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Every month I sit down and put pen to paper to convey to you the importance of shopping locally. Over the holidays I came across a Facebook post that showed perfectly, and creatively, exactly how to support Vinton. This Christmas, a Vinton family chose to step off the fast-paced holiday treadmill and celebrate in a way that felt more meaningful. Instead of racing from store to store or filling their home with more things, they focused on creating experiences rooted right here in Vinton. They traded crowded aisles for simple moments—handmade traditions, shared laughter, and time spent together close to home.

For the Kearns family, this past holiday season became a collection of memories rather than purchases. They attended local events, visited familiar places, and poured their heart into the community. By choosing community over convenience, the family rediscovered Christmas. They found that the joy of the season wasn't found in excess, but in presence.

Sometimes the best way to learn something is by example. So with that in mind, and with permission from the Kearns family, I want to share their Facebook post with you. "This Christmas, I wanted to be really intentional — not just about gifts, but about



where our money goes and why."

"Instead of a lot more stuff, I gave my boys a "Kearns Family Local Adventure", a full day of experiences right here in our hometown. A little "passport" where they had to spend their money at certain places here in Vinton doing different things. Plus \$60 to budget their day."

"We talked about what spending local actually means — the families it supports, the jobs it keeps here, and how small towns only work when we show up for them. We talked about budgeting (turns out it's much harder when it's THEIR money), choices, and what matters."

"Our day looked like this: lunch at Tequilero; basketball at Vinton Parks & Recreation Department; Zootopia 2 at the Vinton Palace Theatre; dessert at Vinton Family Restaurant; and bowling together at Berry's Lanes."

"Experiences over things. Community over convenience. I hope this one will stick with them for a long time. —Vanessa Kearns"

Thank you to all the Kearns family for teaching us how to put into action "experience over things and community over convenience".
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Spelling Scramble

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 26, 2026

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in a joint session with the Benton County Emergency Management Commission. Supervisors Seeman, Volz and Tippett present. The meeting was held at the Benton County Emergency Operations Center and called to order at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was a joint session to discuss the needs to amend the FY26 Emergency Management's Budget due to different areas for added spending authority relating to the Duane Arnold Energy Plant opening back up. This will all be reimbursable funds including the hiring of Scott Hansen, part-time assistance to Dean Vrba, Director, who got a salary increase as well. Hansen will be a great asset for not only Benton County but for the Duane Arnold Plant with his past years' experience.

Overall the EMA FY27 budget asking for the county's portion is \$90,706.00 which is a reduction from \$136,287 in FY 26. This is the amount that is reflected on county tax statements.

Discussion was had on the county's hazard mitigation plan that will be taking place for the required update along with the finalized E911 tower project.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Tippett, Volz and Seeman voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

January 27, 2026

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/bentoncountyiowa>. Full Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountyiowa.gov

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

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the January 20, 2026 minutes. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve the following claims numbered 256274 through 256401, 1/29/2026 payroll checks numbered 143994 through 14397, ACH Deposits 64108 through 64261, vendor checks 256402 through 256408. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Larry Andreesen, Benton County Assessor presented some quotes obtained for Pictometry imagery flights. There are a few different options in related to contracted year's and the flight resolutions etc. Pictometry has allowed the county to pay the amount broken out over Fiscal Years by how many years we locked into the contract. In year's past the cost has been split multiple ways between the Assessor/E911/Engineer and GIS Budgets. Auditor Rippel reported this has been paid for with Local Option Sales and Services Tax(LOSST) by classifying it as our required tax relief. This imagery is used for multiple uses in the county such as real estate purposes in the Assessor, septic information for the Land Use, E-911 dispatch and many other reasons. The Board agreed this is a good use and would look further into it. Andreesen pointed out that he prefers the imagery to be flown with leaf off for clearer views. The board didn't take action but would at a future meeting.

Myron Parizek, Benton County Engineer discussed a proposed road improvement project along a half-mile stretch on 30th Avenue with the City of Urbana. One side belongs to the city and the other belongs to the county. The city engineer estimated the cost of the project to be \$363,000 for asphalt. It currently is seal-coated. This was tabled and no action at this time, but to be discussed in a few weeks.

The Engineer also presented his FY27 Budget Request. There will also be a future presentation for the Department of Transportation (DOT) five year plan but the county budget reflects that as well. The Engineer proposed budget has stayed the same as last fiscal year.

Kelly Henkle, representing the County Library Association came to present an update and tell stories about how the funds have helped out the local libraries. They are grateful for the funding received from Benton County and the Local Option Sales and Services Taxes (LOSST) and asked that they receive the same for FY27. The one fun thing they are all doing jointly is a passport program for kids, and it has helped strengthen all of them as one organization.

Hayley Rippel, County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections presented the FY 27 proposed Auditor and Elections Budget. Rippel explained the upcoming primary/general election and how the primary falls in current FY but will need a little carryover for those invoices occurred in FY 27 but won't get paid until FY 27. There is also a need to always have spending authority in the special city/school elections budget departments in the county as well. Her overall Auditor Budget is less than last FY.

Rippel also wanted to bring up storage issues. With Rick Wood, Maintenance director present, Rippel presented a quote obtained from Kurts Enterprises. In years past they moved files from above the Benton County Title Company after the nearby fire and the county pays \$50 a month to Kurt's Enterprises for the old FS office space. In addition to that, we pay rent at the old Lincoln School from records moved due to flooding. Most of these files are Clerk of Court related. There are records in the Auditor's basement and Clerk's office, and with the combined effort along with Kurt's Enterprises, we would like to put all these documents in one location and try and organize them in the process. Kurts quote was not to exceed \$2,000.

Maintenance Director Rick Wood presented the grounds and maintenance budget. Wood also shared a quote for a new John Deere mower that can use the 2012's accessories. The quote was \$18,249.00 with the trade in for the old at \$5,300. Part of the maintenance's budget is for repairs and physical needs to the county owned buildings along with utilities, elevator and other items such as foundation work that is a concern that will need address. Auditor Rippel mentioned the funds currently in the capital project fund for restricted items that could be utilized as well.

Ray Lough, County Attorney presented his budget which also includes the collections department. Lough pointed out that there were not that many changes in his budget, although he did advocate to give his collections department staff a raise to be more in line with other county employees. Also adding that he would like to change his assistant attorney Derek Marsh to a deputy paid position with an increase. The collections office is currently helping get restitution from five counties.

Ben Turnis presented the IT/GIS Budget. Most of the budget stays the same. The Board did ask questions and discussed the sheriff's department project and how all that takes place. This discussion led to talking about the radio system and Duane Arnold Energy Center opening back up and what that can potentially effect.

Derek Marsh presented the board with the collective bargaining contract negotiations.

Auditor Rippel asked for clarification to last week's agenda item to act on the Health, Dental and Vision Rates. A few weeks ago Ryan Berven with Assured Partners presented the renewals and suggested that we move from Plan 17 to Plan 2. We currently split the Dental and Vision 50/50 with the employees and the County also pays the premium for a \$25,000 life insurance policy on all full-time employees. In order to get these renewal forms filled out and back to Assured Partners, we need to specify rates in our minutes. She

cautioned an increase to the employee's share the same year as a budget freeze could make their overall take home pay less than it currently is. The Board did not have any intention to do so. Supervisor Volz pointing out the good of a rate that Benton County employees do pay for great insurance coverage and they are very fortunate we can participate in a pool and also have a great Wellness Program that also saved the county 4% this year.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To switch the Health Plan from Plan 17 to Plan 2, leave all else the same with Assured Partners and to set the following rates:

Single Health Insurance Plan: Employee pays- \$99.44/month, county-\$842.97

Family Health plan: employee -\$389.55/month, county share- \$1715.45 (Keeping the costs of Dental and Vision split 50/50)

