

BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MARCH 15, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON MARCH 15, 2021, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

AGENDA

Opening of meeting was by Deputy Ron Netterville.

Invocation was led by Commissioner Darrell Hicks and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Benton County Deputy Ron Netterville.

County Clerk Wanda Malin asked the commission to please not turn off their computers until after the adjournment is complete.

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK WANDA MALIN – ABSENT – RACHELLE HILL, RONNIE HOPPER

DISCUSSION >

0 Requests to Speak

Roll Call

ROLL CALL

Angela Hern	PRESENT	Dwayne Fowler	PRESENT
Don Patton	PRESENT	Sonny Hall	PRESENT
Ward Plant	PRESENT	Phil Melton	PRESENT
Davna Ferguson	PRESENT	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	PRESENT	Mike Nunnery	PRESENT
Rocky Presson	PRESENT	Rosanne Ward	PRESENT
Keleah Dye	PRESENT	Darrel Hicks	PRESENT
Norman Frazier	PRESENT	Ronnie Hopper	ABSENT
Garv Furr	PRESENT	Marv Powers	PRESENT

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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. County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor, Invited Guest Speaker Forum, or Proclamations
 - a. Audit Committee Annual Report – Judge Paul Summers
9. Approval of Minutes
10. Report of Public Utilities
11. Resolution to appoint Desmond Zollicoffer to the TRRD board for a four-year term set to expire on March 14, 2025 (20210315-01) **RCV**
12. Resolution to appoint Randall Roberson to the Board of Equalization. (20210315-02) **RCV**
13. Resolution to agree that the “maintenance of effort” funding for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2021, will be equal to or greater than the “maintenance of effort” funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 for the Benton County Schools (20210315-03) **RCV**
14. Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed two-million-dollar (\$2,000,000) General Obligation Capital Outlay Note (20210315—04) **RCV**
15. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$8,000 within the sheriff’s department budget (20210315-05) **RCV**
16. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$9,323.54 within the animal shelter budget (20210315-06) **RCV**
17. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$61,660.00 within the school’s budget in order to pay the county debt service fund the ESSi loan payments for this fiscal year (20210315-07) **RCV**
18. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$61,660.00 received from the schools within the county debt service fund in order to pay the ESSi loan payments for this fiscal year (20210315-08) **RCV**
19. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$4,250.00 received from the City of Camden for the quarterly allocation within the library budget (20210315-09) **RCV**
20. Resolution budgeting funds received in the amount of \$53,965.65 from the State of Tennessee for the Diabetes Health Grant within the Public Health and Welfare Projects within the Capital Projects Fund (20210315-10) **RCV**
21. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$2,110.00 from revenues collected during the months of January and February within the animal shelter budget (20210315-11) **RCV**
22. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,396.73 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the years of service/step raises for two county employees (20210315-12) **RCV**
23. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$14,400.00 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the county attorney legal fees for the remainder of this fiscal year (20210315-13) **RCV**
24. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,066.54 from the General Sessions Court Reserve Account in order to purchase the assistant to the judge a new upgraded computer and software (20210315-14) **RCV**
25. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 128 – TRRD in order to cover the contribution expenses for upcoming events for the remainder of this fiscal year (20210315-15) **RCV**
26. Appointing Notaries
27. Any Other Business

Adjourn

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY:

Chairperson Rosanne Ward

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the Agenda. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

VOTING RESULTS > YES 16 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

Approval of Agenda ✔ Passed By Majority Vote

Approval of Agenda

Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	M YES
Davna Ferguson	S YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	YES	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	YES	Ronnie Hopper	ABSENT
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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CITIZENS FORUM

Richard French from Carey Counseling wanted to spread the word about some new programs including a Children’s Behavioral program as well as an Adult Behavioral program. These programs are available to Benton and surrounding counties.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Ward announced that next month meeting April 19, 2021 will be at 5:00 and then go over to the small courtroom for an executive meeting with the attorney. Also, next month’s meeting will go back into “full” session.

Commissioner Hern asked why the commissioners names on the roll call were not rotating by district anymore. IT Director Scott Hill explained that the new computer system and software now being used to conduct the meetings enters the names randomly and that if it is an issue, he will check for a fix to get it rotating correctly again.

Norma “Jean” Rush was recognized for her 40 years of service to the County Mayor’s Office. She was hired on March 9, 1981 and has served for six County Mayors and is currently the most senior County employee.

Mayor Lashlee welcomed Susan Noles to her first official day as Tourism Director.

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

PROCLAMATION

Benton County Tennessee Office of the Mayor

**PROCLAMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE TO
RECOGNIZE COUNTY EMPLOYEE NORMA JEAN RUSH FOR HER NUMEROUS
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BENTON COUNTY MAYORS' OFFICE AND THE
CITIZENS OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE:**

Let It Be Known, That:

Whereas, County employee, Norma Jean Rush has been employed by Benton County, Tennessee for forty years as of March 9, 2021; and

Whereas, Ms. Rush is known for her loyal dedication to providing years of professionalism and support to the operations of Benton County Government; and

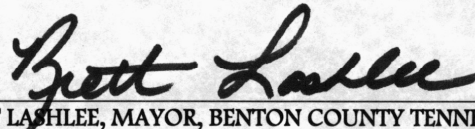
Whereas, she has shown an outstanding work ethic and a drive for excellence in her county position as Accounts Payable and Mayor's Office Assistant; having served to date for six County Mayors; and

Whereas, she is currently the most senior county employee having been hired by the county forty years ago on March 9, 1981 and served to the assistance of multiple boards and committee's; and

Whereas, her commitment to her career and providing public service are vitally important to the continued success of our great county; and

Whereas, Benton County would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the dedication of Norma Jean Rush.

Respectfully Submitted and Approved to the Benton County Commission on this 15th day of March, 2021.



BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR, BENTON COUNTY TENNESSEE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve February 2021 minutes. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

VOTING RESULTS >


YES 16 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

Approval of Minutes ✔ Passed By Majority Vote

Approval of Minutes

Angela Hern	YES	Dwwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	S YES
Davna Ferguson	M YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	YES	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	YES	Ronnie Hopper	ABSENT
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Powers to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

VOTING RESULTS >


YES 16 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

Report of Public Utilities ✔ Passed By Majority Vote

Report of Public Utilities

Angela Hern	YES	Dwwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	M YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	YES	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	YES	Ronnie Hopper	ABSENT
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	S YES

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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 20210315-01

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Powers to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-01. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-01
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

WHEREAS, there is a recent vacancy to the TRRD Board due to the recent resignation of Robin Cain Arnold; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the current board members and the county mayor to appoint Desmond Zollicoffer to the TRRD Board for a four-year term set to expire on March 14, 2025.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that Desmond Zollicoffer be appointed to the TRRD Board for a Four-year term set to expire on March 14, 2025.

VOTING RESULTS >

YES **16** NO **0** ABSTAIN **0** ABSENT **2**

20210315-01		Passed By Majority Vote	
11. Resolution to appoint Desmond Zollicoffer to the T...			
Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson M	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	YES	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	YES	Ronnie Hopper	ABSENT
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers S	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Commissioner Hopper checked into the meeting at 6:35 pm.

RESOLUTION 20210315-02

Motion was made by Commissioner Powers and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-02. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-02
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE**

WHEREAS, there is a recent vacancy needing to be filled on the Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Property Assessor to appoint Randall Roberson on the Board of Equalization to fill this vacancy with no terms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that Randall Roberson be appointed to the Board of Equalization with no terms.

VOTING RESULTS >


YES 17 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 1

20210315-02 ✔ Passed With Majority of Full Me

12. Resolution to appoint Randall Roberson to the Boa...

Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	S YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	YES	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	YES	Ronnie Hopper	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	M YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-03.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-03.

After several commissioners spoke, the meeting got out of order. Commissioner Presson was ruled out of order and not allowed to vote the rest of the meeting.

Commissioner Frazier requested that Commissioner Presson be removed from the meeting. Commissioner Frazier left the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion was made by Commissioner Plant to allow Commissioner Presson to vote.

On original Motion to approve Resolution 20210315-03, 11 Ayes, 1 Nay and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-03

RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS MIKE NUNNERY, ROSANNE WARD, GARY FURR, & SONNY HALL

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a global pandemic that can lead to serious illness or death and spreads through close contact among individuals; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread at a rapid rate in Tennessee and has impacted the Benton County School district; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County school district, in order to comply with Tennessee State Board of Education requirements, has had to engage in remote learning, in whole or in part, and different plans for learning during the 2020-2021 academic school year due to the continued spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County school district receives a portion of its funding from local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Board of Commissioners is required under Tennessee law to provide a "maintenance of effort" in funding from one year to the next to provide to prevent the unlawful supplanting of local funds through the use of state funds; and

WHEREAS, because of COVID-19, many families across the county have removed their students from the Benton County school district during the 2020-2021 school year and chose other learning options; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County school district has seen a decrease in enrollment in the 2020-2021 school year as families take precautions to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, current trends in enrollment show that students are returning to the Benton County school district as better control efforts curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Benton County; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in the "maintenance of effort" funding by the Board of Commissioners would lead to wide-spread disruption in staffing across the Benton County school district.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of March 2021 that the Board of Commissioners and any committee thereof agree that the "maintenance of effort" funding for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2021, will be equal to or greater than the "maintenance of effort" funding for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

VOTING RESULTS >

YES 11 NO 1 ABSTAIN 3 ABSENT 3

20210315-03 ✔ Passed With 10 Yes Votes Neede

13. Resolution to agree that the "maintenance of effort...

Angela Hern	ABSTAIN	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	ABSTAIN	Phil Melton	M YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	S YES
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Hopper	NO
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	1 ABSTAIN

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Brett Lashlee
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Plant and seconded by Commissioner Powers to allow Commissioner Presson back in the meeting and be allowed to vote. On a roll call vote, 7 Ayes, 8 Nays and 3 absent. Motion fails.

Commissioner Presson left the meeting.

VOTING RESULTS >

YES 7 NO 8 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

allow Mr. Presson back in the meeting ✘ Failed To Receive 10 Yes Votes Needed

Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	NO
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	NO
Ward Plant M	YES	Phil Melton	NO
Davna Ferguson	NO	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	NO
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Rosanne Ward	NO
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	NO
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Hopper	YES
Garv Furr	NO	Marv Powers S	YES

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DISCUSSION >

0 Requests to Speak

Recess for 10 Min	Time Remaining 2:00
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Angela Hern	PRESENT	Dwayne Fowler	PRESENT
Don Patton	PRESENT	Sonny Hall	PRESENT
Ward Plant	PRESENT	Phil Melton	PRESENT
Davna Ferguson	PRESENT	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	PRESENT	Mike Nunnery	PRESENT
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Rosanne Ward	PRESENT
Keleah Dve	PRESENT	Darrel Hicks	PRESENT
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Hopper	PRESENT
Garv Furr	PRESENT	Marv Powers	PRESENT

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RESOLUTION 20210315-04. PULLED BY MAYOR LASHLEE

RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-04
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES OF BENTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee (the "County") that for the purpose of providing funds for: (i) Construction, improvement, repair, renovation, maintenance and equipping of public buildings and facilities, including but not limited to, buildings for emergency management and services, farmer's market/vendor center, Ag/civic center complex, sheriff department exterior upgrades and impound lot, senior citizens/veteran's building, Patsy Cline Park, and Camden/Benton County TAP; (ii) acquisition of all property, real and personal, appurtenant to the foregoing; (iii) payment of legal, fiscal, administrative, architectural and engineering costs incident to the foregoing (collectively, the "Projects"); and (iv) payment of costs incident to the issuance and sale of the notes authorized herein; there shall be issued notes of said County in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$2,000,000, which shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by applicable Tennessee law at the time of issuance, and which shall be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all taxable property within the County.

Thereupon, the County Mayor declared said resolution to have been duly and regularly adopted and said resolution was signed and approved by the County Mayor and County Clerk in open meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hopper to adjourn the meeting because a commissioner left. No seconded was received. Meeting continues.

RESOLUTION 20210315-05

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-05.** On a roll call, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-05
 RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KENNY CHRISTOPHER
 LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's salary supplements line has insufficient funds to complete the fiscal year and;

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer funds from another payroll line item that has 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 15th day of March, 2021 that the following funds be transferred within the Sheriff's budget:

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

101.54110.189	OTHER SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 8,000.00
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\$ 8,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

101.54110.140	SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 8,000.00
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\$ 8,000.00

VOTING RESULTS >

YES 15 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

20210315-05

Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

15. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$8,0...

Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowlk	YES
Don Patton	S YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	M YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille	YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne Warc	YES
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Fraziz	ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-06.

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-06. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-06
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Animal Shelter has recently lost a full-time employee and is now hiring a part-time employee as a replacement; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to transfer the remaining balance in the amount of \$9,323.54 from the full-time line item into the part-time line item to cover this payroll 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 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$9,323.54 be transferred from 101.55120.189 – Other Salaries and Wages and into 101.55120.169 – Part-Time Personnel within the Animal Shelter Budget.

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-06

 **Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed**

16. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$9,3...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwwayne Fowle	YES
Don Patton	M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson	S	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille		YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor		ABSENT	Rosanne Warc	YES
Keleah Dve		YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazig		ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe	YES
Garv Furr		YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-07

Motion was made by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Patton to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-07. On a roll call vote, 14 ayes and 1 Nay. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-07
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS MARK FLORENCE
RESOLUTION FOR THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE
March 15, 2021**

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education will be repaying the ESSI Loan for the Trane Energy Project:

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

82130 620 Debt Service Contributions to Primary Govts. INCREASE \$ 61,660.00
DECREASE

99100 590 Transfers Out \$ 61,660.00

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-07 ✔ Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

17. Resolution transferring funds in the amount of \$61,...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwayne Fowle		YES
Don Patton	S	YES	Sonny Hall		YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton		YES
Davna Ferguson	M	YES	Rachelle Hill		ABSENT
Kenneth Mille		YES	Mike Nunnery		YES
Rocky Pessor		ABSENT	Rosanne Warc		YES
Keleah Dve		YES	Darrel Hicks		YES
Norman Frazic		ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe		NO
Garv Furr		YES	Marv Powers		YES

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Brett Lashlee
Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-08

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-08. On a roll call vote, 14 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-08
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County schools will be paying the principal and interest payments on the ESSi loan for March through July 2021 in the total amount of \$61,660.00; and

WHEREAS, the schools have paid the total amount of \$61,660.00 to the Benton County Trustee in order to cover these monthly payments; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$61,660.00 within the County Debt Service Fund 151 to cover the expenditures for the remainder of this fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$61,660.00 received from the Benton County Schools to make the ESSi loan payments for March through July 2021 be budgeted within the county debt service fund 151 as below:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>		
151.48130	DEBT SERVICE COUNTRIBUTIONS	\$61,660.00
		\$61,660.00
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>		
151.82130.612	EDUCATION PRINCIPAL ON OTHER LOANS	\$49,400.00
151.82230.613	EDUCATION INTEREST ON OTHER LOANS	\$12,260.00
		\$61,660.00

VOTING RESULTS >


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

20210315-08 ✔ Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

18. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$61,6...

Angela Hern YES	Dwayne Fowler YES
Don Patton M YES	Sonny Hall YES
Ward Plant YES	Phil Melton YES
Darna Ferguson S YES	Rachelle Hill ABSENT
Kenneth Miller YES	Mike Nunner YES
Rocky Pressor ABSENT	Rosanne Ward YES
Keleah Dye YES	Darrel Hicks YES
Norman Frazier ABSENT	Ronnie Honne NO
Garv Furr YES	Marv Powers YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-09

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve **RESOLUTION 20210315-09**. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-09
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of \$4,250.00 from the city of Camden for the quarterly contribution allocation; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$4,250.00 within the library budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$4,250.00 received by the Benton County Library from the city of Camden for the quarterly contribution be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130 CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 4,250.00

\$ 4,250.00

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169 PART-TIME/HOURLY PERSONNEL \$ 4,250.00

\$ 4,250.00

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-09

Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

19. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$4,250...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwayne Fowlke	YES
Don Patton	M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	S YES
Davna Ferguson		YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller		YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor		ABSENT	Rosanne Warren	YES
Keleah Dye		YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier		ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe	YES
Garv Furr		YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-10

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve RESOLUTION 20210315-10. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-10
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Benton County has received grant reimbursements from the State of Tennessee for the Diabetes Grant in the amount of \$53,965.65; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$53,965.65 received from the State of Tennessee from the Diabetes Grant within the appropriate expenditure accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$53,965.65 be budgeted as follows:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>		
171.47180 FEDERAL THROUGH STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		\$53,965.65
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		\$53,965.65
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>		
171.91140.321	PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE PROJECTS	\$53,965.65
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		\$53,965.65

VOTING RESULTS >

YES 15 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

20210315-10

Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

20. Resolution budgeting funds received in the amount...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwwayne Fowle	YES
Don Patton	M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson	S	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille		YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Pressor		ABSENT	Rosanne Warc	YES
Keleah Dve		YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Fraziz		ABSENT	Ronnie Honne	YES
Garv Furr		YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor

Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-11

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-11. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-11
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Animal Shelter has insufficient funds within the budget to complete the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget revenues in the amount of \$2,110.00 which the shelter has collected during the months of January and February in order to help cover expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$2,110.00 be budgeted within the Animal Shelter budget as follows:

<u>INCREASE REVENUES:</u>		
101.41130	ANIMAL VACCINATIONS	\$1,325.00
101.48610	DONATIONS	\$ 785.00
		\$2,110.00
<u>INCREASE EXPENDITURES:</u>		
101.55120.357	ANIMAL CONTROL VETERINARY SERVICES	\$2,110.00
		\$2,110.00

VOTING RESULTS >


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

20210315-11 ✔ Passed With 10 Yes Votes Neede

21. Resolution budgeting funds in the amount of \$2,11...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwayne Fowlk		YES
Don Patton	M	YES	Sonny Hall		YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton		YES
Davna Ferguson	S	YES	Rachelle Hill		ABSENT
Kenneth Mille		YES	Mike Nunner		YES
Rocky Pressor		ABSENT	Rosanne Warc		YES
Keleah Dve		YES	Darrel Hicks		YES
Norman Frazig		ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe		YES
Garv Furr		YES	Mary Powers		YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-12

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-12**. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-12
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, there are two county employees that need their years of service corrected and are due the additional pay and/or step raises for the corrected years of service; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,396.73 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to budget to the appropriate payroll accounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$2,396.73 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the additional expenses of two county employees' years of service corrections and the funds are to be budgeted within the Expenditure Accounts as listed below:

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.51800.105	COUNTY BUILDINGS SUPERVISOR	\$1500.00	
101.51800.166	COUNTY BUILDINGS CUSTODIAL		\$ 561.49
101.51800.201	COUNTY BUILDINGS SOCIAL SECURITY		\$ 127.81
101.51800.204	COUNTY BUILDINGS RETIREMENT PENSIONS	\$ 136.06	
101.51800.210	COUNTY BUILDINGS UNEMPLOYMENT		\$ 41.23
101.51800.212	COUNTY BUILDINGS MEDICARE		\$ 30.14
			\$2,396.73

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-12

 **Passed With 10 Yes Votes Neede**

22. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$...

Angela Hern		YES	Dwayne Fowl	YES
Don Patton	M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant		YES	Phil Melton	S YES
Davna Ferguson		YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille		YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor		ABSENT	Rosanne War	YES
Keleah Dve		YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazic		ABSENT	Ronnie Honne	YES
Garv Furr		YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Brett Lashlee, County Mayor


Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-13

Motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded by Commissioner Frazier to approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-13. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-13
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds within the County Attorney Legal Services account in order to cover the expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate the funds in the amount of \$14,400.00 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 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$14,400.00 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within the County General Fund in order to cover the county legal services rendered for the remainder of this fiscal year and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.51400.331 – County Attorney Legal Services.

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-13		Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed	
23. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$...			
Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	M YES
Davna Ferguson	S YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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Wanda Malin
Wanda Malin, County Clerk

RESOLUTION 20210315-14

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Melton to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-14. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-14
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the assistant to the General Sessions Judge is in need of a new computer and software; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$1,066.54 from the General Sessions Court Reserve Account in order to cover this computer equipment upgrade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$1,066.54 be appropriated from the Reserve Account No. 101.34520 – General Sessions Court and budgeted to the Expenditure Account No. 101.53310.709 – General Sessions Judge Data Processing Equipment.

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-14		Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed	
24. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$...			
Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowlk	YES
Don Patton M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton S	YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille	YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne War	YES
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Fraz	ABSENT	Ronnie Honne	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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RESOLUTION 20210315-15

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve RESOLUTION 20210315-15. On a roll call vote, 15 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-15
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the TRRD board has insufficient funds within their expenditure line items in order to cover funding expenses of some upcoming spring community events; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to appropriate funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 128 – Other Special Revenue Fund (TRRD) and budget within the appropriate expenditure accounts to cover the upcoming spring events in which the board approves to fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that the funds in the amount of \$100,000 be appropriated from the Unassigned Fund Balance within Fund 128- Other Special Revenue (TRRD) and budget to the Expenditure Account No. 128.58110.316 – Contributions.

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-15		Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed	
25. Resolution to appropriate funds in the amount of \$...			
Angela Hern	YES	Dwwayne Fowlke	YES
Don Patton M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson S	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne Warc	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Honne	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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NOTARIES FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve March 2021 Notaries. On a roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carries.


STEPHANIE HARCLEROD SHELLEY PINSON ERIC SELLERS AMY BALLARD
 AMY HOCKMAN SANDRA FARMER AMANDA BUTCHER
 STACIE HARRIS RONALD HARRIS

VOTING RESULTS > YES 15 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 3

Appointing Notaries ✔ Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed

Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowlk	YES
Don Patton M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton S	YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Mille	YES	Mike Nunner	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne Warc	YES
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazil	ABSENT	Ronnie Hoppe	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers	YES

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Hicks to bring Resolution 20210315-16 to the floor for approval. On a roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Motion Carries.

RESOLUTION 20210315-16

Motion was made by Commissioner Patton and seconded by Commissioner Powers to approve RESOLUTION 20210315-16. On a roll call vote, 15 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20210315-16
RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR BRETT LASHLEE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Resolution No. 0719-08 – to increase the mineral severance tax for Benton County to 15 cents per ton, was voted on and approved unanimously by the full legislative body on July 19, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the original resolution stated that Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-7-201 et seq., permits counties upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of their respective county legislative bodies, to enact a mineral severance tax not to exceed 15 cents for the benefit of the county road fund to be administered by the State Department of Revenue; and

WHEREAS, the original resolution stated that it would take effect on the first day of the month occurring at least (30) days after the certified copy is received by the Department of Revenue, for all other purposes it shall be effective upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the county legislative body of Benton County, the public welfare requiring it; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 0719-08 dated July 19, 2010 was approved by the full legislative body of Benton County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County would like to proceed with presenting this Resolution to the state legislature for consideration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 15th Day of March 2021 that Benton County proceed with the legislative procedure of presenting the previously approved Resolution No. 0719-08 to the state legislature for consideration changing the Private Act of Benton County allowing the increase of mineral severance tax to 15 cents per ton.

VOTING RESULTS >

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

20210315-16		Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed	
Angela Hern	YES	Dwwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton M	YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson	YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Pressor	ABSENT	Rosanne Warren	YES
Keleah Dye	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Honne	YES
Garv Furr	YES	Marv Powers S	YES

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 Wanda Malin, County Clerk

ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTING RESULTS >

YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 4

Adjourn		Passed With 10 Yes Votes Needed	
Angela Hern	YES	Dwayne Fowler	YES
Don Patton	S YES	Sonny Hall	YES
Ward Plant	YES	Phil Melton	YES
Davna Ferguson	M YES	Rachelle Hill	ABSENT
Kenneth Miller	YES	Mike Nunnery	YES
Rocky Presson	ABSENT	Rosanne Ward	YES
Keleah Dve	YES	Darrel Hicks	YES
Norman Frazier	ABSENT	Ronnie Hopper	YES
Gary Furr	ABSENT	Marv Powers	YES

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WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE MARCH 15, 2021, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

BRETT LASHLEE, MAYOR

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK