## **Benton County**

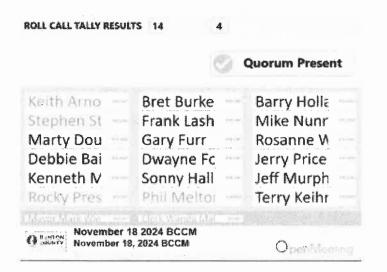
# Benton County Board of County Commissioners Mon Nov 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Invocation was led by Mike Nunnery and Pledge of Allegiance by Debbie Bain

### 1.0 Roll Call

Quorum Present (14 Present, 4 Absent)

Present: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn Absent: Keith Arnold, Stephen Stokes, Rocky Presson, Phil Melton



## 2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Debbie Bain Second by Mike Nunnery

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Voice Vote

Results tallied

RESULT: Passed by Voice Vote

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#### 3.0 Citizen Form

#### 4.0 Commissioners Forum

Motion was made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bain to convene a Special Called Commissioners Meeting. On a roll call vote 10 Ayes, 4 No (Lashlee, Furr, Nunnery, and Ward), and 4 Absent. Motion Passed.

Jerry Price was recognized

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## 5.0 County Mayor, Attorney, Finance Advisor or Proclamations

## 6.0 Approval of Minutes

Motion by Terry Keihn Second by Kenneth Miller

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Voice Vote

Results tallied

RESULT: Passed by Voice Vote



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## 7.0 Report of Public Utilites

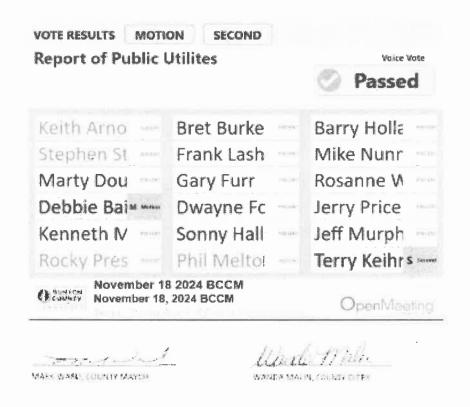
Motion by Debbie Bain Second by Terry Keihn

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Voice Vote

Results tallied

RESULT: Passed by Voice Vote



#### 8.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-01

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to appoint Charles Wood, Alicia Engley and Lea Harris to the Benton County Animal Shelter Board for a term of three (3) years.

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	Voted AYE	Voted NAY	Passed	Absent	APPROVED	:
		ATTEST:				
		COUNTY M	AYOR, MARK W	ARD		COUNTY CLERK,
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Motion by Marty Douglas

Second by Jerry Price

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

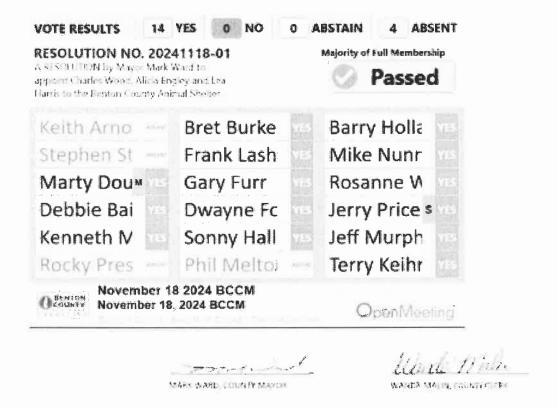
Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No:

Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



## 9.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-02

A RESOLUTION BY MAYOR MARK WARD requesting the 114th Session of the Tennessee General Assembly to allocate one half of the Real Estate Transfer Tax to the County where the tax was collected, on a recurring basis.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-02 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION BY MAYOR MARK WARD requesting the 114th Session of the Tennessee General Assembly to allocate one half of the Real Estate Transfer Tax to the County where the tax was collected, on a recurring basis. WHEREAS, for many years, the State of Tennessee has imposed a tax of \$0.37 per \$100 of value for the privilege of publicly recording documents evidencing all transfers of realty, whether by deed, court deed, decree, partition deed, or other instrument evidencing transfer of any interest in real estate; and WHEREAS, although this tax is collected locally, it is currently remitted to the State and the revenue is not made available for use by local officials to address needs in the community where the tax is collected; and WHEREAS, county governments have few revenue options available to them for funding the many crucial governmental services mandated by state law and are therefore largely dependent upon property tax to fund these services; and WHEREAS, county governments have been fiscally disciplined, allowing Tennessee to remain a low property tax burden state; however, county budgets are increasingly strained by factors such as inflation, challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified staff, and requirements to meet state mandates like increasing teacher compensation; and WHEREAS, many counties are experiencing rapid population growth as families are choosing to move to Tennessee and settle in its communities, adding to the demand for county services and infrastructure which are necessary to maintain the quality of life all Tennesseans expect and deserve; and WHEREAS, as the State continues to experience revenue collections in excess of budgeted estimates, allocating one half of the real estate transfer tax on a recurring basis to the county where collected would take pressure off local property taxes and allow for investment in infrastructure and services without unduly burdening state finances and without increasing the rate of this tax; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED: The County of Benton hereby requests that one half of the tax collected pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-4-409 be shared with the County where collected on a recurring BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairman of this County legislative body and the County Clerk certify and forward this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing this County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT. 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,

