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<p>Wound Clinic Infusion Clinic OR- Dr. Meeker -as scheduled</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Mercy Cardiology- Dr. Hollenbeck Cedar Valley Medical specialists-Ortho Dermatology- Carly Trausch</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr.Whitt Urology- Dr. Rippentrop Unity Point Cardiology-Dr. Venkatesh OR-Dr. Goedken-as scheduled</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr. Siebrecht General Surgery- Dr. Miller Wound Clinic</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Pain Clinic Mercy Cardiology- Hillary Behn Infusion Clinic OR- Dr. Meeker -as scheduled</p> <p>8</p>
<p>Wound Clinic Infusion Clinic OR- Dr. Meeker -as scheduled</p> <p>11</p>	<p>Mercy Cardiology- Dr. Hollenbeck Pulmonology-Sara Butler</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr.Whitt General Surgery- Dr. Miller Nephrology-Dr. Ahmed</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr Siebrecht General Surgery - Dr. Miller Wound Clinic</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Pain clinic Mercy Cardiology- Hillary Behn OB-GYN-Nicole Baccam -NOT HERE Infusion Clinic</p> <p>15</p>
<p>Wound Clinic Infusion Clinic</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Mercy Cardiology- Dr. Hollenbeck Cedar Valley Medical specialists- Ortho</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr. Whitt Urology- Dr. Richardson OR-Dr. Goedken - as scheduled</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr Siebrecht Wound Clinic OR- Dr. Torres- as scheduled</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Pain Clinic Mercy Cardiology- Hillary Behn Infusion Clinic</p> <p>22</p>
<p>Memorial Day</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Mercy Cardiology-Dr. Hollenbeck Pulmonology-Sara Butler Hem/Oncology-Dr.Nabi</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Podiatry- Dr. Whitt Mercy ENT- Dr. Hernandez</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Podiatry-Dr. Siebrecht Wound Clinic OR-Dr. Whitt- as scheduled</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Pain clinic Mercy Cardiology- Hillary Behn Infusion Clinic</p> <p>29</p>

PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 14, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippett 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.bentoncountya.gov

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

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To approve the minutes for April 7, 2026 and April 9, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve 32 hours of vacation carryover for Mark Erickson to be used by June 30, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To grant permission to move forward with hiring part-time replacement driver in the Transportation Department. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To set land use hearing date of Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. for Dylan Felton in part of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 21-86-9. Seeman and Volz all voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To acknowledge the filing of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) annual report ending March 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Recorder's Quarterly Report, ending March 31, 2026. All

members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report, ending March 31, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-23, Abatement of Taxes pursuant to Iowa Code 445.16(3) on Parcel #360-00540 in the amount of \$3,270.00. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Melinda Schoettmer, provided an update for the new IDOT program to be live in January 2027, training will start in June. New DOT computer expenses will be covered by the state. Statistics show that 38% of the renewals done in Benton County are out of county residents. The new motor vehicle will be roughly in place sometime in August/September 2028.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-24, Approval to accept winning sealed bid from Randy Patten for the sale of the Cherveny Wildlife Area in the amount of \$20,500 with ownership to be transferred by deed. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

The public hearing was opened for the FY 26 Amendment #3. Auditor Rippel explained the needs of the amendment. Conservation is obtaining a grant for \$88,300, so it reflects both the revenue and expenditures for that. The outstanding invoices for juvenile detention and to pay towards our Heartland Insurance Risk Pools surplus needs. Supervisor Volz explained the pool with 10 other counties and how Benton County's reserves are low and the goal is to have every county have \$250,000

in the pool, that way if one is short, they can borrow from others. There were a few members of the public present. After hearing no other comments, Seeman moved/Tippett seconded to close the public hearing. All members voting aye.

Tippett moved/Volz Seconded: To approve Resolution #26-25, Adopting FY 26 Budget Amendment #3. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #26-25
BE IT REMEMBERED on this, the 25th day of November, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of Benton County, Iowa, met in session for the purpose of hearing on an amendment to the current operating budget adopted on April 29, 2025. There was a quorum present as required by law. Thereupon, the Board found that the notice of time and place of the hearing had been published. Thereafter, and on said date the amendment was taken up and considered. Thereafter, the Board took up the amendment to the budget for final consideration and determined that said budget be amended as follows:

Expenditures	Amendment
Public Safety	\$ 0
Physical Health & Social Services	\$ 144,000
Mental Health	\$ 0
County Environment & Education	\$ 88,300
Roads & Transportation	\$ 0
Government Services to Residents	\$ 0
Administration	\$ 65,000
Non-Program	\$ 0
Debt Service	\$ 0
Capital Projects	\$ 0
Operating Transfers Out	\$ 0
REVENUES	Amount
Intergovernmental	\$ 88,300
Licenses & Permits	\$ 0

Charges for Services	\$ 0
Use of Money & Property	\$ 0
Miscellaneous	\$ 0
General Long-Term Debt	
Proceeds	\$ 0
Operating Transfers - In	\$ 0
Proceeds of Fixed Assets	\$ 0
Operating Transfers In	\$ 0

Dated this 14th day of April, 2026.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
Ronald Tippett
Bruce Volz
ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Bruce Volz had a recent historic preservation meeting, and they were going to be reserving hotel rooms, without a county credit card. Auditor Rippel advised that since they are not county employees, they wouldn't have access to county credit cards, they could get pre-approval from hotel to direct invoice the county. Volz also mentioned the safety inspection is to happen this week also.

Supervisor Seeman had conservation meeting and mentioned that numerous volunteers are helping with the flower planting and the 350 trees in Atkins by the roundhouse.

The Board will be having another meeting on Thursday morning, time to be determined.

Seeman moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 9:42 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
ATTEST: Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

April 16, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippett present. Chairman Seeman called the meeting to order at 10:30

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.bentoncountya.gov

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

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the minutes for April 14, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-26, Amending Resolution #22-25, Changing wording in the donated leave section 4.4 of the Benton County Handbook and go into effect April 18, 2026. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-27, Adopting a Return to Work Policy effective April 18, 2026 and also adding the verbiage to explain employee health insurance responsibility where applicable. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Benton County Attorney Ray Lough, along with assistant attorney Derek Marsh wanted to address the Board regarding previous discussion regarding the Alliant Energy's proposed gas power plant project located just outside of the county's jurisdiction in Linn County. Lough provided an overview of that regulatory process, explaining that the authority lies with the Iowa Utilities Commission, not the county. The County has limited legal avenues to pursue. The law in regards to projects as such have to show the convenience and necessity of public standards. As a result, it was emphasized that meaningful influence or any formal challenges or opposition must be directed through that platform and those individuals can raise concerns or disputes through the Utilities Commission proceedings.

Board members and attendees also expressed concerns regarding the shared roads and infrastructure, particularly the potential impact due to increased construction traffic. Currently there is a 28E agreement in place regarding the Benton/Linn Road and how it reads now the county is responsible for the area lying south of HWY 30 and Linn County handles the north side. Other concerns in addition to the road maintenance included EMS responsibility, watershed, safety and the financial burden these responsibilities can cause. Everyone can agree they don't want it, but limited what they can do to intervene. As far as what is next? At this point, no applications or permits have been applied for, therefore we have to wait. In the meantime, Alliant doesn't have to give out any information or study results until that application process happens, and if so there is a 20-day window to try and intervene. It was pointed out that private landowners and City of Atkins have stronger reasons to challenge the application and are encouraged to do so.

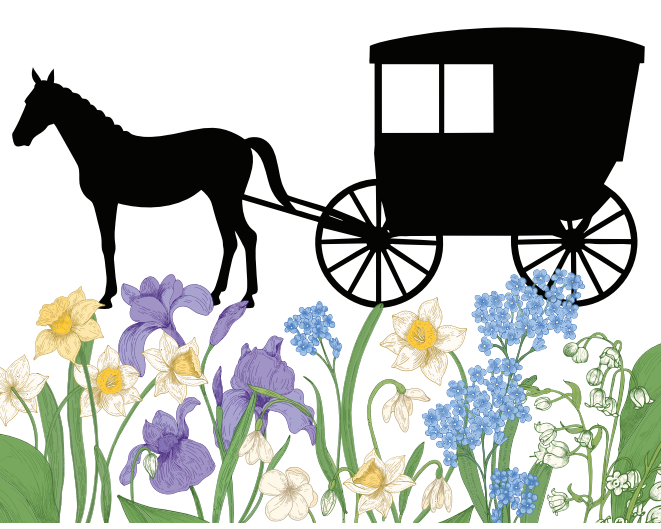
Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:46 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman
ATTEST: Hayley Rippel Benton County Auditor

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