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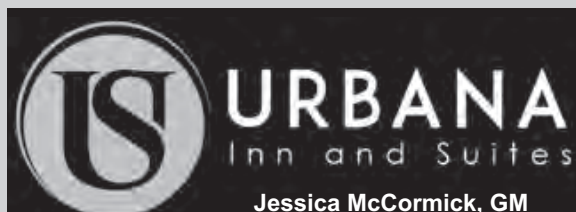
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February is Heart Month

3 ways to take charge of your health this Heart Month

American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative calls on individuals: "You are the first responder until help arrives"

THAT HEART'S NOT GOING TO START ITSELF

DON'T BE AFRAID. GIVE CPR. SAVE A LIFE.

More than
350,000

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During cardiac arrest, immediate CPR can

DOUBLE OR TRIPLE

a person's chance of survival.



But currently, bystanders only perform CPR



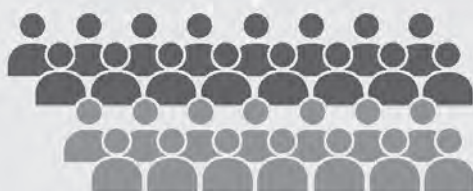
46% of the time.

In a nationwide online survey, respondents commented on why they did not perform CPR on someone in cardiac arrest despite having the opportunity to do so:

31% Afraid of legal ramifications

24% CPR is too complicated

16% I have not been trained to perform CPR



28% Afraid I might hurt the person

18% I did not feel confident performing the steps

14% I did not want to give rescue breaths

Source: 2016 Hands-Only CPR Research Tracking Study, American Heart Association. Published April 4, 2017

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2 STEPS TO SAVE A LIFE:



1. Call 9-1-1



2. Push hard & fast

American Heart Association

Des Moines, Iowa, February 2, 2026 — More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year[1]. This February, during American Heart Month, the American Heart Association is calling on everyday citizens to be agents of change by stepping in as the first responder until professional help arrives.

Nine out of every 10 people who experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital die, in part because they do not receive immediate CPR more than half of the time[2]. The American Heart Association, devoted to changing the future to a world of healthier lives for all, envisions communities where people don't wait for help—they become it.

The Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative offers suggestions on how to take charge of your personal health and inspire a Nation of Lifesavers this American Heart Month:

Learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers™. In Des Moines, individuals and families can take an online or in-person CPR course, watch a 90-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR for adults or watch this video to learn how to save an infant or child using CPR with breaths. To learn more about CPR, including new CPR guidelines published in Circulation this fall, visit heart.org/nation.

Make a plan. During a cardiac emergency, a well-developed plan could make all the difference. Don't wait for help, become it. Remember, you are the first responder until professional help arrives. A cardiac emergency response plan or (CERP) establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in any setting – be it a school,

community organization, workplace or sports facility. Learn more about CERPs and find free resources at heart.org/cerp.

Get Local. Join a local Heart Walk. Strong communities are built by preparedness. So check in. Lace up. Whether it's joining a Heart Walk team, taking a CPR class or making sure your office, school or church has a plan, now is the time to take charge of your own health and the health of your community.

Cardiac arrest can affect anyone, anywhere - at the gym, in the grocery store, or during a child's soccer game. However, bystanders only intervene less than half of the time, often due to uncertainty or lack of training. Yet CPR, especially if performed immediately, can double or triple a person's chance of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. [3]

"In an emergency, bystanders don't need medical training to save a life. All you need is knowledge, courage, and the willingness to act," said Cara Whipple, Executive Director of American Heart Association. "I've learned through the American Heart Association that cardiac arrest can happen to anyone. But it's also true that anyone can step up and save a life, whether it's a stranger or someone they love, by learning CPR and taking action in an emergency."

The goal of the Association's Nation of Lifesavers initiative is to turn bystanders into lifesavers, so that in the face of a cardiac emergency anyone, anywhere is prepared and empowered to become a vital link in the chain of survival and provide CPR.

"I see it all the time. In a real emergency, the actual first responder often isn't someone in uniform, it's often a coworker or a family member," Yolana

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At right: photo reenactment of hands only CPR.

Wakefield-Wilson, MS, Business Development Manager, Community CPR at American Heart Association "Learning CPR is really a civic duty. Ordinary people have the extraordinary power to make a difference in someone's life.

Being prepared can turn the chaos into calm and give that person the best chance of survival."

The Association leads global efforts in public awareness, education and policy change, while also serving as the scientific

authority that develops the official CPR and emergency cardiovascular care guidelines used by other CPR and first aid training providers in the U.S. and in over 90 countries worldwide.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF COUNTY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF PROPERTY

The Benton County Board of Supervisors will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of county-owned property located in Benton County, Iowa, referred to as the "Animal Shelter" and is described as follows:

One acre in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼), all in the West Half (W½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Eighty-Five (85) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 5th P.M.,

Upon the publishing of this notice, sealed bids may be submitted and accepted by 12:00 P.M. on February 6, 2026. No sealed bid will be accepted after 12:00 P.M. on February 6, 2026. All sealed bids will be opened on the 10th day of February, 2026, at 10:30 A.M. in the Conference Room, Benton County Service Center, 811 D Ave. Vinton, Iowa, for the purpose of selling said real estate.

All sealed bid inquiries, and submissions shall be made through the Benton County Auditor's Office. The Board of Supervisors will only accept sealed bids through the designated accepted form that provides all reasonable notices to all seal bidders. The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

shall be made through the Benton County Conservation Department.

January 20, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippet and Volz present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public are invited to join in during open session or watch the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncounty-iowa>. Full Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyia.gov

Volz moved/ Tippet seconded: To approve the agenda. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 13, 2026 minutes. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Pam Keel to the Benton County Board of Health term ending December 31, 2028. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To Appoint BJ Wayson to the Integrated Roadside Management Board to replace Shelby Williams. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve FY27 Health, Dental and Visions Insurance rates. Tippet,

Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To accept resignations Mindy Icenbice and Amanda Seiler as Medical Examiner Investigators. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To appoint Richard Loy as Medical Examiner Investigator, term ending December 31, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To give permission for the Sheriff's Department to hire in the civil division. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dave Upah and Josh Karsten presented the Sheriff FY27 Budget. Overall budget is increasing by \$500,000, they are estimating bringing in over \$1,000,000, that is estimated on the low end. Asking more money for Federal inmates for room and board. Also looking at switching companies for food in the jail for saving money.

Andrea Morris and Barbara Fetzer presented the FY27 Land Use and Health Department Budget. Morris stated she is looking at part-time seasonal person for in the office during their busier season and seeing if they will need a 3rd person full-time. Overall budget is staying the same.

Grace Schmidt presented the Public Health's FY27 Budget. Over-

all budget went down a little bit.

Mark Erickson presented the Transportation FY27 Budget. Erickson discussed vehicle replacement. He is wanting to start setting money aside in committing funds for when vehicles need to be replaced. Overall budget is increasing not quite \$1,000.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the resignation of Rodney Clark, part-time transportation driver effective January 5, 2026. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve Resolution #26-5, Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-5 APPROVAL TO POST PUBLIC NOTICE AND SEALED BID PACKET FOR REAL ESTATE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

RE: ANIMAL SHELTER
WHEREAS, on or about October 14, 2025, after the conclusion of a public hearing regarding the sale of county property, the Benton County Board of Supervisors determined that such county property shall be sold; and

WHEREAS, the county property at issue is commonly known as the Animal Shelter located within Benton County, Iowa, with the following legal description,

One acre in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of the Southwest Quarter (SE¼), all

in the West Half (W½) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Eighty-Five (85) North, Range Ten (10) West of the 5th P.M.,

and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved the accepting of sealed bids for the sale of the Animal Shelter on December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will start accepting sealed bids after the public notice is published. Such public notice is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, no sealed bid will be accepted after 12:00 pm on February 6, 2026. All sealed bids will be opened in the public meeting occurring on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reviewed the public notice and sealed bid packet RE: Animal Shelter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the public notice for the sale of the Animal Shelter and hereby approve the sealed bid packet RE: Animal Shelter.

Signed this 20th day of January, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
Ronald J. Tippet
Bruce Volz
ATTEST: Gina Edler, Deputy

Benton County Auditor

Committee Reports: Supervisor Seeman reported that WMA is requesting approximately \$8,000. Seeman toured the Sheriff's office to look at the heating/cooling and see what can be done to save money on utility bills. There is over 80 motors running 24/7. Each individual room has their own heating/cooling unit. Dispatch they are looking at putting a mini-split in since dispatch is so warm.

Supervisor Seeman asked for a motion to adjourn, motion failed.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To recess at 10:21 until 11:00. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To re-enter into session and out of recess at 11:00. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the board entered into exempt Session 20.17(3) where a strategy meeting of public employers is exempted from the provisions of Chapter 21 of the Iowa Code.

The board exited exempt session at 12:00 p.m.

Tippet moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 12:00 p.m. Tippet, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
ATTEST: Gina Edler, Deputy
Benton County Auditor