

BENTON COUNTY JULY 20, 2026

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JULY 20, 2026 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.

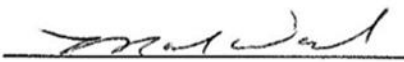
Invocation was led by Keith Arnold and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Lashlee

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN– 17 Present and 1 Absent (Sonny Hall)

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, Wanda Malin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve the agenda On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 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) GGM Recreation and Parks Advisory Group, LLC-Consulting Firm-Presentation**
 - 6) Approval of Minutes**
 - 7) Report of Public Utilities**
 - 8) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$51,267.82 from the Public School Construction & Maintenance Grant received at the end of the last fiscal year. (20260720-01)**
 - 9) A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to seek the commission's approval of purchasing cooperatives. (20260720-02)**

- 10) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Board of Education to manage the Federal Projects fund for the fiscal year 2026-2027. (20260720-03)
- 11) A RESOLUTION authorizing the Board of Education to manage the Federal budget for the fiscal year 2026-2027. (20260720-04)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to amend Resolution No. 20260615-16. (20260720-05)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$21,783.33 to proper expenditure line items within the Sheriff's Budget to fund installing a video workstation for the Sheriff's Office due to expiration of BVMS maintenance coverage and licensing fees up to date with Securitas Technology. (20260720-06)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260720-07)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1,324.45 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. (20260720-08)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$375.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure. (20260720-09)
- 17) A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$150.00 received from Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the Sheriff's budget for expenditure. (20260720-10)
- 18) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Dayna Ferguson to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-11)
- 19) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Jimmy Hivick to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Charlotte Oxford to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-13)
- 21) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Janelle Thornton Cook to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-14)
- 22) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Doris Jo Arnold to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-15)
- 23) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Lisa Wright Flowers to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-16)
- 24) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Bret Burke to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term. (20260720-17)
- 25) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to declare three (3) county owned vehicles, in possession of the Animal Shelter, as surplus property for the purpose of public sale. (20260720-18)
- 26) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Richard Kee to the Benton County E-911 Board for a four-year term. (20260720-19)
- 27) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward authorizing the conveyance of certain county owned real property to the Benton County Industrial Development Board. (20260720-20)
- 28) A RESOLUTION authorizing Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to advertise and accept competitive bids for the sale of timber on county-owned property. (20260720-21)
- 29) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from airport grants in the amount of \$257,869.51 to the airport's budget. (20260720-22)
- 30) A Resolution authorizing lease of county-owned property to Benton County Veterans Memorial

31) Appointing Notaries

32) Any Other Business

33) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Jim Price-Please show and use “*Respect*” for Benton County when your conducting business in a public platform setting

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Jerry Price
Rocky Presson
Dwayne Fowler
Keith Arnold
Chairman Rosanne K. Ward recognized Ken Berry to speak about Data Center & Zoning Issues

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, OR PROCLAMATIONS

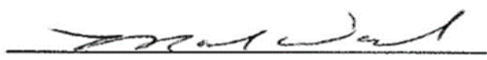
Mayor Mark Ward asked Rita Haslam to speak regarding the Benton County Airport

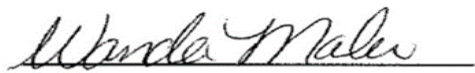
GGM RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY GROUP, LLC

Consulting Firm presented a Master Plan for the entire Benton County Parks and Recreations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

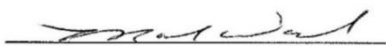
Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Horton for the approval of minutes. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed for Approval of Minutes.


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 Kiehn to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$51,267.82 from the Public School Construction & Maintenance Grant received at the end of the last fiscal year.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received the Public School Construction & Maintenance Grant at the end of the last fiscal year;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2026-27 budget as follows;

DECREASE

39000	Fund Balance	\$51,267.82
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INCREASE

76100 707	Capital Outlay Building Improvements	\$51,267.82
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

*****Resolution No. 20260720-01 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County DOS Mark Florence to seek the commission’s approval of purchasing cooperatives.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education would like the following purchasing cooperatives approved;

 Volco, Buy Board, Sourcewell, and TIPS (this will include all vendors who are used by these cooperatives).

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the above named cooperatives.

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

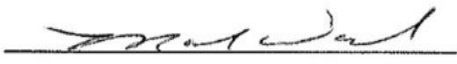
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Burke to approve Resolution No. 20260720-02. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-03
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Director of Schools Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$9,300.00 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 2026-27 budget as follows;

<u>INCREASE</u>		
72210 105	Supervisor of Instruction	\$9,100.00
72410 139	Assistant Principal	200.00

<u>DECREASE</u>		
71100 116	Teachers	\$9,300.00

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

*****Resolution No. 20260720-03 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Board of Education to manage the Federal Projects fund for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Education receives various federal funds to support educational programs, compliance, and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, these federal projects require timely fiscal management, budget flexibility, and alignment with federal program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Education possesses the administrative expertise to oversee the allocations and adjustments of these specialized federal grants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026, that the Benton County Board of Education Federal Projects funds (Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, IDEA, Preschool, Carl Perkins and any other federal grant) shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Benton County Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Benton County Board of Commissioners shall consider annually the adoption of this resolution.

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

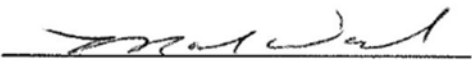
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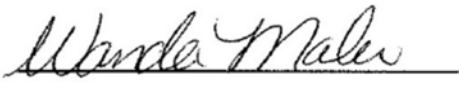
ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260720-04. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Budget Committee & Law Enforcement Committees

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to amend Resolution No. 20260615-16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026, that Resolution No. 20260615-16 be amended to correct and transfer funds within the proper account line items as follows:

101.46290

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Wanda Malin
WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A **RESOLUTION** by Sheriff Kenny Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$21,783.33 to proper expenditure line items within the Sheriff’s Budget to fund installing a video workstation for the Sheriff’s Office due to expiration of BVMS maintenance coverage and licensing fees up to date with Securitas Technology.

WHEREAS, Benton County Sheriff’s Office has entered into an agreement with Securitas Technology and Brian Williams CISSP to provide the equipment and services,

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$21,783.33 into the appropriate line items with the Sheriff’s budget in order to cover the approved purchases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that funds in the amount of \$21,783.33 be appropriated and budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$21,783.33
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INCREASE ESPENDITURES:

101.54110.709	Data Processing Equipment	\$20,783.33
101.54110.317	Data Processing Services (Brian Williams, CISSP)	\$ 1,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted Aye _____ Voted Naye _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

*****Resolution No. 20290720-06 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$ 12,500.00 received from the TLETA Cost Sharing Grant to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$12,500.00 from a TLETA cost sharing grant; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$12,500.00 to the appropriate expenditure line item for payment to Deputies (5) within the Sheriff’s Department Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.47250	Law Enforcement Grants	\$12,500.00
		\$12,500.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$12,500.00
		\$12,500.00

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

*****Resolution No. 20260720-07 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-08

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A **RESOLUTION** by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1,324.45 received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

WHEREAS, Payments in the amount of \$1,324.45 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

Decrease Fund Balance:		Amount:
101.49700	Insurance Recovery	\$1,324.45
		\$1,324.45
Increase Expenditures:		Amount:
101.58400.338	Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles	\$1,324.45
		\$1,324.45

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted Aye _____ Voted Naye _____ Passed _____
_____ Absent

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

*****Resolution No. 20260720-08 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$375.00 received from miscellaneous sources to proper line items for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff’s Office has received revenues in the amount of \$375.00 for the month of June, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$375.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within Sheriff Department Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$375.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues for the month of June, 2026 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds-(Tow Bill)	\$375.00
		\$375.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$375.00
		\$375.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____. On a Roll Call Vote
_____ Voted Aye _____ Voted Naye _____ Passed _____ Absent

***Resolution No. 20260720-09 was Pulled*

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$150.00 received from Sex Offenders Registry to appropriate line items in the Sheriff’s budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$150.00 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 20th day of July, 2026 that the funds in the amount of \$150.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office for revenues to be budgeted as follows.

DECREASED REVENUES:

101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee-Sheriff	\$150.00
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54160.599	Other Charges	\$100.00
101.54160.358	Remittance of Revenues	\$ 50.00
		\$150.00

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. 20260720-10 was Pulled ****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Dayna Ferguson to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dayna Ferguson has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Dayna Ferguson be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that Dayna Ferguson be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term ending May 2028.

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 Mellton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260720-11. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Jimmy Hivick to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy Hivick has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Jimmy Hivick be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that Jimmy Hivick be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term ending May 2028.

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. 20260720-12. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Charlotte Oxford to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Oxford has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Charlotte Oxford be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that Charlotte Oxford be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term ending May 2028.

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 Horton and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20270720-13. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Janelle Thornton Cook to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Janelle Thornton Cook has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Janelle Thornton Cook be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that Janelle Thornton Cook be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term ending May 2028.

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

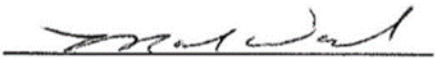
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution No. 20260720-14. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-15

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Doris Jo Arnold to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Doris Jo Arnold has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Doris Jo Arnold be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 2-year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that Doris Jo Arnold be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 2-year term ending May 2028.

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

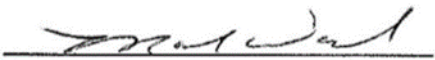
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260720-15. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-16

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Lisa Wright Flowers to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Wright Flowers has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Lisa Wright Flowers be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 4-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July, 2026 that Lisa Wright Flowers be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 4-year term ending May 2030.

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 Lashlee and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260720-16. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-17

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Bret Burke to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for another term.

WHEREAS, due to expiration of term of service, it will be necessary to fill a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bret Burke has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County on this committee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Bret Burke be reappointed to the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee for a 4-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that Bret Burke be reappointed to a position on the Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center Committee, to serve a 4-year term ending May 2030.

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

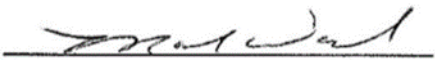
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20260720-17, On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Burke), and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-18

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to declare three (3) county owned vehicles, in possession of the Animal Shelter, as surplus property for the purpose of public sale.

WHEREAS, three (3) county owned vehicles assigned to the Benton County Animal Shelter are no longer useful for county service; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that the commission declare these vehicles to be surplus property for the purpose of public sale; and

WHEREAS, these vehicles are listed as follows:

2005 Ford Ranger – VIN# 1FTYRIOU55PA46715

1999 Dodge Ram – VIN# 3B6KC26Z6XM580805

1997 Ford F150 – VIN #1FTDF1820VNC76264

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July 2026 that the vehicles described above be declared surplus property for the purpose of public sale.

Upon a Motion by_____ Seconded by_____

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

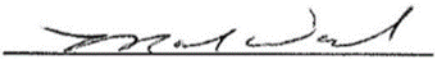
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution No. 20260720-18. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-19

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Richard Kee to the Benton County E-911 Board for a four-year term.

WHEREAS, due to a vacancy, it is necessary to fill a position on the Benton County E-911 Board; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kee has honorably and diligently served the people of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, Benton County Mayor Mark Ward requests that Richard Kee be appointed to the Benton County E-911 Board for a four-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that Richard Kee be appointed to a position on the Benton County E-911 Board, to serve a four-year term ending July 2030.

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

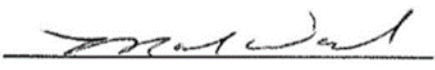
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution No. 20260720-19. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-20

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY COMMITTEE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward authorizing the conveyance of certain county owned real property to the Benton County Industrial Development Board.

WHEREAS, Benton County is the owner of certain real property located at Benton County Industrial Park in Camden, Tennessee, on Benton Industrial Road, further identified as Tax Map 084, Parcel 074.00, consisting of approximately 234.99 acres (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, a specific portion consisting of 10.00 +/- acres located at the corner of Benton Industrial Road and Veterans Drive is to be carved out of the Property for immediate conveyance; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Industrial Development Board (the "IDB") was duly created by the County pursuant to state law (e.g., Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-53-101 et seq.) to promote industry, commerce, and the general welfare by fostering economic development; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County and its citizens to transfer the said 10.00-acre portion of the Property to the IDB in order to facilitate economic development opportunities, which will generate jobs and expand the local tax base; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward is hereby authorized to expend up to \$2,000.00 to cover the costs of a land survey, legal description, deed preparation, and any other related expenditures required to facilitate this conveyance, with said funds to be paid out of the Site Development Fund 171.

WHEREAS, the County may lawfully convey and transfer real property to the IDB for such public and economic development purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 as follows:

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. 20269720-20 was Pulled****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-21

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION authorizing Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to advertise and accept competitive bids for the sale of timber on county-owned property.

WHEREAS, the County of Benton owns a certain tract of land located within the Benton County Industrial Park on Divider Natchez Trace Road, identified as Parcel ID 084 074.00; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that approximately 109.75 acres of timber on said property needs to be harvested and removed; and

WHEREAS, the sale of this timber will generate beneficial revenue for the County; and

WHEREAS, all revenues and proceeds derived from the sale of said timber shall be deposited and allocated directly into Fund 171.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026, that Mayor Mark Ward is hereby authorized to advertise and accept competitive bids for the sale of timber on the aforementioned property, subject to final approval by this legislative body.

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 Horton to approve Resolution No. 20260720-21. On a roll call vote 16 Ayes, 0 No, and 2 Absent (Phil Melton stepped out of meeting for a few minutes and was absent during voting). Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-22
SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds received from airport grants in the amount of \$257,869.51 to the airport’s budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received reimbursement on various grants in the amount of **\$257,869.51** from the State of Tennessee. Grants being the Terminal Renovation Grant, Parking Lot Grant, and Windsock and Beacon Panel Grant.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent to budget these funds to a proper line item to allow for expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.47590	OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$ 257,869.51
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INCREASE:

189.91110.724	SITE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 257,869.51
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

*****Resolution No. 20260720-22 was Pulled*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-23

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BENTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") is the owner of certain real property located in Benton County, Tennessee, more particularly described in the office of the Benton County Assessor of Property as follows:

Bounding on the North by Ballpark Road, Bounding on the West by a drainage ditch, on the East by a Tree line on the hill and on the South from a point in the drainage ditch at the south end of the Parking lot and running east to the tree line, containing 9.5 acres, more or less (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the BENTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE (the "Committee") is a local non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee for the purpose of establishing, maintaining, and operating a Veterans Memorial and related purposes to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans from Benton County and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has requested the opportunity to lease the Property from the County for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating a Veterans Memorial Recreation Area thereon; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission finds that leasing the Property to the Committee for the purpose of honoring veterans serves a valid public purpose and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Benton County; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the County and its citizens to lease the Property to the Committee for a term of ninety-nine (99) years at a nominal annual rent of One Dollar (\$1.00); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-1-118 authorizes counties to lease county-owned property for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has determined that the terms and conditions of the proposed lease are fair and reasonable and serve the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 20th day of July 2026, that:

Article 1 — Authorization and Approval

Lease Authorization. The County Commission hereby authorizes and approves the lease of the Property to the Committee for a term of ninety-nine (99) years, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and the Lease Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the "Lease Agreement").

Terms of Lease. The lease of the Property is authorized upon the following principal terms and conditions:

Lessee. BENTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, a Tennessee non-profit corporation.

Property. The real property described hereinabove and in the Lease Agreement.

Term. Ninety-nine (99) years, commencing on July 20, 2026 (the "Commencement Date"), and terminating on July 20, 2125, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Lease Agreement.

Rent. One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, payable annually in advance on or before the anniversary of the Commencement Date, representing nominal consideration for the public purpose served by the Committee's use of the Property.

Purpose. The Property shall be used exclusively for the construction, operation, maintenance, and preservation of a Veterans Memorial Recreation Area and related purposes that honor and commemorate the service of military veterans.

Improvements. The Committee shall have the right to construct improvements on the Property consistent with the permitted use, subject to obtaining all necessary governmental permits and approvals and complying with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.

Maintenance. The Committee shall be responsible for all maintenance, repair, and upkeep of the Property and any improvements constructed thereon during the term of the Lease Agreement.

Insurance and Indemnification. The Committee shall maintain appropriate liability insurance and shall indemnify and hold harmless the County from claims arising out of the Committee's use and occupancy of the Property, all as more particularly set forth in the Lease Agreement.

Reversion. Upon expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Agreement, all improvements constructed on the Property by the Committee shall become the property of the County, unless the County Commission determines otherwise at that time.

Termination Rights. The County shall have the right to terminate the Lease Agreement if the Committee fails to use the Property for the permitted purpose, breaches any material term of the Lease Agreement, or ceases to operate as a qualifying organization, subject to notice and cure provisions as set forth in the Lease Agreement.

Public Purpose Finding. The County Commission hereby finds and declares that the lease of the Property to the Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Veterans Memorial Recreation Area serves a valid public purpose, including but not limited to:

Honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States;

Providing a place of remembrance and reflection for citizens of Benton County;

Promoting civic pride and community involvement;

Preserving the history and contributions of veterans from Benton County; and

Providing educational opportunities regarding military service and veterans' contributions to the community and nation.

Article 2 — Execution and Implementation

Authority to Execute. The County Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement on behalf of the County, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes, insertions, and omissions as the County Mayor, in consultation with the County Attorney, may deem necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and protect the interests of the County.

County Attorney Review. The County Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to review the Lease Agreement and to make such revisions as may be necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law and to protect the legal interests of the County.

Recording. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Lease Agreement to be recorded in the Register's Office of Benton County, Tennessee, upon execution by all parties.

Ancillary Documents. The County Mayor and County Attorney are hereby authorized to execute and deliver such additional documents and instruments and to take such additional actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

Article 3 — Conditions Precedent

Conditions to Effectiveness. The effectiveness of the Lease Agreement and the County's obligations thereunder shall be subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent

Organizational Status. The Committee shall provide evidence satisfactory to the County Attorney that the Committee is duly organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of Tennessee and possesses the legal authority to enter into and perform its obligations under the Lease Agreement.

Insurance. The Committee shall provide evidence of the insurance coverage required under the Lease Agreement, with the County named as an additional insured as appropriate.

Use Plan. The Committee shall provide to the County a written plan describing the proposed use of the Property, including a general description of any improvements to be constructed and a timeline for development.

Legal Review. The County Attorney shall confirm that the Lease Agreement complies with all applicable legal requirements and adequately protects the interests of the County.

Article 4 — Representations and Covenants

County Representations. The County represents and warrants to the Committee that:

Authority. The County has full legal authority to enter into the Lease Agreement and to lease the Property to the Committee for the purposes contemplated hereby.

Ownership. The County is the owner in fee simple of the Property, subject to such easements, encumbrances, and restrictions as may be disclosed in the Lease Agreement or are of record.

No Conflicts. The execution and performance of the Lease Agreement by the County does not violate any provision of law applicable to the County or any agreement to which the County is a party.

County Covenants. The County covenants and agrees that:

Quiet Enjoyment. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement, the County shall provide the Committee with quiet enjoyment and peaceful possession of the Property during the term of the Lease Agreement.

Further Assurances. The County shall execute and deliver such additional documents and take such additional actions as may be reasonably requested by the Committee to confirm the Committee's rights under the Lease Agreement.

Article 5 — General Provisions

Compliance with Law. All actions taken pursuant to this Resolution shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and rules.

Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Amendment. This Resolution may be amended only by a subsequent resolution duly adopted by the County Commission in accordance with applicable law.

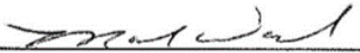
Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Prior Inconsistent Actions. All prior resolutions, orders, or actions of the County Commission that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution No. 20280720-23. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed.

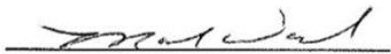

MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Kimberly P. Plunk and Sara Jane Huff

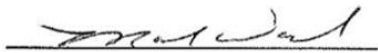
Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve notaries. On a voice vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bain to Suspend the Rules to bring to the floor Resolution No. 20260720-24. On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Suspend the Rules.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE, PROPERTY COMMITTEE, AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a Reimbursable Grant for the purchase of an ambulance and power lift system, and authorizing an interlocal agreement or contract with West Tennessee Healthcare for the operation and maintenance.

WHEREAS, Benton County, Tennessee is eligible to receive reimbursable grant funds through Last Mile Teams Initiative for the Rural Health Transformation Funds, the State of Tennessee/Department of Health in the amount of \$ 305,461.00; and

WHEREAS, these grant funds are designated specifically for the procurement of emergency medical equipment, specifically one (1) new ambulance and one (1) power lift system; and

WHEREAS, West Tennessee Healthcare operates the local hospital facility serving Benton County and possesses the necessary infrastructure to manage and deploy emergency medical assets efficiently; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best financial and operational interest of Benton County to partner with West Tennessee Healthcare to operate said equipment, provided that West Tennessee Healthcare assumes all responsibilities for insurance, maintenance, and operational costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026, that:

SECTION 1. The County Mayor is hereby authorized to accept and execute all necessary documents for the reimbursable grant in the amount of \$ 305,461.00 for the purchase of an ambulance and power lift system.

SECTION 2. The sum of \$ 305,461.00 will need to be appropriated from Fund 171.39000 into Fund 171.91140.718, upon passage of the fiscal year 2026–2027 budget, for the initial purchase of said ambulance and lift system, to be fully reimbursed by the grant program.

SECTION 3. The County Mayor is authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement or contract with West Tennessee Healthcare, which shall explicitly stipulate that West Tennessee Healthcare shall:

1. Accept full operational control of the ambulance and power lift system.
2. Provide and maintain comprehensive liability and physical damage insurance coverage on both assets at all times.
3. Assume 100% of all maintenance, repair, fuel, and upkeep costs for the lifetime of the equipment.
4. Indemnify and hold Benton County harmless from any liabilities arising from the use of said equipment.

DECREASE:

171.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 305,461.00

INCREASE:

171.91140.718 MOTOR VEHICLES \$ 305,461.00

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 amend Resolution No. 20260720-24. *(See Above Original Resolution No. 20260720-24 before being Amended).* On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment to Resolution No. 20260720-24*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20260720-24

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE, PROPERTY COMMITTEE, AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

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WHEREAS, it is in the best financial and operational interest of Benton County to partner with West Tennessee Healthcare to operate said equipment, provided that West Tennessee Healthcare assumes all responsibilities for insurance, maintenance, and operational costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 20th day of July, 2026, that:

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3. Assume 100% of all maintenance, repair, fuel, and upkeep costs for the lifetime of the equipment.
4. Indemnify and hold Benton County harmless from any liabilities arising from the use of said equipment.

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

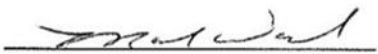
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to approve as amended Resolution No. 20260720-24 (*See Above Amendments to Resolution No. 20260720-24*). On a roll call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Bain and seconded by Commissioner Holland to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 17 Ayes, 0 No, and 1 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE JULY 20, 2026, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN