

BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON DECEMBER 19, 2019, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

**AGENDA**

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher.

Invocation was led by 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner Norman Frazier and Pledge of Allegiance was led by 6<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner Darrell Hicks.

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK WANDA MALIN AND DEPUTY CLERK KATHY HOWE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**                      **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** - ANGIE HERN, DOUG VICKERS

DIST. 6	DARRELL HICKS	RONNIE HOPPER	MARY POWERS
DIST. 1		DON PATTON	WARD PLANT (CHAIRMAN)
DIST. 2	DAYNA FERGUSON	KENNETH MILLER	ROCKY PRESSON
DIST. 3	KELEAH DYE	NORMAN FRAZIER	GARY FURR
DIST. 4	SONNY HALL	PHIL MELTON	
DIST. 5	RACHELLE HILL	JANET HIGDON	ROSANNE WARD

**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
8. Approval of Minutes
9. Report of Public Utilities
10. Resolution declaring various items in the basement of the jail as surplus property (20191216-01) (VV)

11. Resolution amending the Benton County beer ordinances (20191216-02) (RCV)
12. Resolution changing the position of the county mayor's executive assistant to Budget Administrator (20191216-03) (RCV)
13. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$120.00 within the Senior Citizens budget (20191216-04) (VV)
14. Resolution budgeting reimbursement funds in the amount of \$402,923.28 within the Highway Department budget (20191216-05) (VV)
15. Resolution budgeting contribution funds in the amount of \$5,500 from both E911 and Waste Management to help pay for the Benton County weather alert system Code Red (20191216-06) (VV)
16. Resolution appropriating funds from the Airport Fund 189 Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$8,750.00 in order to pay the airport grants matching shares (20191216-07) (RCV)
17. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$6,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order for the Civil Service Board to be able to purchase testing materials for job applicants for both the Sheriff's Department and Jail (20191216-08) (RCV)
18. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$66,112.16 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order for Benton County Clerk & Master to turn over the delinquent tax parcels to the county (20191216-09) (RCV)
19. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$220.93 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to pay for the courts hearing impaired interpreter services needed on a court case during the month of November (20191216-10) (RCV)
20. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$16,732.22 from the Unassigned Fund balance within the County General Fund in order to pay The Barrett Group fee for the revenue recently collected (20191216-11) (RCV)
21. Resolution appropriating funds in the amount of \$7,030.00 from the Jail, Workhouse or Courthouse Litigation Tax Reserve Account in order to purchase the jail two new tankless water heaters (20191216-12) (RCV)
22. Appointing Notaries
23. Any Other Business
24. Adjourn

**ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY:            CHAIRMAN WARD PLANT**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Agenda. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries

### **CITIZENS FORUM**

Mark Florence thanked everyone for coming out to the Meet & Greet. He also wanted to bring up the article in the Camden Chronicle by Commissioner Presson. Mr. Florence said he has never failed to address any concern or question from the commission regarding our school or schools' budget. He also said that the fund balance in the article was incorrect. He also.

Commissioner Presson said he was the only person responsible for the article. He did extensive research and put a lot of thought into the letter he wrote. He thought there was information that the citizen's needed to know about.

Commissioner Hill said the budget is coming up and the county does not have a funding mechanism in place on a regular basis to rotate out the patrol cars. She stated there has to be a way to purchase and rotate out the police cars.

### **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

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Commissioner Hill said the budget is coming up and the county does not have a funding mechanism in place on a regular basis to rotate out the patrol cars. She stated there has to be a way and funds to purchase, use and rotate out the police cars.

### **COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY, FINANCE ADVISOR, INVITED GUEST SPEAKER FORUM, OR PROCLAMATIONS**

### **PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve November 2019 minutes. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

### **APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTIONS**


Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-01**. Recommended by Property, Law Enforcement and Budget Committees. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.


