

BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
COUNTY MAYOR
BRETT LASHLEE

March 16, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Benton County Courthouse at 6:00 P.M.

LEGEND

RCV = Roll Call Vote

VV = Voice Vote

AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy
4. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Citizens Forum
7. Commissioners Forum



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8. County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor, Invited Guest Speaker Forum, or Proclamations

– **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT, CHAIRMAN PAUL SUMMERS**

9. Approval of Minutes (VV)

10. Report of Public Utilities (VV)

11. Resolution appointing a EMA Deputy Director for a 4 year term set to expire March 1, 2024

(20200316-01) (RCV)

12. Resolution appointing Rachelle Hill to the NWTAAAD Advisory Board to represent Benton

County (20200316-02) (VV)

13. Resolution to appoint Sherri Hill and Ken Tapley to the Audit Committee for a four year

term set to expire on March 1, 2024 (20200316-03) (VV)

14. Resolution to appoint Brad Ferrier to the Solid Waste Board for three year term set to

expire on March 1, 2023 (20200316-04) (VV)

15. Resolution to appoint Leslie Ferrier and Tracy Chapman to the animal shelter board for a

four year term set to expire on March 1, 2024 (20200316-05) (VV)

16. Resolution to rescind Resolution No. 20191021-17 that was approved by the full legislative

body in October 2019 (20200316-06) (RCV)

17. Resolution for Benton County to levy an additional privilege tax on litigation in all civil and

criminal cases in the amount not to exceed \$50 per case, to be used for jail construction and maintenance, or courthouse construction and maintenance, or to retire debt, including



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principal and interest and related expenses, on such jail and courthouse construction and maintenance projects. (20200316-07) (RCV)

18. Resolution to urge the general assembly to amend the provisions of the private act authorizing Benton County to audit pulpwood severance tax collections (20200316-08) (RCV)
19. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$3,329.71 received from insurance recovery within the sheriff's department budget (2020316-09) (VV)
20. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$2,565.58 received from towing service refunds and the governor highway safety grant within the sheriff's department budget (20200316-10) (VV)
21. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$5,077.15 received from revenues collected throughout the months of January and February within the animal shelter budget (20200316-11) (VV)
22. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$52,930.00 within the sheriff's department payroll line items (20200316-12) (VV)
23. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$5,550 from the unassigned fund balance within the county general fund in order to pay the county medical examiner for the cremation permits throughout the entire year of 2019 (20200316-13) (RCV)



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24. Resolution appropriating the funds in the amount of \$5,177 in order to pay The Barrett Group for their fee on the hotel/motel tax collections and revenue analysis (20200316-14)
(RCV)
25. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$20,500 from the unassigned fund balance within the county general fund in order to cover the remainder of this fiscal years communication expenses (20200316-15) **(RCV)**
26. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the unassigned fund balance within the Drug Control Fund 122 in order to cover the trustee commission line item for the remainder of this fiscal year (20200316-16) **(RCV)**
27. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$3,000 from the unassigned fund balance within Fund 171 – Capital Projects in order to cover the trustees commission line item for the remainder of this fiscal year (20200316-17) **(RCV)**
28. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$120,000 from the unassigned fund balance of the county general fund in order to cover the trustees commission line item for the remainder of this fiscal year (20200316-18) **(RCV)**
29. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,510 from the court room security reserve account in order to install 6 new panic buttons throughout the courthouse
(20200316-19) **(RCV)**



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- 30. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$356,100 from the unassigned fund balance within the highway department fund in order to move forward with the property purchase and renovations for the new highway department building (20200316-20) **(RCV)**
 - 31. Appointing Notaries **(VV)**
 - 32. Any Other Business
 - 33. Adjourn



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RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RONNIE HOPPER, KENNETH MILLER,

WARD PLANT AND MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Benton County Emergency Management Agency has Director Richard Kee and he has served with honor and great merit. Mr. Kee is in the sole position of leadership and has no personnel to continue the effectiveness and consistency of the office in the case of incapacitation (retire), termination or absence; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an emergency, the executive branch of government has sole power to replace the director, an absence for any reason can cause unforeseen effects, and negative impact to the community if no continuity of operation is possible due to the absence of a director. The appointment of a Deputy Director shall not circumvent a direct hire to Director for any reason and a Deputy appointment shall only be to assist in the effective operation of the department; and

WHEREAS, Scott Hill Has many years of service in Fire, Police and EMS, and has the qualifications to act as the Deputy Director and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a Deputy Director of the Emergency Management Agency, that is appointed to the role on a 4 Year term by the legislative body with the recommendation of the Mayor to ensure the continuity of government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16TH Day of March 2020 that the county government appoint Scott Hill as the Deputy Director of the Emergency Management Agency with the recommendation from the Mayor to and 4 year term expiring in 2028. Mr. Hill will have the same authority as the Director when the need arises to provide a continuity with the agency. Furthermore, the legislative body can remove the Deputy Director from position with 2/3 vote of commissioners.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-02

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Committee on Aging member Rachelle Hill has been a very active member and helpful to the Benton County Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the county mayor to add Rachelle Hill to the (NWTAAAD Advisory Board) to represent Benton County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March 2020 that Commissioner Rachelle Hill be added to the NWTAAAD Advisory Board to represent Benton County.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-03

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, there are two recent vacancies on the Benton County Audit Committee due to the resignation of Mr. Don Myers and the term expiration of Ms. Bonnie Evans; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Benton County Mayor and Chairman Ward Plant to appoint both Sherri Hill and Ken Tapley to the Audit Committee to each serve a four year term set to expire on March 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that both Sherri Hill and Ken Tapley be appointed to the Benton County Audit Committee and each serve a four year term set to expire on March 1, 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-04

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, there will soon be a recent vacancy on the Benton County Solid Waste Board due to the term expiration of Cindy Wheatley; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the Benton County Mayor and Chairman Ward Plant to appoint Brad Ferrier to the Solid Waste Board to fill this vacancy and serve a three year term set to expire on March 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that Brad Ferrier be appointed to the Benton County Solid Waste Board for a three year term set to expire on March 1, 2023.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-05

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, there are two recent vacancies on the Benton County Animal Shelter Board; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the Benton County Mayor and the shelter board members to appoint both Leslie Ferrier, as the veterinarian rep, and Tracy Chapman, as the animal shelter designee, and each to serve a four year term set to expire on March 1, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that both Leslie Ferrier and Tracy Chapman be appointed to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a four year term set to expire on March 1, 2024.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-06

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS HALL, VICKERS, HICKS, HOPPER, POWERS, HERN,
PLANT AND PATTON**

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, in previous action by the full legislative body, Benton County voted to approve Resolution No. 20191021-17, which was a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation public improvement bonds of Benton County, Tennessee in the aggregate principle amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000 (six million dollars), in one or more series; making provisions for the issuance, sale and payment of said bonds, establishing the terms thereof and the disposition of proceeds therefrom; and providing for the levy of taxes for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the sponsors of this resolution to rescind Resolution No. 20191021-17 that was voted on and approved during the October 21st 2019 commission meeting in order to further educate the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that Resolution No. 20191021-17 be rescinded.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-07

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, TCA 67-4-601 permits counties to levy all or any of the three (3) litigation taxes authorized under TCA 67-4-601(b)(1) or(b)(5), and (b)(6), so long as each tax is adopted, and its proceeds are used in accordance with the applicable statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, Benton County currently levies privilege taxes on litigation pursuant to TCI 67-4-601(b)(1), (b)(5), and (b)(6); and

WHEREAS, the County is in need of additional funding for courthouse and jail renovation/expansion in order to maintain these public facilities in compliance with various State and Federal unfunded mandates such as Title II ADA and TCI Jail Standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners that the State Delegation representing Benton County is formally requested to put forth the following amendment to State General Law in the upcoming legislative session -

That TCA 67-4-601 be amended to state "...notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any county having a population of not less than thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty (13,750) nor more than sixteen thousand eight hundred and fifty (16,850) according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, may, upon the adoption of a resolution by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body, levy an additional privilege tax on litigation in all civil and criminal case in an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50) per case, to be used for jail construction and maintenance, or courthouse construction and maintenance, or to retire debt, including principal and interest and related expenses, on such jail and courthouse construction and maintenance projects.."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon adoption of this resolution by the Benton County Board of Commissioners that the Benton County Clerk will mail a certified copy of the resolution to the county's State delegation.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020.

BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____

County Executive

County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-08

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF
THE PRIVATE ACT
AUTHORIZING BENTON COUNTY TO AUDIT PULPWOOD SEVERANCE TAX
COLLECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Benton County enacted a Pulpwood Severance Tax on May 14, 1997.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Commission desires that the operator liable for the collection and payment to the county of the tax imposed to keep and preserve for a period of three (3) years all records necessary to determine the amount of tax due and payable to the county.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Commission desires that the county clerk has the right to inspect such records at all reasonable times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session on this 16th day of March, 2020, that the Tennessee General Assembly be urged to amend the provisions of the Benton County, TN Private Acts of 1997 Chapter 55 to state it is the duty of every operator liable for the collection and payment to the county of any tax imposed by this act to keep and preserve for a period of three (3) years all records necessary to determine the amount of tax due and payable to the county. The clerk has the right to inspect such records at all reasonable times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Benton County Clerk shall send signed copies of this resolution to the State Delegation of Benton County immediately upon the passage of the resolution.

Approved this 16th day of January, 2020 with a formal vote of _____ Yeas and _____ Nays of the Benton County Commission.

APPROVED:

County Executive

ATTEST:

County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-09

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received monies in the amount of \$ 3,329.71 for car accident insurance claims and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 3,329.71 to the appropriate expenditure account within the Sheriff's budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 3,329.71 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for insurance claims be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.49700	INSURANCE RECOVERY	\$ 3,329.71
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.338	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR - VEHICLES	\$ 3,329.71
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Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-10

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received monies in the amount of \$ 2,565.58 for revenues for the month of February, 2020 and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 2,565.58 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$ 2,565.58 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for reimbursements for the month of February, 2020 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$ 200.00
101.46290	GOVERNOR HWY SAFETY GRANT	\$ 2,365.58

\$ 2,565.58

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	TOW IN SERVICES	\$ 200.00
101.54110.716	LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,365.58

\$ 2,565.58

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-11

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Animal Shelter is negative in their expenditure account No. 101.55120.399 – Other Contracted Services; and

WHEREAS, the animal shelter has collected revenues from January through February in the total amount of \$5,077.15 ; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$5,077.15 to the appropriate expenditure accounts in order to cover the negative balances and future expenditures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$5,077.15 be budgeted within the animal shelter budget as the following:

INCREASE REVENUES:

101.41130	ANIMAL VACCINATIONS	\$2,962.00
101.44130	SALE OF MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	\$ 30.00
101.48610	DONATIONS	\$2,085.15
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		\$5,077.15

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.55120.399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$5,077.15
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		\$5,077.15

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-12

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, there are two payroll line items that have insufficient funds to complete the fiscal year and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds from two other payroll line items that have a surplus to complete the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of March, 2020 that the following funds be transferred within the Sheriff's budget.

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

101.54110.106	DEPUTY(IES)	\$ 40,000.00
<u>101.54210.165</u>	<u>CAFETERIA PERSONNEL</u>	<u>\$ 12,930.00</u>
		\$ 52,930.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

101.54110.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 40,000.00
<u>101.54210.140</u>	<u>SALARY SUPPLEMENTS</u>	<u>\$ 12,930.00</u>
		\$ 52,930.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-13

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Portis has made the county aware that he has failed to invoice the county for cremation permits over the past year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Portis was under the impression cremation permits were being invoiced for on the monthly invoices submitted by the county medical investigator, however they have not been; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$5,550.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to pay Dr. Scott Portis for the cremation permits signed on behalf of Benton County for the entire year of 2019 and budget the said funds to the Expenditure Account No. 101.54610.199.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$5,550.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to pay Dr. Scott Portis for the cremation permits signed on behalf of Benton County for the entire year of 2018 and budget the said funds to the Expenditure Account No. 101.54610.199 – County Coroner/Medical Examiner Other Per-Diem & Fees.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-14

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Benton County utilized the contracted services with The Barrett Group to complete a revenue analysis on the Hotel/Motel tax within Benton County; and

WHEREAS, we learned the county had not been receiving the proper Hotel/Motel tax payments by particular businesses as we should be; and

WHEREAS, the total fund the county will be receiving for two businesses, Country Hearth/Colonial Inn/Neil Hospitality and Sulphur Creek B&B comes to \$59,727.49, which includes interest and penalty fees; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$5,177.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to pay The Barrett Group the recovery fee on these new revenues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$5,177.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51300.599 – County Mayor Other Charges in order to pay the invoice (# Benton Co. 20-001) received for Revenue Recovery by The Barrett Group.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-15

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the communications for both phones and internet services for Benton County departments have all recently increased and there will be insufficient funds in order to complete this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$20,500.00 from the unassigned fund balance and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to pay the communication expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$20,500.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51800.307 – County Buildings Communications.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-16

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Drug Fund 122 has insufficient funds in the expenditure line for the Trustees commission, which is based on the amount of revenue collected each month; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 122 – Drug Control in order to cover this expense for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$2,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 122 – Drug Control and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 122.58400.510 – Trustees Commission.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-17

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Fund 171 – Capital Projects has insufficient funds in the expenditure line for the Trustees commission, which is based on the amount of revenue collected each month; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$3,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 171 – Capital Projects in order to cover this expense for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$3,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 171 – Capital Projects and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 171.91110.510 – Trustees Commission.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-18

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Fund 101 – County General Fund has insufficient funds in the expenditure line for the Trustees commission, which is based on the amount of revenue collected each month; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$120,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 101 – County General Fund in order to cover this expense for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March 2020 that the funds in the amount of \$120,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance of Fund 101 – County General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.58400.510 – Trustees Commission.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-19

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the court room security board has voted and approved to have 6 panic buttons installed and tested throughout the courthouse; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$1,510.00 from the Court Room Security Reserve Account in order to cover this expense.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March that the funds in the amount of \$1,510.00 be appropriated from the Court Room Security Reserve Account and budgeted as the following:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.34520 RESERVE FOR COURTROOM SECURITY \$1,510.00

\$1,510.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.53400.790 CHANCERY COURT OTHER EQUIPMENT \$1,510.00

\$1,510.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST: .

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

RESOLUTION NO. 20200316-20

SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT BARRY "BUCK" CARTER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Highway has been working towards moving locations of the department for many months now and has kept the legislative body aware of the process; and

WHEREAS, the highway department is now moving forward with the purchase of the new building and making the physical move; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$356,100 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the Highway Fund and budget to the appropriate expenditure accounts in order to move forward with the purchase and renovation of the new Benton County Highway Department building located at 3300 Hwy 70 Bypass in Camden, Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of March that the funds in the amount of \$356,100 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the Highway Fund and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

131.39000	UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE HIGHWAY DEPT.	\$356,100.00
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\$356,100.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

131.61000.709	HIGHWAY DEPT. DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	\$ 7,000.00
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131.61000.719	HIGHWAY DEPT. OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,600.00
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131.62000.300	HIGHWAY DEPT. OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 15,000.00
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131.68000.355	HIGHWAY DEPT. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR BUILDING	\$ 90,000.00
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131.68000.732	HIGHWAY DEPT. BUILDING PURCHASE	\$212,500.00
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131.68000.717	HIGHWAY DEPT. MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	\$ 30,000.00
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\$356,100.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

COUNTY MAYOR, BRETT LASHLEE

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

COUNTY OF Benton County
PROCLAMATION
BY THE Benton County Mayor

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee is Tennessee's land-grant university, and has a three-part mission of teaching, research, and Extension; and

WHEREAS, Extension is the outreach arm of the University and an integral part of the land-grant mission extending the knowledge and expertise of the University to the people of Tennessee through education delivered by agents, specialists, and volunteers in all 95 counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, Extension is a valuable resource for helping citizens to solve problems providing real life solutions in the places they live, work, and play through hundreds of programs; and

WHEREAS, Extension's efforts are based on local needs, research and a commitment to improve the quality of life.

WHEREAS, Extension's educational programs in 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development produce substantial returns to the state.

WHEREAS, using research, questionnaires, observations, and sales records, an economic impact was estimated at more than \$687 million from January 1, 2019 through December 30, 2019 for statewide educational programs.

WHEREAS, a recent assessment indicates that every \$1 in public funds invested in Extension programs returns an estimated \$9.31 to the people of Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Brett Lashlee, Mayor of Benton County, do hereby proclaim March, as

UT TSU EXTENSION MONTH

and encourage all citizens of Benton County to participate in Extension's educational programs and to learn how Extension benefits them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the official seal of
Benton County to be affixed at
on this the _____ day of March, 2020.

BENTON COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER - SLOTT (PAPER 5 MD) - 2019

MONTH	Death Cert NOT PAID	Cremation permits	TOTAL	Fee	Subtotal	Com.	COMMENTS
JAN 2019	-0-	1	1	\$150	\$150	\$150	1 cremation permit
FEB 2019	-0-	2	2	\$150	\$300	\$450	2 cremation permits
MAR 2019	-0-	2	2	\$150	\$300	\$750	2 cremation permits
APR 2019	1	5	6	\$150	\$900	\$1,650	1 death certificate misse 5 cremation permits
MAY 2019	-0-	1	1	\$150	\$150	\$1,800	1 cremation permit
JUN 2019	1	1	2	\$150	\$300	\$2,100	1 death certificate misse 1 cremation permit
JUL 2019	-0-	2	2	\$150	\$300	\$2,400	2 cremation permits
AUG 2019	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$150	-0-	2,400	-0-
SEP 2019	-0-	4	4	\$150	\$600	3,000	4 cremation permits
OCT 2019	-0-	2	2	\$150	\$300	3,300	2 cremation permits
NOV 2019	1	3	4	\$150	\$600	3,900	1 death certificate misse 3 cremation permits
DEC 2019	4*	7*	11	\$150	\$1,650	\$5,550	4 death certificated misse 7 cremation permits
Totals	7	30	37			\$5,550	

* This month is high because I did an audit of all the deaths in Benton County in 2019

O - Oatdale
 SM - Stockdale - Malin
 P - Plunk

SCOTT PORTIS MD

2019



BEAVER COUNTY

2019

DATE OF DEATH	Descendent	YO	Condition	Physician	APRES: Cause of Death	PAID	NOT PAID	CUMM NOT PAID
1/4/19	Jane M. Grant	87yo	✓ OK	Tim Elishmire MD	Arterio. Arteriosclerotic		150	150
1/23/19	Nell Jean Lake	81yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Cardiomyopathy	150		
1/28/19	Terry Lois Howard	58yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, ASCVD, NBP	150		
1/28/19	Misty Dawn Mayberry	38yo	✓ OK	Cheryl Ann MD	Pending	150		
JUN 2019		(4)		CF# 07843	-415 ⁵⁸	450 (3)	150	150
2/5/19	James Wade Woodard	76yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	Lung mass End stage Emphysema		150	300
2/12/19	Carole Ann Birch	86yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	Acute Myocardial Infarction		150	450
2/14/19	James Brewer	75yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, ASCVD	150		
2/21/19	William DANEL Smithers	87yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, ASCVD, NBP	150		
Feb 2019		(4)		CF# 07876	-2710 ⁵	300 (2)	300	450
2/15/19	Carol Ann Woodard	72yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	CHF		150	600
2/16/19	Vincent Mark Pierpoint	53yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	MI, AS, CAD	150		
2/25/19	Patricia Fleming Caldwell	64yo	✓ OK	E. D. Adams MD	colorectal mass metastatic	150		
3/30/19	Mercedes Abella Cochran	66yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	Stroke		150	750
3/22/19	Garron Craton	70yo	✓ OK	Miguel Lopez MD	Stroke	150		
3/26/19	Edward Fields	70yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	AML, CLL, CML	150		
Mar 2019		(6)		CF# 09026	-654 ¹⁰	600	300	750
4/5/19	Wanda HMW Hedlesky	91yo	✓ OK	Walker Family MD	Sepsis, UTI		150	900
4/6/19	Sandra Myrta Thompson	69yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	Lung Cancer		150	1050
4/7/19	Etha Pearl Smith	88yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Cardiomyopathy	150		
4/9/19	Cosine Lorraine Johnson	88yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	AMI, CAD		150	1200
4/10/19	Jack Nolan Lilly	77yo	✓ OK	Bryan Wallace MD	MI, Atherosclerosis		150	1350
4/16/19	Jimmy Dean Nobles SR	59yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Arterio. AS, ASCVD, CVA	150		
4/17/19	Hanne Lore Griesch	84yo	✓ OK	Wm Pat Curry MD	Alzheimers		150	1500
4/18/19	Jerrica Joanne Windall	39yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	A fib/AS, Cong. heart fail	150		
4/20/19	Veronica Zamora	40yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Ruptured cerebral artery	150		
4/23/19	Paul Alan Doege	64yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Pulmonary embolism	150		
4/25/19	Mildred Wintson	36yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Polyploid, Acute MI	150		
4/30/19	Francisca Miranda Keefe	68yo	✓ OK	Stephane G. Gaudin MD	Small Cell Lung Cancer		150	1650
4/30/19	Hunter Brian Greer	47yo	✓ OK	David L Zimmerman MD	M. A. B. Int. trauma	150		
4/2/19	Melba Sue Phifer	77yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, ASCVD	150		
APR 2019		(14)		CF# 07937	-141065 ⁸⁹	1200	900	1650
5/3/19	Joanna Fichtenberg	14yo	✓ OK	Bryan Wallace MD	Lung Cancer		150	1800
5/3/19	Vickie Lynn Rainey	51yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	DEA, E. P. DM	150		
5/17/19	Ricky Lynn White	74yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Lung Cancer	150		
5/21/19	David Lynn French	74yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Stroke	150		
5/29/19	Jeanine MARY Sexton	74yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, CAD, CVA, NBP	150		
5/14/19	Henry Lee Sattman	76yo	✓ OK	Scott Portis MD	Vfib/AS, ASCVD	150		

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 MEDICAL EXAMINER
 BENTON COUNTY
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2019

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DATE OF DEATH	DECEDENT	AGE YO	MD PRON. DEATH	DIAGNOSIS	CC	CP	PAID	NOT PAID	NOT PAID CUM 1,800
Oakdale	6/1/2019	Stacey A/ln Block	52	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY	✓	OK	150	1950
Oakdale	6/23/2019	Retha Gail Coleman	75	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, CHF, CVD	✓	OK	150	
Prunk	6/23/2019	Joseph Albert McAlpine	82	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, CHF, COPD	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	6/28/2019	Sandra Jean Reynolds	71	Wm Raymond Carney	Breast Ca	✓	OK	150	2,100
JUN 2019 (4)				CK# 0800744277	05		300	300	2,100
Oakdale	7/4/2019	Robert Jessie Lewis	69	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, SCIZANS	✓	OK	150	
AF from Old Fruit Creek	7/6/2019	Betty Jo Miller	81	Edward D. Koonce MD	CVA	✓	OK	150	2,250
Henderson Co, Tenn - Lex Stockdale/Anita	7/9/2019	Larry Hulon Jones	71	Reggie Henderson MD	Pancreatic Cancer	✓	OK	150	2,400
Oakdale	7/21/2019	Effie Loy Woods	70	Terry D. Harrison	ASND	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	7/21/2019	Retha Juanita Moody	88	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, ASVD, CHF	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	7/21/2019	Jeremiah Jarvis Cooky	40	Col. pres. Singh Bowman MD	pending	✓	OK	150	
JUL 2019 (6)				CK# 0803739554	11		600	300	2,400
Hodges/stockdale	8/19/2019	James Junior McCormick	73	Scott Portis MD	A-fib/MSY, ASVD	✓	OK	150	
stockdale	8/22/2019	Michael Cosey Williams	76	Scott Portis MD	Asphyxiation	✓	OK	150	
stockdale	8/22/2019	JAN Williams	70	Scott Portis MD	Asphyxiation	✓	OK	150	
Dickson Creek	8/21/2019	Robert Thaddeus Shelton	50	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, AMI	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	8/22/2019	Danil Phillip Barnes	70	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, ASVD	✓	OK	150	
AUG 2019 (5)				CK# 0806784692	62		750	-0-	2,400
v/w/crom/cr	8/6/2019	Dorothy Marie Smith	88	Bryan Merrick MD	Emphysema	✓	OK	150	2,550
Reynolds Co	8/29/2019	Georgina Lasbrock	78	Wm Raymond Carney MD	Alzheimers Dem	✓	OK	150	2,700
Ridgeport	8/11/2019	Mary Lee Robinson	81	Bryan Merrick MD	Bladder Cancer	✓	OK	150	2,850
Oakdale	9/1/2019	Robert Malcomb Green Sr	87	Scott Portis MD	Asystole, CHF	✓	OK	150	
W. S. Co of Tenn - Ingram	9/3/2019	Martha N. Nashes	10	Feng Li MD	Burned to death	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	9/22/2019	Richard Eugene Walker	10	William Raymond Carney MD	HCVD, CRD	✓	OK	150	3,000
SEPT 2019 (6)				CK# 0811111111	05		300	600	3,000
Vepture Society	9/24/2019	Marla Kay Myers	73	William Raymond Carney MD	Ovarian Cancer	✓	OK	150	3,150
Brentwood, TN	10/6/2019	Brian Keith Creed	55	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, CAPCA	✓	OK	150	
Oakdale	10/16/2019	Josephine B. Chandler Sexton	70	William Raymond Carney MD	Myeloid (leukemia)	✓	OK	150	3,300
Brentwood TN	10/8/2019	Glynn Raymond	73	Scott Portis MD	CAPCA, Blunt Tra	✓	OK	150	
Walden, TN	10/19/2019	Wendell Hill Morris	61	Scott Portis MD	V-fib/MSY, ASVD	✓	OK	150	
OCT 2019 (5)				CK# 817731415	58		450	300	3,750
Walden, TN	10/10/19	Juw Chadwick Jr	69	William Raymond Carney MD	Lung Ca	✓	OK	150	3,450
Prunk	10/6/19	Mary Harriet Henderson	81	Bryan Merrick MD	Cong Heart Fail	✓	OK	150	3,600
Walden, TN	11/6/19	Betty Jo Day	85	Bryan Merrick MD	Alzheimers Dis	✓	OK	150	3,750
Prunk FH	11/6/19	Kennard Paxton	63	William Raymond Carney MD	Myeloid (leukemia)	✓	OK	150	
OVER TO (3)							150	450	3,750

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DATE OF DEATH	DECEDENT	AGE YO	MD PROM. DEATH	DIAGNOSIS	OC CP	PAYED	NOT PAID	NOT PAID CASH 3750
11/15/19	John David A. Hess	78	Scott Portis MD	Pemphigus, CAD	✓ ok	150		
11/25/19	Thomas Michael Stevens	89	Scott Portis MD	Pending	✓ ok	150		
11/28/19	Tommy Lewis Goodridge	73	Scott Portis MD	CVA, CAD	✓ ok	150	150	3900
11/11/19	Anna Lina Riquina De Lesmes	91	Scott Portis MD	CVA, CAD	✓ ok	150		
11/26/19	Melanie Marie Hernandez	48	Feng Li MD	Pending	✓ ok	150		
NOV 2019 (9)						1750	600	3900
12/2/19	Vonda Dykstra	82	Scott Portis MD	VA/AS, CAD	✓ ok	150		
12/12/19	Martin Anthony Schoenbecker	80	Scott Portis MD	Application, EL block	✓ ok	150	150	4050
3/12/19	Carol Ann Langendorf	72	William Raymond Curry	CNF	✓ ok	150	150	4200
8/2/19	Ronnie Leon Troutt	72	Scott Portis MD	Stroke, CAD	✓ ok	150	150	4350
8/22/19	Gary Leon Carter	74	James H. Nudsen	CARD, CNF	✓ ok	150	150	4500
9/13/19	Lathan Dorris Moon	81	Bruce David Spinzia MD	Acute hypoxic failure	✓ ok	150	150	4650
12/2/19	Bernard G Sands	85	Andrew Calevoni MD	CNF, ischemic MD	✓ ok	150	150	4800
1/9/19	Roger Keith Allen	55	Scott Portis MD	Lung Cancer	✓ ok	150	150	4950
5/21/19	Leonard James Timmer	57	Timothy Elbert Ashmore MD	AML, CAD	✓ ok	150	150	5100
5/24/19	Janet Elaine Garrett	84	Mengistu Yemmo MD	AML, CAD	✓ ok	150	150	5250
10/4/19	Mackell Deane McDonald	56	Philip W. Nannoy MD	Breast Cancer, metast	✓ ok	150	150	5400
5/3/19	Terry Joe Myers	75	Scott Portis MD	Gastric Cancer	✓ ok	150	150	5550
TOTAL 2019 DEC 2019 (12)						350	1650	\$5550

Ms. Gail,

Find enclosed my invoice for deaths and cremations for 2019. I hope it is complete.

The pages, I am sending, will appear very confusing at first (and they are hard to read as my printer is not the most reliable). I will try to explain them in this note. However, if you cannot read, understand, etc. just give me a call as I have the originals. Also, I would be glad to come to Camden and sit down with you to go over the sheets.

I have to deal with 10 death investigators in my two counties (Benton/Henry), the State Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Nashville, 7 funeral homes in the two counties, plus about 25 other funeral homes and crematoriums through out Tennessee and Kentucky. I get calls almost daily from health departments, lawyers, insurance companies, sheriff and police departments, and families. It has turned into a very busy job.

Being a perfectionist, dotting every "i" and crossing every "t" has not made it any easier. But it is a job to serve the citizens of Benton/Henry Counties and must be done correctly.

The first sheet is a summary divided into 8 columns: Death Certificates not Paid (now this happens, I do not know but 7 of these went unpaid), Cremation Permits (when the DIs turn in the reported deaths, they do not know a cremation is to be ordered. The funeral homes, crematoriums then MUST contact me for cremation permits. I am the only one to do this job).

The last 3 pages are the list of deaths, pretty hard to read with a lot of detail but I can help you here if necessary. I have the actual death certificates and cremation permits if you need to see them.

I owe the Mayor a phone call and will do this soon.

Gail, thanks and I hope this does not take too much of your valuable time.

I have been at this job for over 46 years, serving Carroll, Benton and Henry Counties. I have good, and very skilled, people working for me and we will strive to serve the people of the counties to the best of our ability.

*Scott Portis MD
Medical Examiner, Benton County*

Ag Committee
Thursday February 13, 2020
5:00 pm

Present:

Jan Belyew
Rex Wynn
Ken Miller
Gary Furr
Phil Melton
Heather Smith
Lesli Woods
Amy Bourque
Janet Patterson

Not Present:

Justin Hargrove
Paul Rankin

Ag Committee Chairwoman, Jan Belyew brought the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Amy Bourque. Janet Patterson brought the motion to approve minutes and the motion was seconded by Rex Wynn. The motion was approved with all voting yes.

The first item on the agenda which was the TSU Position. Smith stated TSU position was open for applicants and as of Thursday there were 3 applicants. Smith stated she would need someone off the AG committee to sit in on the hiring committee. Ken Miller offered to sit on that committee, Jan Belyew agreed to make that motion and Gary Furr seconded and the motion was approved by all voting yes. Smith stated she believed that this would take place in the next few months.

Next item on agenda was the UT Position. Smith stated that Dr. Burns asked for it in his budget for all 33 UT positions that were cut to be reinstated. His budget passed on the UT level and it was passed onto the governor's budget waiting for approval. We would like a 100% 4H Agent. We have the work load for two 4H agents. All agreed to go ahead and ask for the position in our county budget.

Next on the agenda was County Budget. Smith went over salaries on current county budget she is working on.

Next was office building update.

- Had large leak in Justin's office, a leak in Lesli's office over her desk, and a leak in the hall closet.
- Roof inspector came by to look at roof.
- We had bare wires in the wall in the kitchen that was causing a short in appliance that had to be fixed.
- Gas smell from basement so we had to call the gas company. This was not gas smelled all over top floor of the building. It was carbon dioxide and fumes off the ventless gas wall heaters in basement.

Discussion then happened of our possible move to the old electric company building. We will need a few things incase move is permanent.

Program updates were next on the agenda starting with Justin Hargrove with Smith giving his updates. The program updates are as followed:

Mr. Hargrove AG Updates were as followed:

- Attended Tennessee Cattlemen Convention.
- Planning a 2-day Advanced Master Beef class.
- Held a Benton County Live Stock Association meeting in January.
- Starting Private Applicator Re-Certification.
- Hargrove was appointed Regional Fisheries Responder.

For more details see attached quarterly report.

Lesli Woods gave her updates on her program next.

- She finished Eat Smart Move More at Benton County Vocational Rehabilitation Canter.
- She is finishing up Faithful Families at First United Methodist Church.
- Woods did a Super Bowl Food Demonstration at Cash Saver.
- Lesli began Power U at the Briarwood School and will finish that up in the month of February,
- Woods also has several classes starting in the coming months in Big Sandy.
- Has TNCEP Collation meeting Wednesday February 18th @ 12:00 pm

For more details see attached quarterly report.

Heather Smith gave her updates next.

- Smith is in the middle of Walk Across Tennessee.
- Smith headed up the Benton County Volunteer Stars in November.
- Then attended Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards in Franklin in February.
- Smith finished up Maintain Don't Gain during the holiday season

Chairwoman Belyew asked if there was any other business:

- We will need ham storage for our hams for the 4H Ham Project.
- Many will be at the fair grounds working on the hog barn if anyone would like to join in.

The motion to adjourn was brought forward by Gary Furr and seconded by Ken Miller. All voted yes and the meeting ended at 6:47 pm. Next meeting will May 2020 (exact date TBA).

We may also have a called meeting prior to May due to the TSU position.

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February 2020

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Family & Consumer Sciences

4-H Youth Development

& County Director

Justin Hargrove

Agriculture & Natural Resources

& 4-H Youth Development

Lesli Woods

TNCEP program assistant

Amy Bourque

Administrative Assistant



Dr. Clyde Lane, Edsel Belyew & Jan Belyew

Benton County Cattleman Recognized at Tennessee Cattlemen Convention

Edsel Belyew was recognized with the Dr. Clyde Lane Cow-Calf Producer of the Year award at the Tennessee Cattlemen's Convention in Murfreesboro on January 10, 2020



March is Extension Month

March is Extension Month in Tennessee. Extension is a national educational program supported by USDA through the nation's land-grant universities and administered with funding from state and local governments. In Tennessee there are Extension offices in each of the 95 counties, and Benton County invites everyone to join their local celebrations through out the month of March in Benton County.

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Family & Consumer Science (FCS)



WALK ACROSS TENNESSEE

Walk Across Tennessee

Walk Across Tennessee is a team-based walking program. The teams are encouraged to cumulatively walk the equivalent of the length of Tennessee (about 500 miles) or more, over an eight-week period. Team members do not have to walk together. Some may prefer to walk outside, while others walk on a treadmill. The team who walks the farthest "across Tennessee" will win, but everyone who participates will take home a healthy habit – walking for fitness.

We are currently in our 5th week of walking with over 100 people and 15 teams walking in the program.



Benton County Volunteer Star Award Event

Benton County Volunteer Stars

5 adults and 3 youth were recognized in November for their outstanding volunteer work in Benton County. Mayor Lashlee attended and recognized the group with a proclamation on Volunteering at the County Commission Meeting. One youth and one adult was selected to represent Benton County at the Governors Volunteer Stars Event in February. Kory Walker and Amber Collins.



Benton County Group at Governors Volunteer Stars Award Event

Governors Volunteer Stars

The Governor's Volunteer Stars Awards (GVSA) program was held on February 9th in Franklin. Benton County Award winner where Kory Walker for the adult category and Amber Collins as the youth. Over 47 other counties in Tennessee had members from their community recognized for outstanding Volunteerism in their communities. Mayor Brett Lashlee and Representative Bruce Griffy also were in attendance to support our honorees. Our very own Ms. Tennessee Volunteer Kerri Arnold was a presenter at the awards program.

Maintain Don't Gain Program Update

20 participated in the program to make a personal commitment not to gain weight during the holiday season. Weekly tips were sent out for 6 weeks to provide information on healthy choices during the holidays.

- 80% reported they did not gain any weight during the 6 weeks.
- 42% reported they lost weight.
- "During the Holidays I didn't tell myself I couldn't eat, I just ate small portions of what I had to have! Thanks to your key tips! You do such a great job!"



Smith presents How to Video Call at FCE Training Waverly

TNCEP Program

(Tennessee Nutrition Consumer Education Program)

Lesli Woods our TNCEP Program Assistant has been very busy this last quarter. During the month of November, Mrs. Woods began the program Eating Smart and Moving More at the Benton County Vocational Rehabilitation Center. This is a series of 9 lessons that are 45 minutes each. They go over everything from kitchen basics to making a budget. The adults that attended had so many accomplishments throughout the course of the classes. Several of the participants would come in talking about how they had tried the recipes at home, as well as making a shopping list at home. These classes ended in January with all of the participants graduating except for one. Mrs. Woods is scheduled to hold another program in the fall at this location.



Eat Smart Moving More January Graduates

Mrs. Woods began teaching Faithful Families at the First United Methodist Church in November of 2019. This nine-lesson program centers on families cooking together and eating together, promoting family time and good communication. This program was taught in conjunction with the Families First program at the First United Methodist Church. Each family is given a box full of food twice a month to help them during their time of need. During the time each family picked their box up, Mrs. Woods did a cooking demonstration and gave out incentives for their time. Each family is learning about how to cook on a budget and how to use some of the foods they receive in their boxes more efficiently. Faithful families will have its last lesson on February 19.

On January 28th Lesli began teaching Power U at the Briarwood School. This is a five-lesson program that teaches 4th and 5th graders about proper nutrition and the importance of physical activity. Students are learning about how their bodies process foods and how to choose the right foods for them. Each child also gets to try new fruits and vegetables that they may have never eaten. Right now Mrs. Woods has twelve classes that she is teaching during their physical education time. Each lesson includes newsletters and fun at home games for the parents so that can see what their child is learning.



Super Bowl Demonstration at Cash Savers

For the month of January Lesli decided to do a Super bowl cooking demonstration at our local grocery store Cash Saver. On January 31st, she cooked a Super bowl Chill recipe and served free samples to the customers for a four hour time period. The chill recipe was an easy and budget friendly recipe. She also handed out the recipe and some informative brochures about the programs that she offers through the extension office. This event was well received and will be done again possibly in the fall.

At the Big Sandy Christian Community Outreach Center during the month of March, Mrs. Woods is scheduled to begin teaching Eating Smart and Moving More. This will be Lesli's first time conducting a class in Big Sandy. She is very excited to see the participation and outreach she can have in that community. Mrs. Woods has several other classes that are set to begin within the coming months. We are always actively looking for program partners and she looks forward to making more connections in the county this year. She also has a TNCEP Coalition meeting scheduled for February 19th here at the extension office.

Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

EAT WELL, SAVE WELL, LIVE WELL

Agriculture & Natural Resources



Tennessee Master Beef Producer

Tennessee Master Beef Producer Course to be offered in partnership with UT Extension Carroll County. UT Extension Benton County will be partnering with UT Extension Carroll County to offer a two day Tennessee Master Beef Producer Course on February 29 and March 14, 2020. This course will be available to producers for a fee of \$100. Benton County trained 14 producers in the Master Beef Program for 2019.



Master Beef Hands on Demonstration with Dr. Kevin Cox

Benton County Livestock Association

The Benton County Livestock Association held a meeting at Country and Western Steakhouse on January 30, 2020. VitaFerm sponsored the meal and spoke to association members about beef cattle nutrition and product offerings.

Private Applicator Re-Certification Year 2020

All Private Applicators are required to submit for re-certification prior to June 30, 2020. Three Private Applicator, Dicamba, and Paraquat trainings were offered at the Benton County Library on February 12, 2020, with several area farmers being recertified. More Private Applicator Trainings are scheduled for later this month. 17 farmers completed training



Private Applicator Re-Certification Training

Hargrove Appointed Regional Fisheries Responder

Agent Justin Hargrove was appointed as Regional Fisheries Responder on January 1, 2020. Hargrove will be the frontline responder to all private fisheries and pond management calls and concerns for the 33 counties in the Western Region.



Regional Fisheries Responder

4H Public Speaking

4H Public Speaking offers youth to develop self confidence in talking with others. Youth learn how to organize, write, and give a speech. They gain skill on how to do your present before an audience. Youth learn the parts of a speech (Introduction, body, conclusion) during the writing process.

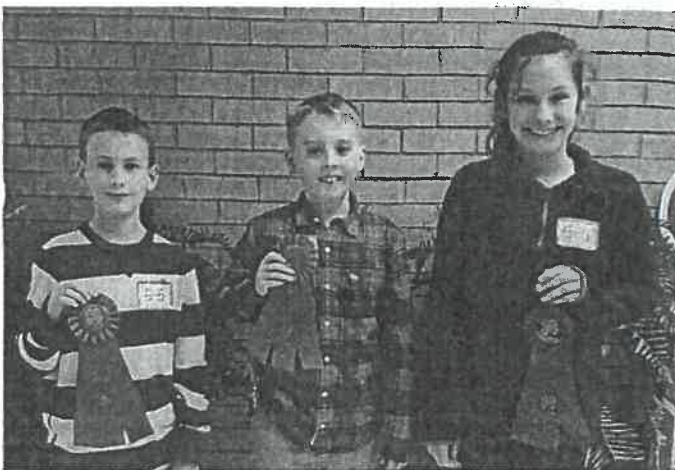
- 715 youth 4th-8th presented a speech in their club
- 62 youth presented at the county contest
- 13 Volunteers donated 40 Hours of time Valued at \$770.

1st place winners advance on to Regional



4th Grade

Akin Ellis 2nd, Harper French 1st, Sawyer Noles 3rd



5th Grade

Caleb Hargis 2nd, Boone Berry 1st, Chesa Gray 3rd



6th Grade Caitlen Lee 1st, Kayedence Christopher 2nd, Matthew Arnold 3rd



7th Grade

Krish Patel 2nd, Avery Dacus 1st, Secrett Giannoni 3rd



8th Grade

Jay Patel 2nd, Emma Wigley 1st, Hayden McCormick 3rd

4H Poster Contest

The poster contest offers 4-H members the opportunity to display their artistic talents through contests conducted at their local club meetings. Winner are selected in their local club that advance on to the county contest. 3 county winners advance on to the Regional Contest

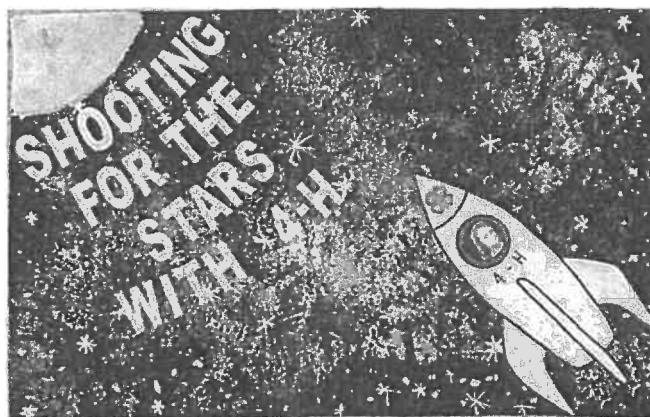
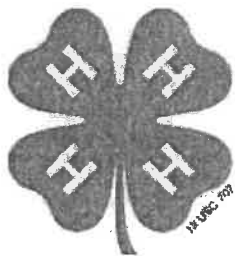
- 244 youth 4th-8th grade created a poster in their 4H Club
- 34 youth participated in the county contest County Winners



Gavin Roger, 4th Grade, Briarwood



Jacie Hern, 8th Grade, Holladay School



Alivia Parks, 6th Grade, Camden Junior High



INSPIRE KIDS TO DO

4H Volunteer Leader

Congratulations to Rachel Baker on receiving Congressional Awards which represent numerous hours of voluntary public service to her community; personal development; historical exploration; and physical fitness. Presenting the Congressional Bronze and Silver Medals to Rachel was Congressman Mark Green.



Rachel Baker & Congressman Mark Green

Upcoming 4H Events & Activities

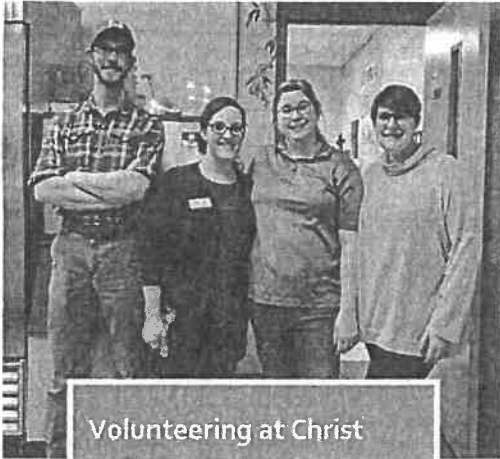
- March Bread Baking Contest
- STEAM Lessons in 4th-7th Grade in Clubs
- 8th Grade On My Own Lessons
- 4H Chick Chain Sign Ups
- Ham Project Sign Ups
- Hog Show Sign Ups
- FACE Plot Sign Ups
- 4H Congress
- All Star Spring Retreat
- Wildlife Judging
- Summer Workshops Project Groups
- 4H Camp summer 2020

*“To make the
best better”*



Camp 2019

Real. Life. Solutions.



Volunteering at Christ Café for Christmas Dinner



Christmas on the Square 2019



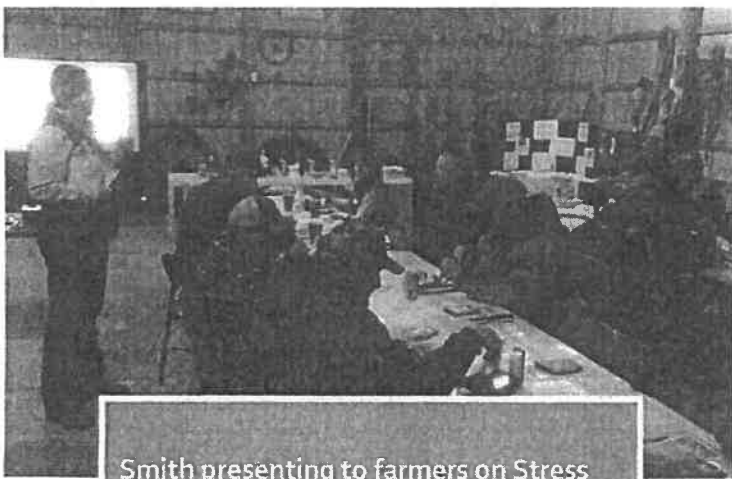
TN Cattleman's



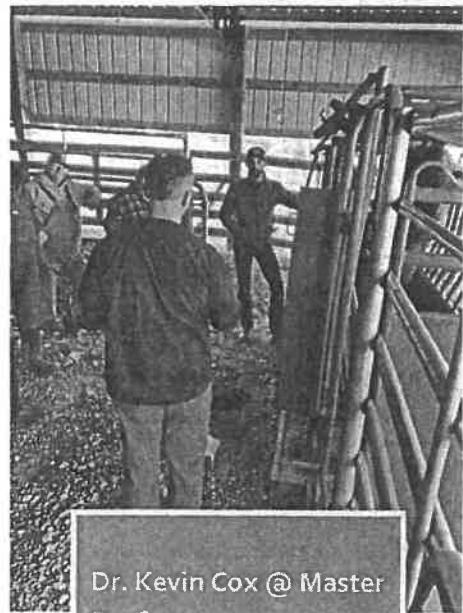
2019 National 4H Congress



4H Volunteer Leader Rachel Baker
Receives 2 Congressional Award Medals



Smith presenting to farmers on Stress



Dr. Kevin Cox @ Master Beef

Programs in agriculture and natural resources,
4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences,
and resource development.
University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture,
U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.
UT Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.



Benton County Medical Examiner's Office

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Bruce Herrin MDI
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Invoice for February 2020

Case# 202002051830	Decedent: Evans, Jeffrey	\$200
Case# 202002191545	Decedent: Beebe, Helen	\$200
Inv: Philip Christopher	TOTAL	\$400
Case# 202002201923	Decedent: Keiper, Lillian	\$200
Inv: Bruce Herrin	TOTAL	\$200
Case# 202002222110	Decedent: Demarco Jr., Orlando	\$200
Inv: William Miller	TOTAL	\$200
Case# 202002270310	Decedent: Tetternor, Roger	\$200
Inv: Ricky Stafford	TOTAL	\$200
Decedent: Evans, Jeffrey	DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$150
Decedent: Beebe, Helen	DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$150
Decedent: Keiper, Lillian	DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$150
Decedent: Demarco Jr. Orlando	DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$150
Decedent: Tetternor, Roger	DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$150
Inv: Scott Portis MD	TOTAL	\$750

**BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE
COUNTY MAYOR
BRETT LASHLEE**

February 11, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

The Benton County Office on Aging/Senior Center has a new member that has been added to the Aging Committee Board in Benton County. Rachelle Hill, has been a very active member since joining the Aging Committee, and very helpful to the Benton County Senior Center.

I would like to recommend Rachelle Hill be added to the NWTAAAD Advisory Board to represent Benton County.

Rachelle Hill's contact information is as follows:

Address: 168 Madden St. Camden, Tn 38320 Phone: 731-220-2597

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



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Camden, TN 38320

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The Barrett Group

INVOICE

2225 SE Broad Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37127

DATE: March 2, 2020
INVOICE # Benton Co 20-001
FOR: Revenue Review

TERMS: Due Upon Receipt

Bill To:
Benton County Mayor
Attn: Mayor Brett Lashlee
1 East Court Square, Room 102
Camden, TN 38320

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Revenue Enhancement Findings - Hotel Motel Tax	
Country Hearth/Colonial Inn/Neil Hospitality recovery	
12/2016 - 1/2020	
Tax - \$44,552.60	
Interest - \$7,299.73	
Penalty - \$7,395.87	
Total - \$59,248.20	
Payment 1 of 6 \$ 9,874.70	
Barrett fee \$ 4,937.35	4,937.35
Sulphur Creek B&B - 12/2017 -1/31/2020 recovery	
Tax - \$429.55	
Interest - \$24.71	
Penalty - \$25.03	
Total - \$479.29	
Barrett fee \$239.65	239.65
TOTAL	\$ 5,177.00

Make all checks payable to The Barrett Group and list associated Invoice #

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

REPORT OF THE BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE AUDIT COMMITTEE

February 24, 2020

**From: Benton County Audit Committee
To: Mayor of Benton County and County Commission
Re: Report of Audit Committee for CY 2019**

The Benton County Audit Committee (BCAC) is a statutory committee created by TCA 9-3-405 et seq. A resolution by the County Commission pursuant to the statute set the number of committee members at five (5). The Audit Committee is external to management; responsibilities and duties, at a minimum, "address financial and other reporting practices, internal control, compliance with laws and regulations, and ethics." TCA 9-3-405 (b).

This report covers the time period for calendar year (CY) 2019. The Committee met in January with the Commission to present the 2018 Report. BCAC met five more times, specifically in February, April, June, August, and November 2019. This last meeting was a joint meeting of the County Commission and the Audit Committee. All regular meetings were publicly announced, and minutes of those meetings have been filed with the County Clerk. The agendas and minutes of the Committee are open and available to the public.

Committee members when this report was approved were Bonnie Evans, member; Jennifer Hedge, secretary; Don Myers, vice chair; Stanley Rowland, member; and Paul Summers, chair. All members attended each meeting during CY 2019.

In 2018 the Tennessee Comptroller's Office presented the Committee with a series of questions; the questions and answers to which best describe what the Committee has done since March 2018, what its duties are, and clarify some misconceptions about the audit process. Submitted below are the 2018 questions; the Committee's answers remain unchanged in 2019:

- 1. What are the committee's views about the risks of fraud? Specifically, are there any areas, offices, types of transactions, etc., that you feel are inherently more susceptible to fraud? Answer: *The committee takes the view that fraudulent, improper, or wasteful activity are harmful to a democratic constitutional government. We take those matters seriously; we also realize that the audit committee is primarily a reporting committee, not an investigative committee. Based on history and audits, we***

do not know of any specific areas that we feel are more susceptible to fraud and improper conduct than others.

2. Do you have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud affecting Benton County? Answer: *We have no such knowledge of any such activity during 2019.*
3. What do you feel is the committee's role in oversight of management's processes for identifying and responding to fraud risks? Answer: *We feel that the committee should be aware of what management's processes are; but other than statutory authority, we are of the opinion that our duties as to oversight and investigations are limited. The committee's responsibilities and duties include addressing financial and other reporting practices; internal control; compliance; and ethics. The committee is external to management and is not a standing committee of the county commission, but, rather, is a statutory committee created by the General Assembly and at the behest of the Comptroller. We view our role as being an internal adjunct to the Comptroller of the Treasury. We have ample vehicles through our post office box, Comptroller's hotline, and County website for formal, confidential complaints about fraud, waste, and abuse. We feel that the audit committee is viewed as objective and nonpolitical; and, should someone have an issue of actual fraud or improper activity, then he or she would have several members in which he or she would have confidence in consulting. That is, we strive to make sure that meetings and activities of the committee are professional, confidential as required, and neutral. As stated, the only extent that we feel we should investigate is to develop probable cause or reasonable suspicion to believe that a true complaint of fraud exists. After that determination, then we turn any investigation over to the Comptroller, the District Attorney General, a department head, or other appropriate law enforcement or county official. We view our reporting role seriously.*
4. Have you received any information through tips, hotline calls, post office submissions, or any other means that you feel could potentially affect the audit for the time period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019? Answer: *We are unaware of any such information.*

In the fourth quarter of 2018, the BCAC acknowledged that centralized purchasing and payroll (CPP) procedures had been recommended by the Comptroller for decades. In October 2018 Mr. Jacob McNatt, auditor with the Comptroller's Office, provided the Committee with notebooks containing a detailed explanation of a centralized purchasing and payroll system, including applicable laws and ordinances. Mr. McNatt outlined the accounting system currently employed by Benton County as well as the centralized system recommended by the Comptroller's Office, including a summary of counties in our geographic area and counties with similar population regarding which system they utilize. Discussion followed, during which Mr. McNatt fielded questions from members, after which other persons in the audience (including several commissioners) were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

During that 2018 meeting, Mayor Lashlee asked the Chairman for permission to address the Committee. The mayor affirmed his support of centralized purchasing and payroll practices. He advised the Committee of his future intent to officially recommend a new office of County Finance Director along with a County Finance Committee to administer all county funds. The mayor thought such centralized purchasing would net a significant savings for the county. Chairman Summers thanked the mayor and Mr. McNatt for their input, information and comments.

Chairman Summers closed that meeting with a prediction that centralized purchasing and payroll (CPP) and the County Financial Management System of 1981, recommended by the Comptroller, would be the most important issues that the BCAC would entertain for 2019. The Committee members agreed. He advised that we should educate ourselves and county management, departments and commissioners on the various options available; so that if the issue comes to a vote of the county commission, all members should know exactly the importance of their decision and vote.

In 2019 the primary focus was CPP. In the five substantive meetings, all commissioners, management, and department heads were encouraged and invited to attend. Each meeting lasted at least one hour, and all participants were encouraged to ask questions of the presenters. Presenters were not only knowledgeable in state and county government; many had previously been county commissioners, mayors, or state legislators. Speakers included:

1. Charles Curtiss, Executive Director, Tennessee County Commissioners Association
2. Bryan Burklin, Assistant Director of County Financial Management and Audit Division, Tennessee Comptroller's Office
3. Brad Davis, Tennessee Department of Education, Fiscal Department for the Northwest District
4. Mike Galey, County Government Consultant, Tennessee's County Technical Assistance Service
5. Jerry Durham, Assistant Director, Division of Local Government Audit, Tennessee Comptroller's Office

The Audit Committee appreciates the response and participation by the county commissioners, the mayor, and the department heads. All asked questions. They received solid answers from accountants, auditors, and directors who knew about purchasing and payroll.

The strong consensus from the presenters supported the concept of a centralized system. Perhaps the simplest way is to quote directly from one of the Comptroller's handouts:

1. We recommend, as a best practice, for every county to adopt a centralized system of accounting, budgeting and purchasing.
2. This recommendation has been made for years based on our belief in that a properly implemented and operated centralized system will eliminate duplication of effort in the county departments and will provide improved accountability and improved services to the citizens of the county.
3. We recommend that one of two options be adopted: first, the Financial Management System of 1981. This system has been around now for about 38 (now 39) years, but still provides a good, comprehensive option for centralization. The other is a private act that would provide the centralization but can be modified to the county's circumstances before adoption.
4. Currently, there are 64 counties in Tennessee with some variation of centralization. There are approximately 39 counties that are fully centralized for all departments. These include counties ranging from Shelby and Davidson County to Meigs County (population 11,753). Of these 39, seven of them have populations of less than 26,000. Union, White, Morgan and Hickman counties are all smaller counties with successful centralized operations.
5. FEARS: This is Fear 1 – The Board of Education (BOE) and Director of Schools will lose control of school operations. This is not the case. The director and board will have the same control that they have always had. The duties and responsibilities under Title 40 of these officials do not change with adoption of a centralized system. The BOE still has budgetary control, the system still has purchasing control – the centralized purchasing system will simply carry out the details of the purchases requested by the school system. Fear 2 – The Constitutional Officers (elected officials) will lose control of their offices' operations. This is not the case. The officials still have statutory authority over their offices. They still have the same budgetary control as before – they can still sign a letter of agreement or petition the court for budgetary needs under existing statutes.
6. OUR EXPERIENCES WITH CENTRAL SYSTEMS: We have found that centralized systems that have been properly implemented and operated are indeed more efficient and economical than decentralized operations.
7. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN FAILURES. The root causes of these have been analyzed, and we always warn of the two keys that will doom a centralized system. First key point: The most important factor for success is hiring a competent finance director. The salary, set by the financial management committee, should attract, hire and retain a knowledgeable finance director. The second key point – officials must cooperate to succeed. Everyone involved in governance must make their best effort to make the centralization succeed. This means the county commission, school board, and all elected or appointed officials.
8. SUMMARY: (The Comptroller believes) centralization will provide efficiency and economy in the long-term. However, it may not be for all counties. If a county does not follow the two key points for success, it can fail miserably. The few centralized systems we have seen fail (directly resulted from) ignoring one or both principles.

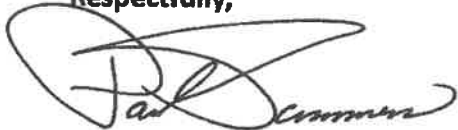
Conclusion

The Audit Committee is a reporting committee. We are reporting to the County Commission on our work done in 2019. We have provided the decision makers, department heads, management and citizens a detailed and exhaustive tutorial on the pros and cons of centralized purchasing and payroll. 95% of every meeting in 2019 involved this discussion. Without reservation, if the county commission considers CPP, they have had the opportunity to ask questions and had them answered by professionals. They know they may, at any time, call on experts from the State and various associations for technical assistance. This issue is now reported to and presented to them to make decisions best for Benton County. The Committee has done its job so far as education.

The consensus of the Audit Committee is that the major department heads do not, at this time, feel that CPP is warranted. They feel the current system is not broken. They posit that Benton County only had one audit finding during FY 2018 and an insignificant finding in the most recent audit; therefore, if the system is working, they see no reason to change it. Also, there are some members of the committee as well as legislative leaders who question the increased expense of CPP being an offset to the savings by CPP and economy of scale. That said, the experts and professionals who spoke to our Audit Committee opined that increased costs have historically paid for themselves once CPP was implemented. That includes hiring a knowledgeable finance director, staff, and office space. But the second part of the success equation for CPP is still a challenge: officials must cooperate to succeed. Benton County is not there yet; but, in time, and with continued education, the issue of CPP should be revisited.

The Audit Committee is pleased that in the FY 2018 audit, the Comptroller's finding has been rectified. The Comptroller's FY 2019 audit report was issued on February 13, 2020; and one technical finding was presented – one department was found not to have deposited some receipts within three (3) days of collection. Management concurred in the single finding and certified that the deficiency has or will be rectified shortly. We applaud the hard work and diligent application of the mayor's office and management on almost a flawless audit. We hope FY 2020 will produce an audit that includes no findings.

Respectfully,



Paul G. Summers, Chair
Benton County Audit Committee



New Johnsonville Fire Department
Chief E. Dale Allen
Assistant Chief Matt Dill
323 Long Street
New Johnsonville, TN. 37134



January 9, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that Scott Hill has applied for a position within your organization. It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation, recommending Mr. Hill for the position he is seeking.

Scott has been a vital part of the New Johnsonville Fire Department for several years and has many attributes that I feel will add much value to your organization.

Scott has a high standard for integrity, as he has shown this standard many times over in the fire service. I can count on Scott to do the right thing every time regardless of other influences. Scott follows procedures and guidelines closely and has a high respect for doing the things right.

Along with integrity, Scott has set the standard for leadership with in my leadership group. Scott goes beyond in his duties as a Lieutenant. Scott not only sets an example for other officers in the department but all firefighters he encounters. Scott shows his leadership skills with a wide range of knowledge and organization. Scott takes his leadership role very seriously and seeks out all improvement opportunities to better himself.

Scott is a dedicated worker that does not have failure in his vocabulary. Therefore, I believe that Scott Hill will be an excellent fit for your organization. Scott has been nothing short of a model Lieutenant at the New Johnsonville Fire Department. If you should have any further questions, feel free to contact me with the information below.

Thank You,

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Fire Chief
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New Johnsonville, TN. 37134
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Asst. Chief Matt Dill
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Tennessee Commission On Fire Fighting

This certifies that

Scott D. Hill

has successfully completed all of the requirements as prescribed in the Commissions rules and regulations for:

Fire Fighter I

and is hereby awarded this certificate in recognition

thereof on **05/14/2019**



Chairman



Director

Tennessee Commission On Fire Fighting

This certifies that

Scott D. Hill

has successfully completed all of the requirements as prescribed in the Commissions rules and regulations for:
Hazardous Materials Operations

and is hereby awarded this certificate in recognition

thereof on 01/29/2019



Chairman



Director

Tennessee Commission On Fire Fighting

This certifies that

Scott D. Hill

has successfully completed all of the requirements as prescribed in the Commissions rules and regulations for:

FFII - Fire Fighter II

and is hereby awarded this certificate in recognition thereof on _____
02/22/2020

Chairman



Director

Mayor Lashlee,

It is my understanding that Scott Hill is desiring to become the Deputy Director for Emergency Management for Benton County. I have worked with Mr. Hill and several emergency response efforts in Humphreys County and he has always provided very valuable assistance, particularly with communications and incident command and has often provided valuable assistance to my office with computer issues.

I am also aware that he has worked extensively with the Volunteer Fire Department in New Johnsonville, is a Commissioned Certified Firefighter and recently became Hazardous Materials Operation certified. He has done much other training including the National Incident Management System, is a HAM radio operator.

It would be hard to find an individual with more experience and ability than Mr. Hill.

Please feel free to call if you have questions.

Thanks,

***Odell Poyner, Director
Humphreys County
Emergency Management Agency***

234 West Blue Creek Road
Waverly, TN 37185

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"We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give" Winston Churchill