
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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 Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20250519-22. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$5,250 for a 95% reimbursable supplemental maintenance grant for the airport.

WHEREAS, the Benton County airport has received a reimbursable maintenance grant from the FAA, and;

WHEREAS, in order to be reimbursed, it is necessary to appropriate the proper funds for expenditure so invoices may be paid, then submitted to the State for reimbursement, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$5,250.00
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INCREASE:

189.91110.790	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$5,250.00
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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 made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Resolution No.20250519-23. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-24
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of 179,326.50 for the ARPA Health Department Grant.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Health Department requires Funds for the completion of projects under an ARPA Funded Grant, and;

WHEREAS, in order to be to properly fund this project it is necessary and prudent to appropriate and budget funds for this purpose, and;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025, that the following funds are appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

127.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$ 179,326.50
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INCREASE:

127.58831.707	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 179,326.50
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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 Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20250519-24. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Ann H. Jordan, Tabatha R. Arnold, Donna Collins, Malinda Faye Florence, and Marlanda Gail Travis

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve notaries. On a voice vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to Suspend the Rules to bring Resolution No. 20250519-25 and Resolution No. 202519-26 to the floor. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed to Suspend the Rules.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20250519-25

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 20,000.00, received from opioid funds, to a line item for expenditure to contribute to the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court.

WHEREAS, the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court has requested a contribution from Benton County to help fund their program, and;

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, several Benton Countians have benefitted from its efforts, and;

WHEREAS, it is wise and prudent to contribute to this worthy and effective program of restoration, and;

WHEREAS, these funds have been previously budgeted for the Jail's in house treatment, but are not expected to be used in the allotted time, so it is necessary to properly budget these funds for an expenditure to the 24th Judicial District Recovery Court, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th day of May, 2025 that funds in the amount of \$ 20,000.00, be budgeted for expenditure as follows:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.55170.399 OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES \$20,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.55170.316 CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 20,000.00

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 Melton and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution No. 20250519-25. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

2023 PROPERTY TAX RELEASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery for the approval of the Benton County Trustee Release of 2023 Property Taxes. On a roll call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, And 4 Absent. Motion Passed.


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ANY OTHER BUSINESS CONT'D

Sheriff Kenny Christopher-Litter Grant Program
Jerry Price-Senior Citizen Building
Keith Arnold-Cleaning up Sugar Tree Area
Rocky Presson-Allow Tim Pafford to Paint Building in Benton Co.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Holland to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 14 Ayes, 0 No, and 4 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE MAY 19, 2025, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD


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