

Benton County Commission

July 07, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 7, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 6/30/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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.

Fuel Bid

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #2 from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.76 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 \$2.88 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Treasurer and County Clerk

The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report. The County Clerk submitted monthly budget reports for each department, noting that a budget amendment will be necessary soon. She also presented monthly tax abatements for approval and signature; bills were presented for approval and payment.

Board of Equalization

The 2025 Board of Equalization will convene on Monday, July 21, 2025, in the Commission Room. Pam Grobe and Michael Schnakenberg will be contacted to serve as Members on this Board.

Quad Lakes Solid Waste Management District

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew annual membership to Quad Lakes Solid Waste Management District, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Annual membership dues are \$1,387.00.

Senior Citizens Services Board

District 2 Commissioner made the motion to reappoint Sandy Schlesselman as board member to the Benton County Senior Citizens Services Board, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Asphalt Seal Coating and Striping LLC

Commissioners reviewed the proposal that has been received from Asphalt Seal Coating and Striping, LLC, for
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asphalt and striping at the sheriff's office parking areas; total cost is \$5,225.00. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept this proposal, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Commissioners in Recess

Commissioners took a short recess at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioners Reconvene

Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Fund Transfers

The County Clerk presented the quarterly fund transfers to General Revenue as determined by the 2025 budget, noting the balance of the Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund; Commissioners determined that this transfer should be taken from the Jail Sales Tax Fund for the 2nd quarter salaries, to allow for detention center expenses to be paid as needed.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/14/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 14, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 14, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/7/2025. 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.

Department of Natural Resources

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske noted that he has contacted a representative from the Department of Natural Resources pertaining to the number of confined animal operations that are being established in Benton County. He was informed that larger operations fall within the guidelines of the Department of Natural Resources and must follow the established guidelines of the DNR; however, small operations are not governed by DNR and are out of the County's control.

Dawson Road

A telephone call was conducted with a taxpayer residing on Dawson Road pertaining to needed maintenance in that area; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry stated that he will visit this area to determine maintenance.

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to present her monthly report of economic development efforts within the County. Discussion was also given to the re-appointment of board members to the Benton County Enhanced Enterprise Zone.

Board Appointments

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to reappoint members of the Benton County Enhanced Enterprise Zone as follows: Steve Daleske, Chairman; Tim Kreisel, representative of special taxing districts; and William Smart and Eddie Simons, members. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). These terms will expire on June 22, 2030.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

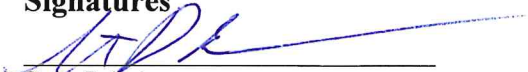
The Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Prosecuting Attorney

Commissioners discussed the request received from Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson pertaining to the addition of a position for a detective/investigator to his staff. No decision has been reached at this time.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/21/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 21, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/14/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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.

County Clerk Report

County Clerk Susan Porterfield reported that district valuations have been reported to the Missouri State Tax Commission on the Form 11 as required, and districts have been notified of their 2025 valuations. Bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Boonslick Regional Library

County Clerk Susan Porterfield spoke to the Commission on behalf of the Boonslick Regional Library, indicating that the Library has requested the reappointment of Erin MacLean to this Board. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Ms. MacLean to serve as trustee on the Boonslick Regional Library Board, for another four year term. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Rick Renno presented his weekly financial report.

Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Salary

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske signed the agreement for implementation of the fiscal year 2026 grant for the Deputy Sheriff Supplemental Salary. This agreement will be sent to the Missouri Department of Public Safety to initiate compliance with this grant award.

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners to request the addition of an assistant prosecuting attorney to his staff. He indicated that this was taken out of his budget equation at the beginning of the year but the current caseload has made it necessary to re-visit this issue. Additionally, given the current caseload, he also requested that a part-time investigator position be added to his staff also. Commissioners will consider these requests and issue a response soon.

Board of Equalization

The Benton County Board of Equalization convened at 10 a.m. Those present for the Board were: Steve Daleske, Scott Harms, and Larry Berry, Commissioners; Jim Hansen, County Assessor; Susan Porterfield, County Clerk; and Michael Schnakenberg and Pam Grobe, Appointed Members. There were no appearances for the Board; it was noted that, due to new State Tax Commission guidelines, adjournment will occur under their direction.

CentralSquare

Commissioners discussed the implementation of the new dispatch module through CentralSquare, noting that training is necessary for all personnel who will utilize this system. The County will initiate steps to pay for this training program.

FLAP Grant for Berry Bend Avenue

Commissioners have completed paperwork to file for a 21% match for a Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant for Berry Bend Avenue for the 2026 construction year. This grant is available through the Eastern Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration.

Collector

Collector David Brodersen presented information pertaining to a Senior Citizen Tax Freeze; Commissioners had denied the application due to the mailing address given in the application, and the taxpayer is protesting the decision. Commissioners reviewed their decision as well as the paperwork presented, and stand behind the decision that was made. A telephone call was attempted to the individual to apprise him of the decision, but no answer was received. A call was returned later, and protocols were discussed. It was determined that proper documentation was not received in order to provide proof of County residency, and therefore the initial decision of the Commission will stand.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/22/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 22, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/21/2025. 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.

Resignation of Treasurer

The resignation of Richard Renno as treasurer of Benton County has been received, effective July 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Interim Treasurer

Governor Kehoe will make an appointment to this position, and Commissioners discussed the need to appoint an interim treasurer in order to continue County business as necessary. It was noted that several residents have expressed interest in this position. Qualifications for this appointment were discussed per RSMo 54.040. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint James Theisen as Interim Treasurer, pursuant to RSMo 54.033 and 54.150. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). An Order will be drafted and signed by the Commission to this effect.

Audit Services

Commissioners discussed the necessity of a financial audit for fiscal year 2024 due to funding pertaining to the jail facility. This audit will also include the first seven months of 2025. The County will advertise for bids for this service.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 7/28/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

July 28, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on July 28, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 7/22/2025, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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.

Adjourn Board of Equalization

County Clerk Susan Porterfield stated that she has received correspondence from the Missouri State Tax Commission, indicating that all requirements have been met as it pertains to the County Board of Equalization. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to adjourn the 2025 Benton County Board of Equalization as directed by the Missouri State Tax Commission, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Prosecuting Attorney

Prosecuting Attorney Rod Richardson met with Commissioners for further discussion pertaining to the addition of an assistant prosecutor and a part-time investigator to his staff. Commissioners stated that they are in favor of this additional staff, and necessary adjustments will be made to the budget.

Contract for Medical Services

Commissioners discussed the contract currently in place for inmate medical services at the Benton County Detention Center. It was noted that Advanced Correctional Healthcare is the current provider for medical services. Information has also been received from Comprehensive Correctional Care. Commissioners reviewed the contract that has been received; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to sign the contract with Comprehensive Correctional Care for inmate medical services, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Budget Amendment

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented information for the budget amendment, noting that the budget amendment was necessary due to unforeseen revenues and expenditures. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve the budget amendment as submitted, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk presented bills for approval and payment.

Presiding Commissioner Now Absent

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske exited the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Appointment of Acting Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk Susan Porterfield appointed District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms as Acting Presiding Commissioner for the remainder of today's meeting.

Fuel Bids

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #2 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.93 per gallon; District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Other bid was received from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$3.03 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to accept the bid for unleaded gasoline for Road District #1 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.525 per gallon; District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes). Other bids were received from Zollicker Oil Company at a cost of \$2.58 per gallon, and from MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.635 per gallon; the County accepted the low bid price.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/4/2025. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Absent) Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures



Scott Harms
Acting Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 04, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 on August 4, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Absent: Steve Daleske, Present.

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk presented monthly tax abatements and budget reports for each department. Bills were submitted for approval and payment.

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Approval Of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated July 28, 2025, Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Summit Natural Gas

Benton County received a turn-off notice regarding non-payment of a bill for the Detention Center. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the Customer Service Office to advise that a check had been sent in a timely manner, but it appears that this check and that other checks mailed to Summit Natural Gas have been lost. He advised the representative that the previous checks will be cancelled and new checks will be generated today. She stated she will ensure that the turn-off notice for tomorrow will be canceled.

Senior Real Estate Tax Relief Program

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called Alan K. Henderson regarding his application for the Senior Real Estate Tax Relief Program. His application had been denied and he requested a re-evaluation from the County Commissioners. He was advised that the denial will stand and a letter is being sent to him outlining the reasons for this denial.

Detention Center Medical Service Contract

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called Blake Wiseman of 3C Health Care regarding the upcoming changes for medical services at the Detention Center. Mr. Wiseman agreed to initiate medical services on October 1, 2025. However, if the current contractor is in agreement, Mr. Wiseman will initiate a change-over of services between that firm and his representatives. The contract will be signed by the County Commissioners after the Sheriff has reviewed the proposal. In accordance with the agreement between the County and Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc., a letter will be sent giving that firm a notice of termination effective September 30, 2025.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the Commission adjourn until 8/11/2025. Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Absent), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Signatures



Presiding Commissioner/Steve Daleske

Benton County Commission

August 11, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval Of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated August 4, 2025. 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.

Paradise Point Beach

Jim Moore met with the Commissioners to discuss traffic concerns and speeding in the Paradise Point Beach area. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry will see if the County can assist in reducing speeds in the area. Also, Mr. Moore stated that Salley Drive has not been mowed this year; Commissioner Berry will see about this issue.

Rolland Wolgan

Rolland Wolgan met with Commissioners pertaining to subdividing his property into parcels for development, and questions have arisen regarding current sewer regulations. Commissioners advised him to contact the Benton County Health Department and the Missouri State Department of Natural Resources.

Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with the Commissioners to provide her monthly activity report.

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk presented bills for approval and payment.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the Commission adjourn until August 18, 2025. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 18, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 18, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/11/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Necessary Services

Commissioners discussed the recent correspondence received from Bothwell Regional Health Center pertaining to a detainee who requires chemotherapy; it was noted this was not a budgeted expense, but the detainee must receive this treatment. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to enter into an agreement with Bothwell Regional Health Center for guarantee of payment for necessary chemotherapy services for a detainee, District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Septic/Sewer Guidelines

Russell Giudicessi met with Commissioners to discuss his concerns pertaining to guidelines that are in place at the County and State levels governing sewer and septic regulations.

Conflict of Interest Ordinance

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to re-adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance for Benton County. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The ordinance remains the same as originally adopted in 2000, and will be filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC), as required.

2025 Tax Rate Hearing

The 2025 tax rate hearing was held; Collector David Brodersen, Assessor Jim Hansen, and County Clerk Susan Porterfield were also present. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske made the motion to accept the proposed tax rates for the 2025 tax year, District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). The tax rates will be \$.0998 for General Revenue, and \$.2040 for Road and Bridge, per \$100 assessed valuation.

Bid Opening - 2024 Audit Services

The bid opening was held for 2024 audit services; no bids were received for this service. It was noted that the County is required to complete an audit each year in order to comply with requirements of Certificates of Participation for the jail project; Commissioners will reach out to vendors for completion of this necessary audit.

County Clerk Reports

The County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.


Benton County Tourism Board

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to appoint Holly Eierman 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 Daleke (Yes).

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 8/25/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

August 25, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on August 25, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Absent: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/18/2025. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scott Harms (Yes) and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

Interim Treasurer James Theisen presented his weekly financial report; County Clerk Susan Porterfield submitted bills for approval and payment.

National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Properties

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew membership in the National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Properties; Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Scott Harms (Yes) and Steve Daleske (Yes). Annual membership fee is \$39.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/2/2025. Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Absent), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes) Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 02, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 8/25/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry 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.

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk presented monthly tax abatements for approval. She also submitted budget reports for each department; bills were presented for approval and payment.

2026 Holiday Schedule

Commissioners reviewed the holiday schedule for 2026, as presented by the County Clerk; holidays observed in 2026 will be the same as they were in 2025.

Commissioner Now Absent

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry is now absent.

Mike Keith Insurance, Inc.

Mike Keith Insurance, Inc. representative, Christian DeLozier, met with Commissioners to review the property and liability insurances for the County; this included the schedules for equipment and vehicles. Commissioners will conduct further review and submit final information to the insurance carrier.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/8/2025. Steve Daleske seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Absent), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes) Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Signatures


Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 08, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 8, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 9/2/2025. 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.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Interim Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

County Clerk Susan Porterfield presented the annual contract agreement for random drug and alcohol testing services, as received from Midwest Collection Specialists, Inc. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to renew the contract with Midwest Collection Specialists, Inc., at an annual cost of \$800, for drug and alcohol testing to be in effect from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Fuel Bids

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for diesel fuel for Road District #2 from Warsaw Oil Company at a cost of \$2.91 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 MFA Oil Company at a cost of \$2.955; the County accepted the low bid price.

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to accept the bid for propane for Road District #2 from AA Propane at a cost of \$1.65 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 MFA Propane at a cost of \$1.65 per gallon; the County accepted the bid most advantageous.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Review of Property and Liability Insurance Coverage

Commissioners reviewed the property and liability insurance schedules that were received from Mike Keith Insurance last week. Follow up will be made with that agency's representatives when this review is completed.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable has returned to the meeting.

Warsaw Chamber of Commerce

Warsaw Chamber of Commerce representative Dee Dee Hunter met with Commissioners to request permission to situate bouncy houses on the Courthouse lawn on Friday, October 31, for Trunk-or-Treat. Commissioners spoke in favor of this request.

Paul Venable

Paul Venable has exited the meeting at 10:10.

Abandoned Vehicle

A resident in the area of MM and 83 Highways met with Commissioners pertaining to an abandoned vehicle along the roadway that has been there for some time. He was directed to contact the Sheriff's Office for removal.

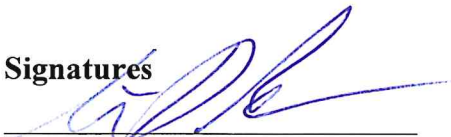
Benton County Economic Development

Benton County Economic Development Director Jo Ann Lane met with Commissioners to provide her monthly activity report.

Adjournment

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/15/2025. Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 15, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 15, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 9/8/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

David Malecki/Rich Chiles

David Malecki and Rich Chiles are present at today's meeting.

County Clerk Report

The County Clerk presented the weekly financial report on behalf of the Interim Treasurer; bills were submitted for approval and payment.

Gordian

A representative from Gordian was scheduled to meet with Commissioners but did not appear.

Rich Chiles

Rich Chiles exited the meeting at 10 a.m.

Great River Engineering

Great River Engineering representative Jason Sivils met with Commissioners to provide information for MODOT's requirements for construction engineering contracts.

Collector Report

The Collector presented his monthly report of tax collections and distributions.

Veterans Memorial

Commissioners discussed necessary upkeep and maintenance on the Veterans Memorial on the Courthouse lawn.

McClure Engineering

A telephone conference call was conducted with McClure Engineering representative Aaron McVicker pertaining to MODOt requirements for construction engineering services.

Howe Company, LLC

A telephone conference call was conducted with Howe Company, LLC representative Beth Moocs to discuss MODOt requirements for construction engineering services.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/22/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Signatures

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 22, 2025

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Present.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 9/15/2025; 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.

Treasurer and County Clerk Reports

The Interim Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Veterans Memorial Walkway

Commissioners discussed the Veterans Memorial Walkway located on the Courthouse lawn and determined that the walkway portion is in need of repair. A local contractor was contacted for this work; once this work commenced, it was determined that the entire area had suffered water damage, and the foundation could not be maintained. Commissioners also noted concerns for the safety and liability issues of the memorial in its' current state. Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske made the motion to allow the contractor to build a new foundation for the memorial and commence with necessary maintenance as was originally agreed upon. District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes).

Axios Group

Axios Group representative Taylor Lemuz met with Commissioners to present information pertaining to insurance benefits offered by his company; Commissioners will advise him of the open enrollment date later this fall.

Road Conditions

Road conditions were discussed; Commissioners noted that mowing continues along the roadways.

Sheriff

A telephone conference call was conducted with Sheriff Eric Knox and Major Dean Noll pertaining to the schedule for configuration of CentralSquare software. An update was given pertaining to the transition process of the contract for medical services, from the current provider to the new provider that will take effect October 1, 2025. A briefing was also given pertaining to the recent automobile accident on Highway 65, involving a sheriff's deputy.

Apptegy

A telephone conference call was conducted with a representative from Apptegy pertaining to website building options.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 9/29/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

SignaturesA handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Berry", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Daleske
Presiding Commissioner

Benton County Commission

September 29, 2025

Convene

District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 29, 2025 at the Board Room. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present: Scott Harms, Present: Steve Daleske, Absent.

Appointment of Acting Presiding Commissioner

County Clerk Susan Porterfield appointed District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry as Acting Presiding Commissioner for today's meeting; Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske was absent to attend a special Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting held in Clinton, MO.

Approval of Prior Minutes

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms made the motion to approve prior minutes dated 9/22/2025. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes) and Scott Harms (Yes).

David Malecki

David Malecki is present at today's meeting.

Treasurer and County Clerk

The Interim Treasurer presented his weekly financial report; the County Clerk submitted bills for approval and payment.

Presiding Commissioner Now Present

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske is now present.

Gray Avenue Bridge Project

The pre-construction meeting for the Gray Avenue Bridge project was held today; present with Commissioners and the County Clerk were C & C Bridge and Concrete representative Chris Childress, McClure Engineering representatives Aaron McVicker and Jeremy Basinger, and MoDOT representative Josh Dugan. Project specifications were discussed and agreed upon, and work will begin as soon as MoDOT provides the notice to proceed.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms Ordered that the commission adjourn until 10/6/2025. Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Signatures



Steve Daleske, Presiding Commissioner