Single Dental Plan: employee- \$11.75/month, county-\$11.75

Family Dental Plan: employee-\$28.00/month, county-\$28.00

Single Vision Plan: employee-\$1.54/month, county-\$1.55

Family Vision Plan employee-\$3.94/month, county-\$3.95

To also continue paying on \$25,000 life insurance policies for all full-time county employees. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To approve Resolution #26-6, Authorizing wage increase and duty classification for Alyce Lynch with a salary of \$50,000 a year effective February 16, 2026. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve Resolution #26-7, Finalizing the MidAmerican Energy Company Natural Gas Pipeline Project Inspection ICCR618 with the final amount of \$167,270.39 which has been fully reimbursed to the county. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Tippett seconded: To appoint Jon Kaestner, Nancy Jensen, Terry Hertle, Mike Seeck, Coretta Cronbaugh and Amy Boddicker to the Solid Waste Commission. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippett seconded: To approve the General Assistance Quarterly Report ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Volz moved/Tippet seconded: To approve the Veteran's Affairs Quarterly Budget ending December 31, 2025. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Supervisor Volz participated in the OSHA Training online that was put on by Heartland Insurance. He also attended the Heartland Insurance Meeting which led to discussion about the workman's compensation claims. Supervisor Tippett had a DECAT meeting where they discussed re-organization. He also attended the HACAP meeting and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention. The detention center is working on new by-laws and will allow non-member county's to ask to join in the revised 28E agreement.

Auditor Rippel went over other budgeting items that still need addressed or are currently scheduled for upcoming meetings. Rippel felt like they were doing good, staying ahead of the game and keeping to her timeline she provided earlier in the process. The Supervisors Budget was also discussed at this time, and she would need to know if they want to continue to budget for the yearly wellness, required trainings and employee recognition. The Board agreed to continue and also mentioned to have scheduled department head meetings and thought March would be great for another budget work session.

Tippett moved/Volz seconded: To adjourn meeting at 11:41 a.m. Tippett, Seeman and Volz voting aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor

Vendor Publication Report

Benton County, IA Payment Date Range: 01/14/2026 - 01/27/2026

Vendor Name	Vendor Number	Payable Description	Total Payments
A TECH INC	02051	Cons Security Mnts	75.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS	48815	IT Copier Maint	3,247.24
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCAR	51112	Sheriff Inmate Acute Care	15,970.08
ALLIANT ENERGY	10530	SR utilities	640.48
ALTORFER INC	02600	SR parts/labor/supplies	4,311.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	49660	Sheriff Equipment	667.77
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	12940	Aflac	3,991.63
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY	40110	Sheriff Jail Provisions	299.05
ANTON SALES	02620	SR safety supplies	238.77
AREA SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL INC	00152	Opioid Fund Services	2,170.75
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	49179	Weed Vehicle Maint	26.08
AUSTIN WILLE	51674	Wille Reimb Vehicle Maint	12.32
AUXIANT 50850		PSF Admin Fees	1,268.50
B W MEEKER D.O.	16770	ME Fees	500.00
BAM TRANSPORT, LLC	51621	SR repair tire	10.00
BENTON CO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CO	48505	FY26 3rd Quarter Allocation	56,745.00
BENTON COUNTY CO-INS	47410	Health-ER Benefit-Non Union	193,334.13
BENTON COUNTY-FLEX	36740	Flex-Medical	3,842.89
BENTON COUNTY-UNEMPLOYMENT	51681	SUTA-1-1-26	2,132.59
BERNARD FOOD INDUSTRIES, INC.	49985	Sheriff Jail Provisions	476.64
C4 OPERATIONS LLC	51287	HR Background Check	23.00
CARQUEST OF MARENGO	01527	Cons Vehicle Parts	38.40
CEDAR RIVER INK	02850	Cons Newsletter/Postage	250.75
CENTRAL IA DISTRIBUTING	42990	Sheriff Jail Provisions	233.00
CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION	48083	Juvenile Detention Services	28,924.45
CENTURYLINK	02104	DHS Phones	635.83
CINTAS CORPORATIONS NO. 2	49038	SR first aid supplies	119.37
CITY OF VINTON	00390	SR utilities	4,553.79
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	02460	SR shop supplies	205.00
COUNTRY FOODS	07610	GBRS recycling	50.00
CUSTOM HOSE & SUPPLIES	03030	SR parts	55.21
DASCOA, INC.	51048	Sheriff Oven Maint	171.60
DAVID EILANDER	51187	ME Fee	1,000.00
DENNIS EDEN	48398	Eden Fuel Reimb	40.50
E CENTRAL IA RURAL ELECT	01620	Cons Electrical Supplies	8,971.46
EDWARDS PLBG & HTG	11880	SR hvac repair	292.00
ERVIN MOTOR CO	02270	Cons Vehicle Maint	91.95
FARMERS SVGS BANK & TRUST	07330	SS	85,536.53
FRAZIER NURSERY	00682	Cons Tree Canopy	83,754.73
GATR OF CEDAR RAPIDS	49497	SR parts	31.14
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS	00760	Board Legal Notice	634.85
GIGFIRE LLC	51132	Con Phones	190.00
GRAINGER	30400	SR building	337.80
GRIEDER OIL CO INC	04690	SR diesel	4,590.40
GRIEDER STANDARD	32920	Transportation Fuel	1,279.83

GRIFFITH COLLISION CENTER	51190	Sheriff Vehicle Repair	222.00
HEARTLAND SHREDDING INC	01932	Treasurer Shredding	109.96
HENDRYX ELECTRIC	05430	Cons Building Maint	150.00
HENRY M ADKINS & SON INC	26060	Election Equip Maint	7,750.00
IA PUBLIC EMP RET SYSTEM	07351	lpers-Regular (01)	65,615.64
IA ST ASSOC OF COUNTIES	01040	SR conference registration fee	880.00

IA ST SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION	04510	Cronk Training Registration	575.00
IACME	15240	Meeker Membership Dues	100.00
ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO	02106	SR culvert	3,744.00
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	00230	Stainbrook Training	350.00

IOWA'S COUNTY CONSERVATION SYSTEM	49819	Williams Membership Dues	100.00
ISAA	06900	Neve Membership Dues	1,000.00
ISAC GROUP HEALTH PROGRAM	47420	Employee Insurance Premiums	176,384.53

ISAC/ACCIDENT INS	00470	ACC INS	7.22
ISCIA	34960	Deaton Registration	175.00
I-VINTON	50730	Courthouse Internet Services	

51687		Sheriff Compliance Check	230.00
JEFF BAHR	50897	SR safety boots	125.99
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	02069	Weed Parts	46.26
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF	08820	Sheriff Investigation Expense	

188.82			
JOYCE BANE	51214	Bane Mileage Reimb	54.37
KIECK'S CAREER APPAREL	01490	Wille & Grubic Equipment	3,327.84
KINZENBAW EARTHMOVING INC	01383	Sanitarian Well Closure	700.00
KLUESNER SANITATION, LLC	51319	Courthouse/Sheriff/Service Center Garbage	438.00

KOOP'S AUTOMOTIVE SALES & SERVICE	02089	Cons Tractor	34,021.50
KROMMINGA MOTORS	29120	SR chain	415.70
KS STATEBANK	51543	Sheriff Video System	93,897.67
KURT'S ENTERPRISES	31180	GBRS recycling	5,641.50
LA GRANGE PHARMACY INC	02010	Sheriff Inmate Acute Care	1,216.36
LEXA SPEIDEL	42790	Speidel Office Supply Reimb	

126.00			
LINN CO SHERIFF	01740	Co Atty Service of Notice	139.15
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	37250	SR gas	16,027.41
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	50041	Life Insurance Supplement	343.18

MAIL SERVICES LLC	01001	Treasurer Postage	1,350.51
MARENGO FARM & HOME	09040	Cons Equip	96.31
MARK ERICKSON	51354	Erickson Mileage Reimb	92.80
MARTIN EQUIPMENT	32020	SR parts	3,167.20
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	01324	SR oxygen tanks	89.78
MATTHEW EVEN	50848	Even Travel Reimb	13.00
MCDOWELLS	00910	Sheriff Maint	6.29
MENARDS-CEDAR RAPIDS SO.	21520	SR electric supplies/sprayers	

139.68			
MH EQUIPMENT COMPANY	01382	SR parts	45.13
MID COUNTRY MACHINERY INC	01599	SR parts	48.40
MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT, LLC	51698	SR building maintenance	8,021.49
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	04960	SR parts	600.79

MMS CONSULTANTS, INC.	51368	Cons Engineering Services	
3,411.75			
NEW CENTURY FS INC	09870	Sheriff Fuel	6,567.59
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL	23360	NM Life	25.00

OFFICE EXPRESS/LASER TECH USA INC	02234	Sheriff Custodial Supplies	485.58
OLLINGER GARAGE DOORS INC.	49325	Cons Building Maint	150.00
P.A.M.S. INC	01301	Assessor Storage	336.00
PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP INC	51696	Sheriff Jail Provisions	2,197.17
PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME	24120	Relief Funeral Assistance	1,255.00
PURCHASE POWER	01011	Treasurer Postage	3,403.49

RED WING BRANDS OF AMERICA INC	51684	SR safety boot/kearns	150.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES OF IOWA	48791	GBRS recycling	1,925.51
REXCO EQUIPMENT INC	49483	Cons Equip Maint	143.74
RUSO OUTDOOR POWER PLUS	51613	SR chain sharpening	250.00
RYAN LINDAMAN CO. LLC	51269	SR tires	919.76
SECONDARY ROAD DEPT	01290	Cons Grounds Maint	820.00
SHRED-IT USA LLC	01132	DHS Shredding	110.25

STOREY KENWORTH/MATT PARROT/O	00060	Treasurer Office Supplies	106.89
TEAM SERVICES INC	35380	SR concrete testing	1,086.00
TERMINIX-PRESTO-X	31440	Sheriff Pest Control	88.51
THE SLED SHED	51691	Cons Supplies	3.59
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST PUBLISHING	01910	Law Library Update	978.50

THYS MOTOR COMPANY	02158	Sheriff New Vehicle	36,800.00
TITAN MACHINERY	01626	Cons Fuel	29.20
TITAN MACHINERY	48432	SR parts	562.56
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESALE	25620	Sheriff Custodial Supplies	667.97
TREASURER ST OF IA	07360	SWT	10,613.80
TRINITY LOGISTICS, INC.	51503	Weed Spray Truck	3,900.00

TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES EAST LLC	50838	SR parts	776.35
TRUGREEN	48841	Courthouse/ Service Center Lawn Care	1,357.03
UNITED STATES CELLULAR	29020	DHS Phones	922.71
US FOODS INC	02066	Sheriff Jail Provisions	2,237.44
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY	01815	Cons Chemical	9,450.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	48350	Cons Phones	207.55

VERSATERM PUBLIC SAFETY US, INC.	51415	Cons Camera Subscription	636.54
VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	51336	SR mats/rags/mops	379.32
VICTOR OIL COMPANY	49617	SR diesel	198.65
VINTON AUTO PARTS INC	11940	SR parts	20.70
VINTON EXPRESS	51520	Cons Animal Care	31.92
VINTON NEWSPAPERS	01833	EMA Legal Notice	50.31
VINTON POSTMASTER	00650	Election Permit	1,141.00
VINTON TROPHY & AWARDS	41960	Employee Appreciation	63.63
VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL	00700	SR drug screening/physical	100.00
VISA	36430	Co Atty Software	2,566.15
WEX BANK	00983	Sheriff Fuel	390.3

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Position: Deputy Sheriff / Reserve Deputy
Location: Benton County Sheriff's Office
- Vinton, Iowa

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is committed to high standards of professionalism, service, and community partnership. We are currently accepting applications for full-time Deputy Sheriff and Reserve Deputy positions from motivated individuals committed to public service.

Key Responsibilities:

- Patrol assigned areas and respond to calls for service to ensure public safety.
- Conduct traffic stops, issue citations, and investigate traffic crashes.
- Investigate criminal and civil incidents, gather evidence, and prepare cases for prosecution.
- Complete accurate, objective reports and documentation in a timely manner.
- Testify in court regarding investigations as required.
- Communicate clearly and professionally under pressure while exercising sound judgment.
- Build positive relationships with community members through engagement and outreach.
- Work collaboratively with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Provide a visible and reassuring presence to promote safety and public trust.

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- High school diploma or equivalent required; college education preferred.
- Valid driver's license with a satisfactory driving record.
- Effective communication, decision-making, and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to meet the physical and mental demands of the position.
- Commitment to integrity, professionalism, and public service.

Reserve Deputy applicants must meet applicable training and certification requirements and be willing to serve in a part-time capacity as needed.

Compensation & Benefits:

- Full-Time Deputy Sheriff: \$31.64 - \$37.59 per hour (\$65,811.20 - \$78,187.20 annually), based on experience and qualifications. Benefits apply to full-time deputies only.
- Reserve Deputy: \$29.17 per hour (part-time; benefits not included).
- Lateral transfers encouraged. Iowa ILEA-certified applicants may receive up to seven (7) years of credit toward pay and vacation accrual.
- ILEA-certified applicants are not required to complete physical agility or written POST testing for consideration.

Why Join the Benton County Sheriff's Office?

- Immediate opportunity to serve your community — working the road, not the jail, from day one.
- Competitive pay and comprehensive benefits for full-time deputies.
- Ongoing training and professional development.
- Supportive, collaborative work environment under progressive leadership.
- Opportunities for advancement, including Patrol Sergeant, Detective, School Resource Officer, and Special Response Team.
- Take-home patrol vehicle for full-time deputies.

How to Apply:

Complete your application and submit all required documents online at: Benton County Sheriff Deputy Application

Posting opens: February 3rd, 2026 Application deadline: March 6, 2026

Veterans' preference will be applied in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 35C.

Step up. Stand out. Join the Benton County Sheriff's Office and be a force for positive change!

Benton County is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

If you have questions regarding the application or hiring process, please contact Chief Deputy Josh Karsten at 319-472-2337, or e-mail: j.karsten@bentonsheriff.com.

CITY OF VINTON STREET DEPARTMENT

Applications will be accepted until February 27th, 2026 for a position of Equipment Operator in the Street Department. Duties include, but not limited to, construction and maintenance of streets and storm water facilities. Qualifications: Class B CDL license with air brakes. Pesticide Applicators License Category 7D, or able to achieve them within one year of hire. Experience in public works construction and maintenance, high school graduation or equivalent. Full time with benefits. Pay starts at \$25.98 - \$28.26 DOQ with advancement opportunities.

Drug testing is required with CDL license.

Applications and job description at City Hall, 110 W 3rd Street.

Call Street Superintendent Scott Meyer at 319-472-2768

or City Hall at 319-472-4707 for more information.

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HOSPITAL:

- LPN/RN 12N, Med-Surg/ER requires 1 weekend every 12 weeks.
- LPN 12D requires 1 weekend every 12 weeks.
- RN/LPN PRN as needed.
- CNA, PT and FT, evenings/nights and every other weekend.
- PT/PRN Van Driver to transport patients to and from appointments

Daytime Position, primarily M-F with flexible hours, approx. 8-15 hr/week.

Candidates must hold a Class D license, or be able to attain one as part of the hiring process.

NURSING AND REHAB:

- CNA, FT, 1st and 2nd shift, full and part time shifts available with rotating holidays, no weekends.
- CNA, FT, 3rd shift Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 6p-6:30a

CLINIC:

RN/LPN/CMA, M-F 8 to 5 with rotating Sat., 8 to noon.

Please apply online at myvgh.org as instructed or send resume to:

Brooke Salger, Human Resources Director

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