**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-01**  
**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Jail has various desks, chairs, benches and file cabinets that were placed in the basement of the jail from other county offices that did not have sufficient storage room and,

**WHEREAS**, most of these items are in a state of disrepair or worn out and the Sheriff's Office has need of the space in the basement and would like to dispose of these old items that have no use.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2019 to approve the disposal of said items.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Frazier to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-02**. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-02**  
**SPONSORED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ROCKY PRESSON, WARD PLANT, MARY POWERS, DOUG VICKERS, NORMAN FRAZIER, KELEAH DYE, SONNY HALL AND RONNIE HOPPER**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Commission passed a resolution on June 17, 1985 regarding the issuance of beer permits for the sale of beer in Benton County, Tennessee; and


**WHEREAS**, the resolution passed on June 17, 1985 forbid the sale of beer within 300 feet of a residential dwelling, measured from building to building, provided that the owner of the residential dwelling appears in person before the County Beer Board and objects to the issuance of such permit or license prior to its issuance pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-105(f); and


**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of commissioners Presson, Plant, Powers, Vickers, Frazier, Dye, Hall and Hopper from the legislative body to amend the previous resolution dated June 17, 1985, and change the beer ordinance from within 300 feet to 300 feet (no change) of a residential dwelling pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-105(i).

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Commission passed a resolution on September 16, 1991 regarding the issuance of beer permits for the sale of beer in Benton County, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution passed on September 16, 1991 forbid the sale of beer within 2,000 feet of a school, church, or other place of public gathering pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-105(3); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Benton County Mayor, Brett Lashlee, to amend the previous resolution dated September 16, 1991, and change the beer ordinance from within 2,000 feet to 500 feet of a school, church, or other place of public gathering pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-105(b)(1) and for this resolution to take effect January 1, 2020.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20191216-03.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Dye to amend the resolution # from **RESOLUTION 20191216-03 to RESOLUTION 20191219-03.** On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Hill to amend **RESOLUTION 20191219-03** to add Commissioner Norman Frazier as a sponsor to this resolution. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to postpone **RESOLUTION 20191219-03** until the budget process can review. No Second, motion fails.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-03** as amended. On a roll call vote, 13 Ayes and 3 Passes. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-03**  
**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, it is the sole responsibility of the county mayor's office for proper accounting and budgeting of the county funds under his jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, these tasks traditionally have been those of the executive assistant at a level of pay well below that of the responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mayor's current executive assistant goes above and beyond in her fiscal responsibilities and continuous education for the betterment of Benton County; and

**WHEREAS**, she carries many different titles on behalf of Benton County, where we would otherwise need to create and fill additional positions to help maintain these job duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mayor's current executive assistant holds a B.S. in Business Administration, has completed the Tennessee Basic Economic Development Course, has completed multiple courses offered by CTAS on budgets and accounting procedures for both counties and municipalities, and plans to enroll in the upcoming CCFO (Certified County Financial Officer) program in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics the average salary for the position of a County Mayor's Executive Assistant is listed as the following:

<i>High School Diploma</i>	<i>\$35,256.00</i>
<i>Some College/No Degree</i>	<i>\$38,376.00</i>
<i>Associates Degree</i>	<i>\$41,496.00</i>
<i>Bachelor's Degree</i>	<i>\$59,124.00</i>
<i>Master's Degree</i>	<i>\$69,732.00</i>
<i>Doctorate</i>	<i>\$84,396.00</i>
<i>Professional Degree</i>	<i>\$89,960.00</i>

**Therefore**, with acknowledgement to the ever-increasing responsibilities placed on this position in the mayor's office, the county mayor would like to request that the pay be increased to match the tasks being performed by the position and the new salary be \$42,500/annually; and

**WHEREAS**, this increase in pay should also come with a change in title to include both Executive Assistant and Budget Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the total amount of \$6,071.99 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and to budget to the appropriate payroll

expenditure accounts listed below for the increase to take effect January 1, 2020 and cover the remainder of this fiscal year:

**DECREASE REVENUES:**

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$6,071.99

**INCREASE EXPENDITURES:**

101.51300.161 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR \$5,310.00

101.51300.201 SOCIAL SECURITY \$ 329.22

101.51300.204 RETIREMENT \$ 249.57

101.51300.210 UNEMPLOYMENT \$ 106.20

101.51300.212 MEDICARE \$ 77.00

**\$6,071.99**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the county mayor's Executive Assistant receive both a position title change to Budget Administrator and a salary increase of up to \$42,500/annually and that the necessary funds in the amount of \$6,071.99 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order for this position change to take effect January 1, 2020.

**RESOLUTION 20191219-03**

COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
DARRELL HICKS		X			X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X			X		
MARY POWERS		X			X		
ANGIE HERN	X						
DON PATTON		X			X		
DAYNA FERGUSON		X		X	X		
KENNETH MILLER		X			X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X			X		
KELEAH DYE		X					X
NORMAN FRAZIER		X	X		X		
GARY FURR		X			X		
SONNY HALL		X			X		
PHIL MELTON		X			X		
DOUG VICKERS	X						
RACHELLE HILL		X			X		
JANET HIGDON		X					X
ROSANNE WARD		X					X
WARD PLANT		X			X		

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to Change all resolution numbers from the 20191216 to 20191219. Change in numbers is necessary because original meeting date was 12-16-19 and changed due to inclement weather to 12-19-19. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Powers to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-04**. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-04**  
**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Senior Citizens Department has received funds in the total amount of \$120.00 for building rental fees; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$120.00 to the Senior Citizens Food Account within their budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the funds in the amount of \$120.00 from the Senior Citizens Center building rentals be budgeted as the following:

<b>INCREASE REVENUES:</b>		
101.44570	CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS	\$120.00
		<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</b>		
101.56300.422	SENIOR CITIZENS FOOD SUPPLIES	\$120.00
		<b>\$120.00</b>

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Hicks seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20191216-05**. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-05**  
**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT BARRY "BUCK" CARTER**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Highway Department has been working with a state and federal bridge program on building a bridge in Big Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds in the total amount of \$402,923.28 have been reimbursed from the federal government and it will be necessary to budget the said funds back into the Highway Department budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the funds in the total amount of \$402,923.28 for reimbursements on a local bridge project be budgeted within the Highway Department budget as the following:

<b>DECREASE REVENUES:</b>		
131.47590	HIGHWAY OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	\$349,755.04
131.46410	HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM	\$ 53,168.24
		<b>\$402,923.28</b>
<b>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</b>		
131.62000.399	HIGHWAY OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$100,685.04
131.68000.321	HIGHWAY ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$ 49,070.00
131.68000.705	HIGHWAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION	\$ 53,168.24
131.68000.714	HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$200,000.00
		<b>\$402,923.28</b>

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-06**. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-06**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

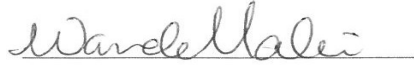
**WHEREAS**, Benton County E911 and Waste Management have both made a financial contribution to CODE RED weather alert system for the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Benton County E911 contributed \$3,000 and Waste Management contributed \$2,500 for a total of \$5,500 that will need to be budgeted to the appropriate expenditure account in order to pay for the CODE RED alert services for 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 December 2019 that funds in the total amount of \$5,500 be budgeted to the Revenue Account No. 101.44570 – Contributions & Gifts and also budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.54490.307 – Emergency Management Communications in order to help fund the Benton County wide weather alert system CODE RED.



Brett Lashlee, County Mayor



Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-07**. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-07**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Airport has been working on several grants and airport improvements the past two years; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$8,570.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the Airport Fund 189 in order to cover the county's matching share for these projects.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the funds in the amount of \$8,570.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the Airport Fund 189 in order to cover Benton County's matching share for the TDOT Aeronautics Airport Grant and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 189.91110.339 – Airport Matching Share.



Brett Lashlee, County Mayor



Wanda Malin, County Clerk



Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-08**. Recommended by Law Enforcement and Budget Committees. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-08**


**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Civil Service Board would like to purchase testing materials in order to test the qualifications of job applicants as they apply and interview for available positions with the Sheriff's Department and the Jail; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$6,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget to the appropriate expenditure line item within the Civil Service budget in order for the board members to purchase the testing materials.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the funds in the amount of \$6,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budget to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51240.463 – Civil Service Board Testing in order to allow the Civil Service board members to purchase testing materials for job applicants for the Sheriff's Department and the Jail.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-09**. Recommended by Property and Budget Committees. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-09**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**


**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Clerk & Master is preparing to turn certain parcels of property over to Benton County; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$66,112.16 in order for the Benton County Clerk & Master to turn over the said parcels.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that funds in the amount of \$66,112.16 be appropriated from the Unassigned Reserves within the County General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 51300-599 Mayor's Office Other Charges in order for the Benton County Clerk & Master to turn over the said parcels to the County.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-10**. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-10**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**


**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, Benton County courts have recently heard a case during the month of November where a hearing impaired court interpreter was needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost for the interpreter services is \$220.93 and it will be necessary to appropriate the said funds and budget to the proper expenditure account in order to pay for this service which was provided.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that the funds in the amount of \$220.93 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budgeted to Expenditure Account No. 101.53310.599 – General Sessions Judge Other Charges in order to pay for court ordered hearing impaired interpreter services.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-11**. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-11**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

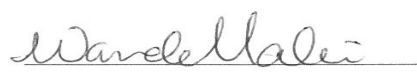
**WHEREAS**, The Barrett Group has recently helped Benton County collect mixed drink tax from fiscal years 2014-2019, unclaimed property which is to be placed in a restricted interest bearing reserve account, general litigation tax increases from July – August 2019, sales tax collection corrections for June 2018 – May 2019 from the North Utility District and Hall tax corrections from the department of revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Benton County has received invoices for The Barrett Group's fees due for each of the said findings; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$16,732.22 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the General Fund in order to pay the five outstanding invoices received from the Barrett Group.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2019 that funds in the amount of \$16,732.22 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 five outstanding invoices received from The Barrett Group for the revenue findings listed above.

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve **RESOLUTION 20191219-12.** On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20191216-12**

**SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Benton County Jail has two tankless water heaters that were installed during the construction of the new jail in 2010 that need to be replaced

**WHEREAS**, the Jail has received a quote from United Mechanical & Electrical for replacement of these water heaters totaling \$ 7,030.00.; and

**WHEREAS**, this purchase would qualify as a correct use and appropriation of the Jail. Workhouse or Courthouse Litigation Tax Reserve Funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December 2019 to appropriate \$ 7,030.00 from the Jail, Workhouse or Courthouse Litigation Tax Reserve for the purchase and installation of these water heaters and have the funds budgeted to the appropriate expenditure account as listed below:

**DECREASE REVENUE:**

101.34525 JAIL, WORKHOUSE OR COURTHOUSE LITIGATION TAX RESERVE \$ 7,030.00

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\$ 7,030.00

**INCREASE EXPENDITURE:**

101.54210.790 JAIL - OTHER EQUIPMENT \$ 7,030.00

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\$ 7,030.00

  
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

**NOTARIES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve December 2019 Notaries. On a voice vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**MADALYNN BREEDEN**

**AMY RALSTON**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**


Commissioner Presson brought up the Bond issue and introduced a Resolution to put a question on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> election ballot on whether Benton County should enter into a 6 Million Dollar General Obligation Public Improvement Bond. Commissioner Presson thinks the citizens of Benton County should have a chance to vote on the issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Melton to bring up a new resolution on the General Obligation Bond.

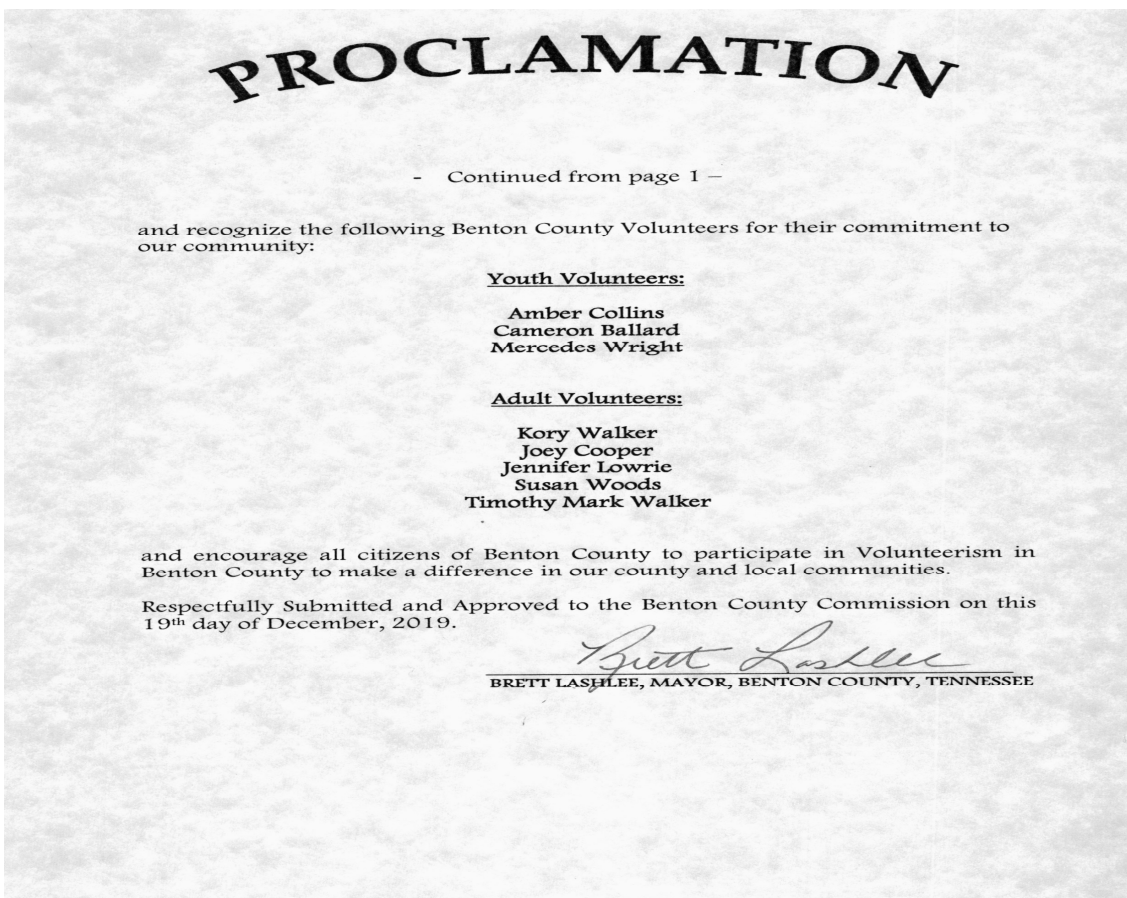
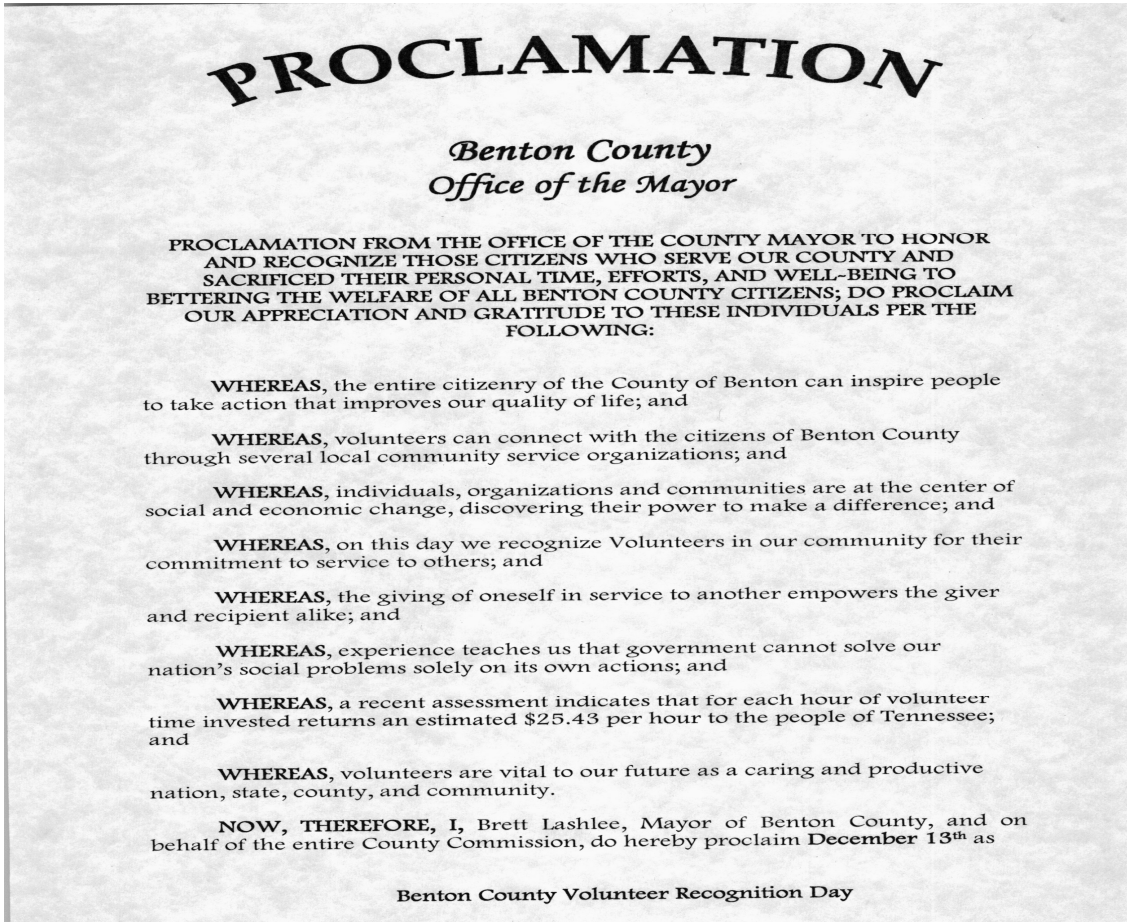
Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Presson to suspend the rules of order to bring to bring up the application presented by Commissioner Presson. On a roll call vote, 8 Ayes, 6 Nays and 2 passes. Motion Fails.

<b><u>Resolution to put Bond on Ballot on March 3rd</u></b>							
COMMISSIONER	ABSENT	PRESENT	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	PASS
DARRELL HICKS		X			X		
RONNIE HOPPER		X					X
MARY POWERS		X			X		
ANGIE HERN	X						
DON PATTON		X				X	
DAYNA FERGUSON		X			X		
KENNETH MILLER		X			X		
ROCKY PRESSON		X	X		X		
KELEAH DYE		X			X		
NORMAN FRAZIER		X				X	
GARY FURR		X				X	
SONNY HALL		X					X
PHIL MELTON		X		X	X		
DOUG VICKERS	X						
RACHELLE HILL		X				X	
JANET HIGDON		X				X	
ROSANNE WARD		X			X		
WARD PLANT		X				X	

  
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

  
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Mayor Lashlee presented the following Proclamations in honor of Benton County Volunteer Recognition Day.



**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn this meeting. Meeting was adjourned.**

**WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2019, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.**

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BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR

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WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK