

BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON JANUARY 19, 2021, 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 Commissioner Mike Nunnery and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ronnie Hopper.

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK WANDA MALIN

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ROLL CALL

Quorum Present

Present: 15 Absent: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	PRESENT
Don Patton	PRESENT	Sonny Hall	PRESENT
Ward Plant	PRESENT	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	PRESENT	Rachelle Hill	PRESENT
Kenneth Mill	PRESENT	Mike Nunnery	PRESENT
Rocky Pressc	PRESENT	Rosanne Wa	PRESENT
Keleah Dye	PRESENT	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	PRESENT	Ronnie Hopp	PRESENT
Gary Furr	PRESENT	Mary Power	PRESENT

AGENDA

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY:

Chairperson Rosanne War

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to suspend the Rules of Order to remove RESOLUTION 20210119-01 from the Agenda. On a ROLL CALL VOTE, 14 AYES AND 1 NAY. Motion Carries.

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Approval of Agenda



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **14** NO: **1** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Second	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu		YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	Motion YES
Keleah Dye		NO	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Power	YES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to Approve the Agenda as amended. On a ROLL CALL VOTE, all present voted AYE. Motion Carries.

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approval of the agenda



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Davna Fergu	Second	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	Motion	Mike Nunnel	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopc	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Power	YES

CITIZENS FORUM

David Blackwood, Director - West TN River Basin Authority, spoke about some of the services they provide including river and steam maintenance and amphibious machinery. He spoke about Resolution 20211119-05 about the project for Cane Creek at Natchez Trace Road which may include realignment of the creek and replacement of a bridge crossing plus general improvements.

Donna Barrett gave an update on County revenue issues on excise tax and severance tax.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Fowler congratulated Mayor Lashlee on his recent marriage and asked about him using the courthouse for the ceremony. Mr. Fowler wanted to know about commissioners renting the courthouse for venues and how that worked. Mayor Lashlee said this is a public building and he has authority for that. He said he asked himself and he said yes. He said there was no cleaning fee and he left it in better shape than it was in. And if people want to do this than by all means he would consider it.

Commissioner Presson spoke about wages and pollution conditions at MagPro. He said MagPro will be making 2 new additions.

Commissioner Hall asked about MagPro controlling the pollution and smell.

Mayor Lashlee said he has received several complaints on MagPro and he has made sure they are in state compliance for toxins.

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

**BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7 (EXTENSION of EO NO. 3)
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Tennessee, and the Mayors of a number of municipalities in the state of Tennessee have made emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and have recognized it as a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee and Benton County have recently experienced record numbers of new COVID-19 cases and COVID-19 hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) advise the use of cloth or other types of face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, immediate action to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our county and communities is necessary in order to be able to safely allow governmental operations to continue, businesses and schools to remain open; reduce the demands on our local healthcare professionals and healthcare systems, and

WHEREAS, widespread use of face coverings is believed to be effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by reducing the chances of symptomatic and asymptomatic people transmitting the virus to others, especially when used together with other protocols including 6-foot social distancing and hand hygiene; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 54, strongly urging all persons to wear cloth face coverings or other similar coverings in public settings where being in close proximity to others is anticipated, and on December 22, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 73, again strongly urging all persons to wear cloth face coverings; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lee, through Executive Order 54 and Executive Order 73, delegated authority to county mayors in the 89 counties that do not have a locally-run health department to issue orders requiring the wearing of face coverings within their jurisdictions, subject to certain limitations, for the purposes of slowing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in Benton County and surrounding counties have significantly increased; and

WHEREAS, the Mutual Aid and Emergency and Disaster Assistance Agreement Act of 2004, Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-101 *et seq.*, authorizes the mayor to declare a local state of emergency affecting such official's jurisdiction by executive order consistent with and in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v); and

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-2-110(3)(A)(v)(a) provides political subdivisions of the Tennessee State Government, Benton County, the power and authority to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required for the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local state of emergency may entitle Benton County to cost reimbursement as provided in Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-8-111; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor and designees are hereby authorized to request and respond to requests of aid from other jurisdictions when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor is authorized to conduct the activities of the County and to make all necessary decisions related to personnel and the day-to-day needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, Autumn Ratliff, Big Sandy Mayor, and Roger Pafford, Camden Mayor, acknowledge the necessity for this Declaration Of Public Health Emergency, and are in full support of its issuance for the benefit and protection of our communities and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 54 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 73 AND PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR LEE'S RECOGNITION OF A CONTINUING STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MAJOR DISASTER RELATED TO COVID-19, I, Brett Lashlee, Mayor of Benton County, Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by all applicable laws, issues a Declaration of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

IT IS ORDERED that cloth or other face coverings that cover the nose and mouth of a person to impede the spread of the virus during speaking, coughing, sneezing or other action, shall be required in Benton County, Tennessee, within all public-accessible areas of commercial business establishments; in public outdoor areas where social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained; and within the publicly-accessible areas of business offices where there is direct interaction with the public and social distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained. A "commercial business establishment" means any establishment that sells goods or services, or a combination thereof, including but not limited to grocery stores, restaurants, lobbies and public spaces in hotels and other places of lodging, pharmacies, banks, bars, salons, retail stores, medical and dental offices, and entertainment and sports venues.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all commercial business establishments shall comply with social distancing guidelines and maintain a high level of sanitation and employee hygiene in line with CDC guidance. Furthermore, to prevent mass community spread of COVID-19 at retail stores and grocery stores, the following additional guidelines are being instituted:

1. Allow no more than 10% of stated fire capacity in the store at a time (note that this reduced capacity is approximately 250 square feet per person). Require staff to count the number of customers entering and exiting the store and to enforce limits. Businesses exceeding 100,000 square foot per person shall not exceed 300 customers at any given time.

2. Clearly mark 6-foot spacing in lines and other high-traffic areas and consider ways to encourage spacing if there are lines outside. Consider posting signage or using ropes to direct customers and to limit bottlenecks/encourage flow in high-density areas of stores.
3. Designate employees to monitor social distancing and assist customers.
4. Maximize space between customers and employees at checkout.
5. Incorporate a separate entry and exit process if more than one entrance exists.
6. Designate employee(s) to ensure the cleaning guidelines set by the CDC are followed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order does not apply to:

1. Any person who is under age 12;
2. Any person who cannot safely wear a face covering because he/she has trouble breathing due to an underlying health condition or another bona fide medical or health-related reason for not wearing a face covering;
3. Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance;
4. Persons in a private residence;
5. Persons who are outdoors, unless the person cannot substantially maintain appropriate 6-foot social distancing from others outside of the person's household;
6. Persons while eating or drinking;
7. Persons in a place of worship (unless a face covering is required by the place of worship), although persons in places of worship are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19;
8. Persons within private motor vehicles, unless such vehicle is being used for public transportation or a vehicle for hire;
9. Persons working under conditions where appropriate social distancing of at least six feet from others outside the person's household is substantially maintained;
10. Persons present in government facilities, or on government premises, who shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the governmental entity operating the facility or premises. Persons present in the public areas of all Benton County government facilities will wear cloth or other face coverings, subject to the age and health restrictions outlined herein, and subject to number 11, below. Other local governmental entities may issue their own directives regarding their facilities;

11. Persons in a voting site for the purpose of voting or administering an election; although such persons are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19;

12. Persons who are engaging in strenuous exercise and/or physical activity, provided, however, that such persons shall maintain 6-foot social distancing when not wearing a face covering;

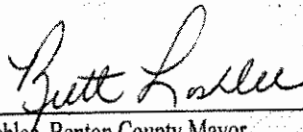
13. Persons for whom wearing a face covering would pose a safety or security risk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that businesses and facilities subject to this Order shall post signage at public entrances informing patrons of the requirement to wear a mask within the establishment, and shall enforce the requirement within the establishment.

This local order constitutes an order promulgated pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 2, Part 1. While it is the hope and expectation that Benton County residents will comply with this Order out of a sense of civic duty and respect for their fellow residents, and attempts at education and communication are the preferred methods of obtaining compliance, state law provides for enforcement of this Order if necessary. Pursuant to Executive Order 54 and Executive Order 73 and Tennessee Code Annotated §58-2-120, violation of this Order shall constitute a Class A misdemeanor.

This Order shall become effective Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. and will expire on January 27, 2021 at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner cancelled or unless extended.

ORDERED THIS 19 DAY OF JANUARY, 2021



Brett Lashlee
Brett Lashlee, Benton County Mayor

FILED: Wanda Malin, Benton County Clerk

CC:

Benton County Emergency Management Agency
Benton County Health Department
County Attorney
TEMA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Approval of Minutes



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	Second YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Power	YES

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

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Report of Public Utilities



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	Second YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Power	YES

Meeting took a 10-minute recess

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hopper to Approve the ANNUAL BENTON COUNTY ROAD LIST. On a ROLL CALL VOTE, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 20210119-01 – REMOVED FROM AGENDA

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-01
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON & WARD PLANT
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the December 15, 2020 trial balance from the Benton County Trustee’s Office shows Benton County having approximately \$18,918,215 dollars being invested in four separate banks; and
WHEREAS, the \$18,918,215 invested dollars include the school fund, highway fund and the general fund; and
WHEREAS, Benton Counties investment income is found on page four of our counties 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Account numbers 44100 and 44110 shows the 2019 audit numbers for invest income being \$231,763 dollars, and found in Benton County Trustee’s records show actual dollars for 2020 investments being \$300,685 dollars; and
WHEREAS, the December 15, 2020 trial balance sheet shows all investment dollars as:

APEX BANK	\$3,672,658	dollars
FIRST BANK	\$1,526,794	dollars
CARROLL BANK & TRUST	\$6,616,049	dollars
LOCAL INVESTMENT POOL	\$7,102,714	dollars

WHEREAS, excise tax is a tax paid by banks based on the earnings in a given county; and
WHEREAS, information provided from the Tennessee Department of Revenue shows our local banks and the payments made to Benton County from the excise tax; and

WHEREAS, excise payments made to Benton County in 2020:

APEX BANK	Four payments totaling	\$284,014
REGIONS BANK		\$ 4,731
CARROLL BANK & TRUST		\$ 3,825
WORLD FINANCE		\$ 2,730
FIRST BANK		\$ 000.00
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL		\$ 000.00

WHEREAS, Apex Bank in 2020 paid 96.3% percent of all excise taxes received by Benton County; and
WHEREAS, on the December 15, 2020 trial balance from the Benton County Trustee showed only 19.4% percent of Benton County investment dollars are being invested in Apex Bank; and
WHEREAS, the Local Government Investment Pool in which Benton County has greater than 7 million dollars invested in, is operated by the Tennessee State Treasury. Records will reflect an interest rate high of 2.41% in April 2019 and records will show an interest rate low of 0.19% in November 2020, and records show the Local Government Investment Pool pays Benton County no excise tax.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that our Benton County Mayor, Brett Lashlee, and our Benton County Trustee, Sherry Beasley, give great consideration to the study and research of the benefits and/or harm of investing all Benton County Investment dollars only in county banks, whom are properly paying Benton County Excise Taxes and greatly consider investing no dollars in the banking entities whom are not properly paying excise taxes to Benton County.

RESOLUTION 20210119-02 - FAILED

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-02
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON & WARD PLANT
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County provides that a county employee who has tested positive with COVID-19 is to remain home with pay; and
 WHEREAS, the Benton County employee policy is to pay all workers required to quarantine while on the mandatory leave; and
 WHEREAS, in many cases schools and child care facilities have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that any Benton County employee that is a primary care giver for a child whose school or care facility has been closed due to COVID-19 be allowed to be at home with the child/children and continue to receive full county pay/wages.

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Resolution 20210119-01



VOTE RESULTS: Failed On Majority Vote

YES: **2** NO: **10** ABSTAIN: **3** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	NO
Don Patton	NO	Sonny Hall	NO
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion NO	Rachelle Hill	NO
Kenneth Mill	NO	Mike Nunne	NO
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	NO
Keleah Dye	ABSTAIN	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	Second ABSTAIN	Ronnie Hopp	NO
Gary Furr	ABSTAIN	Mary Power	NO

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Resolution 20210119-02



VOTE RESULTS: Failed On Majority Vote

YES: **2** NO: **9** ABSTAIN: **4** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	NO
Don Patton	NO	Sonny Hall	NO
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion NO	Rachelle Hill	NO
Kenneth Mill	NO	Mike Nunne	NO
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	NO
Keleah Dye	ABSTAIN	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	ABSTAIN	Ronnie Hopp	NO
Gary Furr	ABSTAIN	Mary Power	Second ABSTAIN

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-03. **WITHDRAWN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-03
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON & WARD PLANT
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Benton County has at least one transportation vendor delinquent in paying Benton County Ad Valorem Taxes; and

WHEREAS, any vendor having a delinquent Ad Valorem Tax can contract with any Tennessee State Departments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that Benton County State Representative, Bruce Griffey, and State Senator, John Stevens, go before the Tennessee State General Assembly and create a law that will forbid any state Department from contracting with any vendor that is delinquent in any Tennessee County Taxes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this new law include subcontractors.

RESOLUTION 20210119-04. FAILED

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-04
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS ROCKY PRESSON & WARD PLANT
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic; and
WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Trump declared a National State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
WHEREAS, on October 11, 2020 the White House Coronavirus Taskforce, in a state report for Tennessee, suggested a state wide mask mandate must be implemented to stop the increasing spread among residents that is likely to overrun hospitals, doctors, medical staff in the coming weeks; and
WHEREAS, Fox News Reported on December 25th, 2020 fewer than 30 Tennessee counties have instituted a mandated to wear a mask in public; and
WHEREAS, first responders and medical providers attribute a significant number of new COVID-19 cases to citizens residing in counties not mandating the wearing of masks moving freely throughout the state to conduct business, work, school, and recreation; and
WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 Protect My Care, a group of more than 50 Tennessee doctors, delivered a message to Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, that our medical community is not divided on wearing masks in our great state of Tennessee and asked the Governor to "Mask Mandate Now"; and
WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020 COVID-19 set a single day case record of 11,410 new cases; and
WHEREAS, Friday, December 25th, 2020 the Tennessee State Health Department reported 2,944 citizens currently being hospitalized with COVID-19, and on January 3rd, 2021 the New York Times reported 3,371 people being hospitalized in Tennessee, which is an increase of 12.7% percent since December 25th.
WHEREAS, on December 29th, 2020 the U.S. confirms the first case of a new COVID-19 strain, Colorado health officials identified the first new case caused by a contagious United Kingdom variant. The new strain could be as much as 70% percent more transmissible. Since this initial announcement, cases of the new strain have been reported in both Florida and California; and
WHEREAS, MSNBC reported on January 4th, 2021 that the Prime Minister announced a National Lockdown for England amid a rise in cases and the spread of the new variant COVID-19 virus.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that the Benton County Mayor and the County Commission express its extreme concern with regards to the arrival of the new COVID-19 mutation coming from the U.K. and having a potential third COVID-19 wave, requests the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, to issue a state wide Mask Mandate in all public settings to better protect all residents of Tennessee until all residents have been given the opportunity for the COVID-19 vaccine.

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Resolution 20210119-04



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 9 NO: 4 ABSTAIN: 2 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	NO
Don Patton	ABSTAIN	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu Motion	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	ABSTAIN
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	NO
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	NO	Ronnie Hopp Second	NO
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	YES

RESOLUTION 20210119-05.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-05

**RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the West Tennessee River Basin Authority is working to submit a proposal for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program through FEMA; and
WHEREAS, one of the locations that has shown a persistent need and meets the qualifications of this program is Cane Creek from Natchez Trace Road to South Forrest Avenue; and
WHEREAS, the improvements could include realignment of Cane Creek, replacement of a bridge crossing, and general improvements for flow and stream bank stability around properties and utilities along the corridor; and
WHEREAS, Benton County is a member of the West Tennessee Basin Authority and the community is eligible to be included in the grant application. The grant has a 75/25 Federal to Local match. The costs for this project are estimated at \$1,400,000 total, and the WTRBA Board of Directors have approved \$500,000 to be applied towards the match on the total proposal, which will be distributed between individual projects according to the costs; and
WHEREAS, the WTRBA will provide Benton County \$147,000 towards a match for the projects; However, Benton County would have to provide a commitment letter as a co-sponsor on this to provide \$200,000 to complete the matching requirements of the BRIC Grant; and
WHEREAS, this resolution is to approve the project and provide WTRBA the commitment from Benton County that we are willing and able to match this grant projects if and when we are approved in order to proceed with the project that would improve and benefit the City of Camden, Benton County and the businesses along Cane Creek; and
WHEREAS, no funds will be requested or required until a successful grant application has been completed.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that Benton County supports this project for the locations of Cane Creek from Natchez Trace Road to South Forrest Avenue and is committed to providing the required \$200,000 local match for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant through FEMA.

1/19/2021 8:29:20 PM RollCall Systems, Inc.

Resolution 20210119-05



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	Motion YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	Second YES

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-06.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-06
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 66-29-102 and 66-29-121 provide that a county may request payment for the unclaimed balance of funds reported and remitted by or on behalf of that county and its agencies if it exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), less a proportionate share of the cost of administering the program; and,

WHEREAS, Benton County meets all of the requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 66-29-101 et seq. and accepts liability for future claims against accounts represented in funds paid to it and agrees to submit an annual report of claims received on these accounts to the State Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, it is agreed that this county will retain a sufficient amount to ensure prompt payment of allowed claims without deduction for administrative cost or service charges and that the balance of funds will be deposited in this county's general fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county legislative body of Benton County requests the State Treasurer to pay the unclaimed balance of funds remitted for prior years reported to it in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-29-121. A list of remittances made by or on behalf of this county and its agencies is attached.

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Resolution 20210119-06



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	Second YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-07

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-07
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY 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 MINERAL SEVERANCE TAX COLLECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Benton County enacted a Mineral Severance Tax on April 24, 1979.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Commission desires that the operator be 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 or authorized tax collector, 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 19th day of January 19, 2021, that the Tennessee General Assembly be urged to amend the provisions of the Benton County, TN Private Acts of 1979 Chapter 89 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 or authorized tax collector, 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.

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Resolution 20210119-07



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 11 NO: 3 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	ABSTAIN
Don Patton	Second	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion	NO	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		NO	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		NO	Mary Power	YES

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Meeting took a 5-minute break at 8:52

Meeting back in session at 9:01

RESOLUTION 20210119-08

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-08
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport Board is in need of both a re-appointment and a new appointment due to the expiration of a term and a recent vacancy; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the County Mayor and the airport board members to re-appoint James Fisette for a three-year term effective January 19, 2021 and set to expire on October 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the County Mayor and the airport board members to appoint Steve Downs as a new member to fill the recent vacancy with a one-year term effective January 19, 2021 and set to expire on October 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that James Fisette be re-appointed to the Benton County Airport Board for a three-year term set to expire on October 31, 2024 and that Steve Downs be appointed to the Benton County Airport Board for a one-year term set to expire on October 31, 2022.

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Resolution 20210119-08



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Second YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	Motion YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	YES

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-09

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve **RESOLUTION 20210119-09**.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-09
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Animal Shelter has insufficient funds in the line item 101.55120.357 – Veterinary Services; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget revenues in the amount of \$7,777.06 the shelter has collected July – December in order to help cover these expenses

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$ be budgeted within the Animal Shelter budget as follows:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>			
101.41130	ANIMAL VACCINATIONS		\$4,397.00
101.48610	DONATIONS		\$3,340.16
101.44560	DAMAGES RECOVERED FROM INDIVIDUALS	\$ 39.90	
			\$7,777.06
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>			
101.55120.357	ANIMAL CONTROL VETERINARY SERVICES	\$7,777.06	
			\$7,777.06

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Hall to amend **RESOLUTION 20210119-09** to add the correct amount of \$7,777.06 in the third paragraph behind the \$ sign. On a ROLL CALL VOTE, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Motion to Amend

VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	Second YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Power	YES


Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve **RESOLUTION 20210119-09** as amended. On a ROLL CALL VOTE, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

Resolution 20210119-09

VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Motion YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Second YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Power	YES


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-10

RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-10
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received funds in the amount of \$ 8,401.91 for revenues for the months of October, November and December, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said funds in the amount of \$ 8,401.91 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 19th day of January, 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$ 8,401.91 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the last three months of 2020 be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:		
101.43395	SEX OFFENDER REGIST. FEE	\$ 300.00
101.44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$ 375.00
101.44540	SALE OF PROPERTY	\$ 816.00
101.44560	DAMAGES RECOVERED FROM INDIVIDUAL	\$ 665.00
101.49700	INSURANCE RECOVERY	\$ 3,795.00
101.46290	OTHER STATE GRANTS	\$ 1,950.91
122.44560	DAMAGES RECOVERED FROM INDIVIDUAL	\$ 500.00

\$ 8,401.91

INCREASE EXPENDITURE:		
101.54110.338	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR - VEHICLE	\$ 6,561.91
101.54110.349	PRINTING, STATIONARY & FORMS	\$ 665.00
101.54110.353	TOW-IN SERVICES	\$ 375.00
101.54160.599	OTHER CHARGES	\$ 300.00
122.54150.401	ANIMAL FOOD & SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00

\$8,401.91

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Resolution 20210119-10



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Second YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	Motion YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	YES

Brett Lashlee
 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin
 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-11

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-11
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE
 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
 RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 January 19, 2021**

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education was awarded a Remote Tech Grant;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2020-21 budget as follows;

47590	Other Federal Thru State	<u>INCREASE</u> \$ 103,151.42
71100 722	Regular Instruction Equipment	\$ 103,151.42

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Resolution 20210119-11



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Second	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Powers	YES

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-12

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-12
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 19, 2021**

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2020-21 budget as follows;

72130 599	Other Charges – Other Student Support	<u>INCREASE</u> \$ 100,000.00
		<u>DECREASE</u>
39000	Fund Balance	\$ 100,000.00

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Resolution 20210119-12



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Motion	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Second	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Powers	YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-13

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-13
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Benton County has received the full-time help of two temporary positions during the COVID Crisis due to a grant through the Northwest TN Development District; and
WHEREAS, the two full-time employees have been working for the county in a custodian position and a maintenance/floater position since October 2020; and
WHEREAS, due to the increased responsibilities from the COVID-19 virus we have seen the desperate need and value in the additional positions; and
WHEREAS, the grant which provides the county these two additional workers will soon be coming to an end and it is the recommendation of the county mayor to increase the budget to include these two new positions in order to keep the additional help; and
WHEREAS, this would require an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$18,350 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that there be a budget amendment appropriating funds in the amount of \$18,350 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to fund and hire the two temporary positions of a full-time custodian and maintenance personnel/floater for the remainder of the fiscal year and that the said funds be budgeted to the Expenditure Accounts below:

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:			
101.51800.166	COUNTY BUILDINGS CUSTODIAN	\$7,400.00	
101.51800.189	OTHER SALARIES & WAGES	\$7,400.00	
101.51800.201	COUNTY BUILDINGS SOCIAL SECURITY		\$1,000.00
101.51800.212	COUNTY BUILDINGS MEDICARE		\$ 600.00
101.51800.210	COUNTY BUILDINGS UNEMPLOYMENT		\$ 700.00
101.51800.204	COUNTY BUILDINGS RETIREMENT	\$1,250.00	
			\$18,350.00

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Resolution 20210119-13



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **13** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **2** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	ABSTAIN
Don Patton	Motion	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Second	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		ABSTAIN	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Powers	YES

Brett Lashlee
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-14

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-14
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Public Archives has funds in the Archives Records Preservation Reserve Account 101.34510; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 from this Archives Reserve and budget into the Archives Records Preservation Expenditures in order to purchase records preservation materials.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 be appropriated from the Reserve Account No. 101.34510 - Archives Records Preservation Fee and be budgeted as the following:

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.56900.790 – OTHER EQUIPMENT

\$20,000.00

\$20,000.00

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Resolution 20210119-14




VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 14 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Second	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		ABSTAIN	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Power	YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-15

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-15
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Clerk & Master will need to purchase a new court laptop computer and software; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,200 from the Chancery Court Data Processing Reserve, Account No. 101.34520 and budget to the appropriate expenditure account in order to make this purchase and upgrade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$1,200 be appropriated from the Chancery Court Data Processing Reserve Account No. 101.34520 and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.53400.709 – Chancery Court Data Processing Equipment in order to upgrade the laptop computer and software in the Clerk & Master office.

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Resolution 20210119-15



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Second	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu	Motion	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Power	YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-16

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-16
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Election commission is running negative in the account 101.51500.193 – Election Workers due to the ballots for two elections within this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate \$5,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the negative from these expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$5,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51500.193 – Election Workers.

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Resolution 20210119-16



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **12** NO: **1** ABSTAIN: **2** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow		ABSTAIN
Don Patton	Motion	YES	Sonny Hall	Second	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton		ABSENT
Dayna Fergu		YES	Rachelle Hill		YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne		YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa		YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks		ABSENT
Norman Fraz		NO	Ronnie Hopp		ABSTAIN
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Powers		YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-17

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-17
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Benton County purchased 7 Verizon WiFi Jet Packs due to the COVID-19 crisis in order to ensure that county employees have full capability to telework during closures; and

WHEREAS, the CARES Act grant covered the initial purchasing expense, there will be a monthly billing increase to communications, which will require an increase in funds; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the monthly billing charges 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 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$2,400.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51800.307 – County Mayor Communications in order to cover this expense for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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Resolution 20210119-17



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Motion	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu		YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz	Second	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Power	YES

Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210119-18

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210119-18
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the security locks on the courtroom doors were in need of the keyless entry key pads being replaced and new locks; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$300.00 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 19th Day of January 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$300.00 be appropriated from the Court Room Security Reserve Account and budgeted as the following:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.34520 RESERVE FOR COURTROOM SECURITY \$300.00

\$300.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.53400.790 CHANCERY COURT OTHER EQUIPMENT

\$300.00

\$300.00

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Resolution 20210119-18



VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **15** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **3**

Angela Hern	ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu. <small>Second</small>	YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill	YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc	YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz <small>Motion</small>	YES	Ronnie Hopp	YES
Gary Furr	YES	Mary Powers	YES


Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

NOTARIES FOR JANUARY 2021

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 JANET ELKINS SHERRY ELENDT

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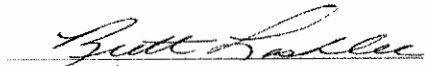
Appointing Notaries




VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: 15 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

Angela Hern		ABSENT	Dwayne Fow	YES
Don Patton	Motion	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	ABSENT
Dayna Fergu		YES	Rachelle Hill	YES
Kenneth Mill		YES	Mike Nunne	YES
Rocky Pressc		YES	Rosanne Wa	YES
Keleah Dye	Second	YES	Darrel Hicks	ABSENT
Norman Fraz		YES	Ronnie Hopc	YES
Gary Furr		YES	Mary Power	YES


 Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


 Wanda Malin, County Clerk


ANY OTHER BUSINESS

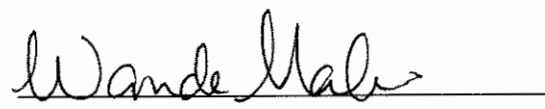
Scott Hill, IT, announced that Notebook Classes will be held on Feb. 4 and Feb. 11 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to adjourn this meeting. On a Voice Vote, all present voted Aye. Meeting was adjourned.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE JANUARY 19, 2021, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


 BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR


 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

