

Benton County Commission
April 27, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9 a.m. on April 27, 2026, in the County Commission Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present; Scott Harms, Present; and Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated April 18, 2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated April 20, 2026, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Bid for Chip and Seal Project

Commissioners discussed the bid that has been received for the chip and seal project of various roads in the County. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid from Vance Brothers, LLC, using standard materials for this work, at a total cost of \$337,629.60. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Benton County Tourism

Benton County Tourism Director Lynette Stokes and Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to provide an update of tourism projects throughout the County. Discussion was also given to a vacancy on the Tourism Board; Ms. Stokes indicated that Angie Seaton has expressed an interest in being appointed to this Board. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Angie Seaton to the Benton County Tourism Board, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid from MFA Oil Company for diesel fuel for Road District #2, at a cost of \$3.919 per gallon; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Other bid was received from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$4.30 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Globe Life Insurance

Globe Life Insurance representative Kendal Dishman met with Commissioners to provide an overview of insurance benefits offered by that company.

Missouri Department of Transportation – Bridge Inspections

Missouri Department of Transportation representative Aaron Reider met with Commissioners to discuss the 2026 non-state bridge inspections that were recently completed. An updated report will be provided at a later date.

Hanna Avenue

A resident on Hanna Avenue telephoned the Commission, requesting road maintenance on that road; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry stated that he will visit the area to determine what should be done.

County Clerk Report

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the 2025 Benton County Financial Statement that has been compiled and is ready for publication. She stated that the publication is a much shorter version this year due to changes in legislation; however, the long form has been completed as well. Bills were presented for approval and payment.

Commissioners to Prosecuting Attorney's Office

At 11:20 a.m., Commissioners left the Courthouse Office to go to the prosecuting attorney's office to discuss legal issues with the prosecuting attorney. Commissioners returned at 11:55 a.m.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Rebecca Minks presented her financial report for the month of April, noting that sales tax revenues are down approximately 18% compared to this time last year.

Adjourn

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry ordered that Commission adjourn until May 4, 2026; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Signature

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner