

BENTON COUNTY OCTOBER 21, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON OCTOBER 21, 2024, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 PM.

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy

Invocation was led by Charlie Cooper and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kenneth Miller

**ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 12 Present and 6 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Darrel Hicks, Frank Lashlee, Dwayne Fowler, Brett Burke, and Sonny Hall)**

Motion by Commissioner Jerry Price and seconded by Commissioner Phil Melton to amend agenda to allow Item No. (5) Appointment of 6th District Commissioner to fill vacancy moved to item No. (1) on agenda. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend Agenda.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

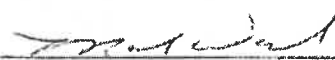

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPOINTMENT OF 6TH DISTRICT COMMISSIONER TO FILL VACANCY

Nomination for the vacancy to serve as the New 6th District Commissioner was Terry Kiehn and Delia Thibodaeau. Terry Kiehn won by a majority of the vote.

Motion was made Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve appointment of Terry Kiehn to serve as the New 6th District Commissioner. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed.

Commissioner Terry Kiehn was sworn in and took oath to serve as the New 6th District Commissioner for Benton County by County Clerk Wanda Malin.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANNOUNCING OF QUORUM BY COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN
APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve amended agenda. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

AGENDA

- I. Opening of Meeting by Sheriff or his appointee
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call by County Clerk or Chief Deputy
- IV. Announcing of Quorum by County Clerk, Wanda Malin
 - 1) Approval of Agenda
 - 2) Citizens Forum
 - 3) Commissioners Forum
 - 4) County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations
 - 5) Appointment of 6th District Commissioner to fill a vacancy
 - 6) Approval of Minutes
 - 7) Report of Public Utilities
 - 8) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to urge the State of Tennessee to waive Basic Hunting and Fishing License Fees for Honorably Discharged Veterans. (20241021-01)**
 - 9) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,720.95 received from various sources in the month of September. (20241021-02)**
 - 10) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,200.00 received from a recruitment & retention grant. (20241021-03)**
 - 11) **A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 55,551.00 received from a School Resource Officer Grant to the Sheriff's Budget. (20241021-04)**
 - 12) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,700.00 received as an allocation/contribution from the City of Camden, to the Library Budget. (20241021-05)**
 - 13) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 17,500.00, received from TVA to a proper line item for expenditure within the School's Budget. (20241021-06)**
 - 14) **A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1, 141.00, received from the State of Tennessee for CEO Supplemental Pay, to a proper line item for expenditure within the School's Budget. (20241021-07)**
 - 15) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to request permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Spectrum for Broadband Deployment. (20241021-08)**
 - 16) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,964.28, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of needed data processing equipment in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, as requested by the Judge and Clerk. (20241021-09)**
 - 17) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2033.13 to fund the purchase supplies for the Medical Examiner/Coroner that were originally budgeted for in the prior fiscal year. (20241021-10)**
 - 18) **A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,411,485.00 to fund the prior approved renovations to the county owned property at 234 W. Main Street in Camden (the Old Sears Building). (20241021-11)**

- 19) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Airport. (20241021-12)
- 20) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 13,600.00 to fund a partially reimbursable grant for a wind sock and rotating beacon for the airport. (20241021-13)
- 21) Appointing Notaries
- 22) Any Other Business
- 23) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Nic Bolton-Addressed the County Commission for (20) minutes; This included his allotted (5) minutes and (15) additional minutes from three separate individuals in the audience that gave Mr. Bolton their allotted (5) minutes each; Mr. Bolton addressed the commission regarding his concerns and opinions about Benton County Taxation, Presentation, Extortion of People, Laws, and Etc.

Chairman Rosanne K. Ward-Tennessee Annotated Code (TCA) 8-44-112

Tommy Geeseke-Liberty Tire

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Presson-Benton County at risk of being Economic Distressed; Property Tax and First Bank Purchase

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY FINANCE ADVISOR OR PROCLAMATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Arnold for the approval of minutes. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 13 Ayes, 0 No and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to urge the State of Tennessee to waive Basic Hunting and Fishing License Fees for Honorably Discharged Veterans.

WHEREAS, in honor of their sacrifices and honorable service, we should seek every opportunity to show appreciation to our Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, hunting and fishing are time honored traditions in the State of Tennessee, they are activities of leisure and a historic way to provide sustenance for one's family and self; and

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Benton County Commission, believe that it is reasonable, prudent and desirable that all fees for basic hunting and fishing licenses be removed for Honorably Discharged Military Veterans; and

WHEREAS, we furthermore strongly urge the Honorable Members of our Tennessee State Legislature, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and any other relevant bodies or agencies, to initiate, approve and enact any and all statutes, Administrative Laws, or other applicable remedies and make all efforts to allow our honored veterans to exercise their basic rights to hunt and fish without being encumbered by license fees; and

WHEREAS, upon passage of this resolution, it is ordered that the Benton County Clerk communicate the will of this body by sending signed and certified copies of this document to the State Senator and State Representative representing our county for their review and further action; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that the above resolution is hereby approved by this body.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution 20241021-01. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,720.95 received from various sources in the month of September.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$11,720.95 for the month of September, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$11,720.95 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 21st day of October, 2024 that the funds in the amount of \$11,720.95 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of September, 2024 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$200.00
101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration Fee – Sheriff	\$300.00
101.44540	Sale of Property	\$9,595.95
101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1,625.00
		\$11,720.95

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$9,795.95
101.54160.599	Other Charges (SOR Fees)	\$300.00
101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$1,625.00
		\$11,720.95

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution 20241021-02.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kiehn and seconded by Commissioner Melton to amend Resolution 20241021-02 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-02*). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-02*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241021-02

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,720.95 received from various sources in the month of September.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$11,720.95 for the month of September, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$11,720.95 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 21st day of October, 2024 that the funds in the amount of \$11,720.95 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of September, 2024 be budgeted as follows.

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101.46290	Other Public Safety Grants	\$1,625.00
		\$11,720.95

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$200.00
101.54110.718	Motor Vehicles	\$9,595.95
101.54160.599	Other Charges (SOR Fees)	\$300.00
101.54110.189	Other Salaries and Wages	\$1,625.00
		\$11,720.95

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve as amended Resolution 20241021-02. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 11,200.00 received from a recruitment & retention grant.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers a Recruitment and Retention Grant that supplements deputies' salaries and,

WHEREAS, a Grant invoice was submitted to and approved by the state in the amount of \$11,200.00 and payment was received on 10/07/2024 and,

WHEREAS, It will be necessary to move \$11,200.00 to the proper expenditure line item for payment to deputies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds in the amount of \$11,200.00 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46210	Law Enforcement Training Programs	\$11,200.00
		\$11,200.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.140	Salary Supplements	\$11,200.00
		\$11,200.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution 20241021-03. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 55,551.00 received from a School Resource Officer Grant to the Sheriff's Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the School Resource Officer grant, and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$94,449.00 were budgeted for school resource officer salaries, leaving a grant balance of \$55,551.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of \$55,551.00 must be budgeted a line item for expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds in the amount of \$55,551.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46240	School Resource Officer Grants	\$55,551.00
		\$55,551.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$55,551.00
		\$55,551.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution 20241021-04.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Miller to amend Resolution 20241021-04 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-04*). On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-04*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241021-04

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 received from a School Resource Officer Grant to the Sheriff's Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the School Resource Officer grant, and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$94,449.00 were already budgeted for school resource officer salaries and it would be prudent to reserve \$5,551.00 as a buffer for potential payroll overages, leaving a grant balance of \$50,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 must be budgeted to a line item for expenditure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.46240	School Resource Officer Grants	\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$50,000.00
		\$50,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution 20241021-04 as amended. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 10,700.00 received as an allocation/contribution from the City of Camden, to the Library Budget.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Library has received funds in the amount of \$10,700.00 for city of Camden allocation/contribution collected in the months of July and October 2024; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget the said funds in the amount of \$10,700.00 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 21st day of October 2024 that the funds in the amount of \$10,700.00 received by the Benton County Library for city of Camden allocation/contribution received for the months of July and October 2024 be budgeted as the following:

INCREASED REVENUES:

101.48130 CONTRIBUTIONS (City of Camden Allocation) \$ 10,700.00

\$ 10,700.00

INCREASED EXPENDITURES

101.56500.169 PART-TIME PERSONNEL \$ 10,700.00

\$ 10,700.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____


APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve Resolution 20241021-05. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Ward), and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 17,500.00, received from TVA to a proper line item for expenditure within the School's Budget.

WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a gift from TVA to purchase supplies;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

44570 TVA Contributions & Gifts \$17,500.00

71100 429 TVA Instructional Supplies \$17,500.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution 20241021-06. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1, 141.00, received from the State of Tennessee for CEO Supplemental Pay, to a proper line item for expenditure within the School's Budget.

WHEREAS: The Board of Education received revenue from the state for CEO supplemental pay;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows;

INCREASE

46590	CEO supplement	\$1,141.00
72320 204	Retirement	\$1,141.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Presson and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution 20241021-07. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to request permission and authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Spectrum for Broadband Deployment.

WHEREAS, Spectrum was awarded a Broadband Infrastructure Grant from the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Benton County supported Spectrum’s grant application by making commitments to the project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent that a Memorandum of Understanding, memorializing these commitments be entered into; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests from the Benton County Commission permission and authority to enter into this memorandum on behalf of Benton County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that the Benton County Mayor Mark Ward be granted permission and authority to enter into the above-described Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Benton County.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

*****Resolution No. 20241021-08 Pulled by Mayor Mark Ward*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,964.28, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of needed data processing equipment in the Circuit Court Clerk’s Office, as requested by the Judge and Clerk.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Circuit Court Clerk requires funds for the purchase of data processing equipment; and

WHEREAS, this equipment has been deemed necessary to court operations by the Circuit Court Judge and Clerk; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.34520 RESTRICTED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE \$ 1,964.28

INCREASE:

101.53100.709 DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT \$ 1,964.28

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve Resolution 20241021-09. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 2033.13 to fund the purchase supplies for the Medical Examiner/Coroner that were originally budgeted for in the prior fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Medical Examiner/Coroner made an order for needed supplies in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, at the time of this order, monies were in place to fund these supplies, but the supplies were not delivered/invoiced until the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the delivery/invoicing the budgeted funds had reverted back to the County General Fund and need to be reappropriated and budgeted to allow for payment of this obligation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 2033.13

INCREASE:

101.54610.499 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS \$ 2033.13

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution 20241021-10. On a roll call vote 13 Ayes, 0 No, and 5 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

Commissioner Jerry Price left the Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-11

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,411,485.00 to fund the prior approved renovations to the county owned property at 234 W. Main Street in Camden (the Old Sears Building).

WHEREAS, a renovation project on the "Old Sears Building" was previously approved by the Benton County Commission; and

WHEREAS, this renovation is being undertaken to make this building ready for use as a Senior Center and Agricultural Extension Office; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this obligation, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 1,411,485.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 1,411,485.00

INCREASE:

101.51800.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 1,411,485.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve Resolution 20241021-11. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-12

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Airport.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport requires additional funds for the purchase of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this purchase, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 50,000.00

INCREASE:

101.58220.425 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 50,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve Resolution 20241021-12.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Holland to amend Resolution 20241021-12 (See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-12). On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241012-12*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241021-12

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION

An Amendment to delete all language following the header, and replace with the following:

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to fund the purchase of gasoline for the Benton County Airport.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport requires additional funds for the purchase of gasoline; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this purchase, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 50,000.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

101.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 50,000.00.

INCREASE:

101.58220.425 GASOLINE \$ 50,000.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve as amended Resolution 20241021-12. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-13

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 13,600.00 to fund a partially reimbursable grant for a wind sock and rotating beacon for the airport.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Airport has received an AREO Grant for a wind sock and rotating beacon, with a partial reimbursement requirement; and

WHEREAS, the total amount is \$ 13,600.00, with all except \$ 680.00 being reimbursable; and

WHEREAS, in order to fund this obligation, it is necessary to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 13,600.00 to an appropriate expenditure line item; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that funds be appropriated and budgeted as follows:

DECREASE:

189.39000 UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE \$ 13,600.00

INCREASE:

189.91110.724 SITE DEVELOPMENT \$ 13,600.00

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Holland to approve Resolution 20241021-13. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Shanna Carter Kennon, Jennifer S. Wick, Diane Buhl, and Melisa R. Hooper

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve notaries. On a voice vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Carries.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SUSPEND THE RULES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Douglas to suspend the rules to bring Resolution No. 20241021-14 to the floor. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed to Suspend the Rules.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241021-14

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

October 21, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek authority and permission to extend the existing contract for purchase of the “Old Walmart Building” until January 30, 2025, for purposes of finalizing the sale.

WHEREAS, NR Plan Properties and Cocca Acquisitions is currently under contact for the purchase of the county owned property at 190 Highway 641 N in Camden (popularly known as the “Old Walmart Building”); and

WHEREAS, this contract is set to expire in November and an extension of this contract is needed in order to allow the purchaser to finalize needed funding and arrangements for closing; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests the commission’s approval to extend this contract until January 30, 2025 for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that Mayor Mark Ward be granted permission and authority to extend the above referenced contract until January 30, 2025

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution 20241021-14.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to amend Resolution 20241021-14 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241021-14*). On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution 202410-14*****

**AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241021-14
AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY BUDGET
COMMITTEE**

**An Amendment to delete all language following the header,
and replace with the following:**

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to seek authority and permission to extend the existing contract for purchase of the “Old Walmart Building” until January 30, 2025, for purposes of finalizing the sale and include the requirement of an additional \$ 10,000.00 in earnest money.

WHEREAS, NR Plan Properties and Cocca Acquisitions is currently under contract for the purchase of the county owned property at 190 Highway 641 N in Camden (popularly known as the “Old Walmart Building”); and

WHEREAS, this contract is set to expire in November and an extension of this contract is needed in order to allow the purchaser to finalize needed funding and arrangements for closing; and

WHEREAS, a stipulation of this extension will be the required payment of an additional Ten Thousand Dollars (\$ 10,000.00) in earnest money to Benton County by NR/Plan Properties/Cocca Acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Ward requests the commission’s approval to extend this contract until January 30, 2025 for this purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 21st day of October, 2024 that Mayor Mark Ward be granted permission and authority to extend the above referenced contract until January 30, 2025

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

On a Roll Call Vote _____ Voted AYE _____ Voted NAY _____ Passed _____ Absent _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve amended Resolution 20241021-14. On a roll call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR

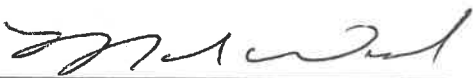


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 12 Ayes, 0 No, and 6 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2024, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.



COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD



COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN