

# **Benton County Commission**

**May 20, 2025**

## **Convene**

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 12:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025 at the E-911 Dispatch Center. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

## **Emergency Meeting - Storm Damage**

An emergency meeting was held to discuss the overnight storm that caused substantial damage to several portions of Benton County. Others in attendance with Commissioners were 911/Emergency Management Director Jessica Mayfield, State Emergency Management Agency representative Gloria Brandenburg, Health Department Administrator Barry Pabst, 911 Dispatchers Ron Cobb and Brenda Hilburn, Warsaw Public Works Director Brad Blankenship, and Assistant to the Commissioners David Malecki.

Ms. Brandenburg provided information regarding procedures to apply for and receive grant reimbursements for damages sustained to government property due to the storm. She discussed the amount of financial damage that would be required to qualify for reimbursement. Several county roads will need to be cleared, and it was suggested that the trees, brush and limbs that would be collected could be sent to the Warsaw burn site. Mr. Blankenship stated that if reimbursement was available, the City of Warsaw could utilize their burn site to dispose of material from the government agencies and private individuals. This burn site would be open daily from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. for the period of May 20 through June 6, 2025.

Attendees agreed that a local state of emergency existed. Director Mayfield prepared an emergency declaration proclamation and/or resolution. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the proclamation as presented, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Each agency that has expended, or will expend, resources to recover from this emergency will collect all information needed to apply for reimbursement from SEMA. The Benton County Commission Office will gather this information and submit the required documentation for reimbursement.

## **Adjournment**

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 5/27/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

## **Signatures**



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner