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NOTICE

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Benton Development Group: Oversees and guides economic development in Benton County. (fivemembers)

Board of Adjustment: Fivemember board to review county zoning ordinance and hear requests for variances or special exceptions to the ordinance. (one-member term expiring)

Compensation Board for the Condemnation of Private Property(Eminent Domain): 28-member commission representing realtors, farmers, bankers, auctioneers and city property owners to be available to the chief judge of the judicial district to assess damages to property taken by eminent

Conservation Board: Fivemember board to provide guidance and oversee the operations of county parks and related activities. (onemember term expiring)

Airport Zoning Commission: Reviews and enforces airport zoning ordinances and makes recommendations for any proposed changes. (one-member term expiring)
Pioneer Cemetery Comm

Provides management of Pioneer Cemeteries in Benton County (three members term expiring) Benefited Fire District Board: A three-member board that provides

management for the benefited fire district. (Van Horne, Keystone, Newhall-one-member term expiring each)

Historic Preservation Commis-

sion: Recognizes, enhances, and protects sites and districts of historical and cultural significance in Benton County. (two-members term expiring)

Integrated Vegetation Roadside Management: Oversees programs to promote management of roadsides in Benton County through vegetation. (two-members term expiring)

Board of Health: Five-member board to provide guidance and oversee operations of county Public Health department. (three-members term expiring)

term expiring)
Solid Waste Commission: Consists of Seven-members appointed by the county and a representative from each city to oversee the landfill operations (seven-members terms expiring)

East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) various

Board of Directors: The county needs one representative who is not a city or county elected official to join other elected representatives from the Region. (one-member term expiring)

TTAC: Consists of three representatives from each county region with transportation knowledge to

provide recommendations on transportation planning and programming issues. (one-member term expiring)

RTAC: Consists of 2 representatives from each county in Region 10 area to provide recommendations regarding trails planning and programming issues for the 7-county region. (two-member term expiring) PTAC: Consists of two rep-

PTAC: Consists of two representatives from each county in Region 10 area to provide recommendations for transit planning and programming issues. It is recommended that the applicants include someone representing local transit operation and one representing human services. (one-member term expiring)

RLF: Consists of nine-represen-

RLF: Consists of nine-representatives who provide knowledge or expertise to provide recommendations to the ECICOG Board of Directors regarding loans and financial assistance located within the ECICOG Region. (one-member term expiring)

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provision of services.

December 2, 2025

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Tippett 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/Tippett seconded:

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

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the minutes from Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz second: To approve the following claims numbered 255805 through 255812 to the following entities will be paid out of the EMS Trust Fund:

the EMS Trust Fund:
North Benton Ambulance-DRSE
LLC-\$1,600.00, The EMS Training
School-\$4.125.00. Master Medical
Equipment-\$2,882.34, Powerdms.
Inc.-\$2.991.59 and Imagetrend,
LLC-\$2,146.69, Keystone First Responders-\$13,283.97 for medical
supplies, Walford First Responders-\$764.03 for EMS education
training and Belle Plaine Area Ambulance-\$3,335.74 for medical supplies. Tippett, Seeman and Volz
voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #25-99, Approving Local Option Sales and Service Tax (LOSST) Gift to Van Horne Fire Department in the amount of \$3,582.83. Tippett, Seeman and

Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Courtney Long presented her Veteran's Affairs (VA) and General Assistance (GA) FY 27 Budget Requests. Her salary is still split between the two departments as 75% VA and 15% GA. Long put in for a 3% Cost of Living increase and everything else stayed the same. No action taken.

Committee Reports: Supervisor Volz has a Heartland Insurance meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2025 and Supervisor Seeman reported on his upcoming ECICOG meeting.

The time of 9:15 a.m. having ar rived, and this being the time and date set for a land use hearing for Matt and Michelle Friedman in part of the Parcel A in the NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 17-82-12, Matt and Michelle Friedman were present. Matt Even presented the technical information with the Benton County Agricultural Land Use Preservation Ordinance. Friedman's would like to change the use of two acres to allow for a single dwelling, by converting existing building to use as a house. This site has a CSR of 50. A new driveway has already been approved and put in. This site will require a new septic system which will be permitted by the department. They may either join Poweshiek Water Association that services the area or put in their own private water well that would also be permitted by the Depart-ment. Six notices were sent out and published in the official newsrs with one comment in favor of welcoming the new neighbors from

the Blanchard's nearby. Hearing no other further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded:
To approve the land use change
Matt and Michelle Friedman in part
of the Parcel A in the NW ¼ NE ¼
Section 17-82-12. Tippett, Seeman
and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.
Sarah Berndt, District 6 Leader

Sarah Berndt, District 6 Leader for Behavioral Health Services and Nicole Waters District 7 Leader along with Jane Larkin from Health and Human Services (HHS). They provided an overview and processes with all the changes resulting from the mental health region changes and shared a power point and contact information. When everyone can work together we will be stronger resources to assist those in need.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To enter Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)c: To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried at 10:15 a.m.

Volz moved/Seeman seconded: To exit closed session at 11:03 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:04 a.m. Volz, Seeman and Tippett voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

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- 4. Tire term
- 7. Two-year-old sheep
- 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 11. Anti-Soviet Cold War group
- 12. Actress de Armas
- 13. Not moving
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Plants of the arum family
- 19. Connected with touch
- 21. Pen stain
- 23. Monetary units
- 24. School kids' art project
- 25. Early Bell Canada executive
- 26. Sword
- 27. Hates
- 30. Fixed in one place
- 34. Pie _ __ mode 35. Moved swiftly on foot
- 36. Carrier on vehicle
- 41. A path to get through 45. "Rule, Britannia" com-
- poser

- 46. Spiritual leader
 47. Flowing
 50. Respectful compliments
- 54. Cure
- 55. Soft, lightweight fabric 56. Building material
- 57. Japanese delicacy 59. A way to cause to be
- swollen 60. One and only
- 61. You might get one in summer
- 62. Wreath
- 63. Thus far
- 64. They
- 65. Employee reference number

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Policemen (French)
- 2. Toy dog

- 3. Intestinal condition
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Helps little firms 6. Alphabetical lists

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- 7. Takes down
- 8. Facilitates
- 9. Ethnic people of Ethiopia
- 13. Engine additive
- 14. Explorers group
- 17. Written account
- 18. Consumed
- 20. Opposite of first

- 28. NY Giants great

 - 29. Small amount
- 31. A way to save for your future
- 32. Fall behind
- east and east
- 37. Head pain

- 40. Boat race

- 27. Government lawyers

- 33. Midway between north-
- 38. Wildly popular sport
- 39. "Princess Diaries" actress
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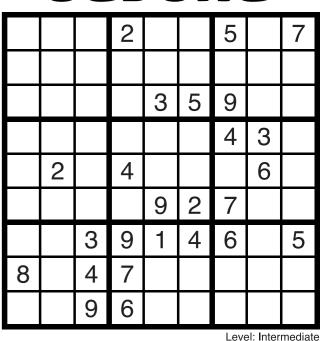
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GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

A gift would be a wonderful surprise for a loved one or friend this week, Gemini. Perhaps there is something that this person has had an eye on for some time now?

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

A group activity may bring new information and people into your life, Cancer. You might meet people from different backgrounds. Keep your eyes and ears open.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be interested in expanding your horizons. You could think about attending a lecture or seeing a documentary on a particular subject. The education will enlighten.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a long-awaited phone call or text from a person who has been out of touch for some time could come through this week. This may reopen the lines of communication between you both.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if finances have been on your mind, now is a good time to read the financial pages or study the stock reports. You also may want to sit down with a financial planner.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, keep communication with business partners warm, open and honest. This will help you see your ideas come to fruition. It's always easier to catch flies with honey than vinegar.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your tasks should go smoothly and quickly this week, particularly any paperwork you may have. Others are willing to help out if you need it.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, newfound communication heightens the relationship you have with a romantic partner this week. Feelings and memories are shared willingly, and you may learn something new.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

A number of interesting visitors may come to your home this week, Aquarius. At least one may present some fascinating facts on a subject that is new to you. Enjoy the interaction.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, expect some interesting new neighbors to move in shortly. A friend will likely introduce you to these people, and a relationship could bloom.

GUESS WHO

I am an actress born in New York on December 19, 1972. I began acting at age 8 after landing a role on a national tour of "Annie." I rose to fame as a teen on a television show about a male housekeeper. I later starred alongside two other "sisters" on a magical show.

Answer: Alyssa Milano

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