Motion by Jeff Murphy

Second by Kenneth Miller

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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## 10.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-03

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 292,376.00, received from a Nursing Grant, to various expenditure lines in the Schools Budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-03 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to budget funds in the amount of \$ 292,376.00, received from a Nursing Grant, to various expenditure lines in the Schools Budget. WHEREAS: The Benton County Board of Education received a Nursing Grant; THEREFORE: Be it resolved by the Benton County Board of Commissioners to approve the following changes within the 2024-25 budget as follows; INCREASE 47590

Other Federal Thru State \$292,376.00 71200 116 Sp. Ed. Teachers \$50,000.00 71200 163 Sp. Ed. Teacher Assistants 15,000.00 71200 201 Social Security 4,030.00 71200 204 Retirement 5,850.00 71200 207 Insurance 15,000.00 71200 212 943.00 72230 207 Medicare 500.00 76100 399 Insurance Capital Outlay Contracted Services 75,000.00 76100 707 Capital Outlay Building Improvements 75,000.00 76100 712 Capital Outlay Heating & Air 15,000.00 76100 724 Capital Outlay Site Development 36,053.00 Upon a Motion by Seconded Voted NAY Voted AYE by On a Roll Call Vote Passed Absent APPROVED: ATTEST: COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

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Motion by Jerry Price

Second by Kenneth Miller

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

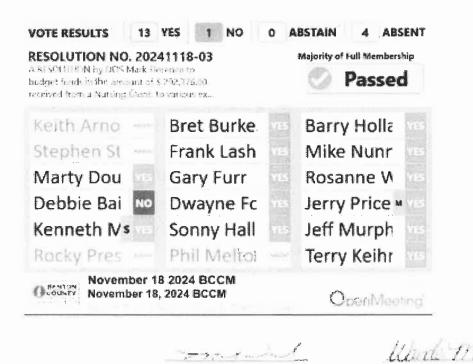
Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Debbie Bain

Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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## 11.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-04

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A RESOLUTION by Road Supervisor Barry Carter to budget funds in the amount of \$ 49,724.98, received from FEMA for storm damage, to a proper expenditure line to fund the purchase of a new dump truck for the Benton County Highway Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-04 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY ROAD SUPERVISOR BARRY CARTER LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by Road Supervisor Barry Carter to budget funds in the amount of \$ 49,724.98, received from FEMA for storm damage, to a proper expenditure line to fund the purchase of a new dump truck for the Benton County Highway Department. WHEREAS, the Benton County Highway Department has received funds in the amount of \$ 49,724.98 from FEMA for storm damage; and WHEREAS, it is the request of Road Supervisor Barry Carter that these funds be moved to a proper expenditure line item within the Highway Department's Budget for funding the purchase of a new dump truck; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of November, 2024 that funds be budgeted as follows: DECREASE: 131.47590 OTHER FEDERAL THROUGH STATE

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Motion by		Seconded by				On a Roll Call Vote		
	Voted AYE	Voted ?	NAY	Passed	Absent	APPROVED:		
		ATTEST	:					
			COUNTY MA	YOR, MA	RK WARD		COUNT	Y CLERK,

Motion by Kenneth Miller Second by Sonny Hall

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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## 12.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-05

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A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 605.42, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of an additionally needed piece of data processing equipment (NAS Server) in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, as requested by the Judge and Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-05 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward to budget funds in the amount of \$ 605.42, collected from court fees, to fund the purchase of an additionally needed piece of data processing equipment (NAS Server) 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 additional data processing equipment (NAS Server); and WHEREAS, this equipment has been deemed necessary to court operations by the Circuit Court Judge and Clerk; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of November, 2024 that funds be budgeted as follows: DECREASE: 101.34520 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE \$ 605.42 INCREASE: 101.53100.709 DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT \$ 605.42 Upon a Motion by Seconded by On a Roll Call Absent APPROVED: Voted AYE Voted NAY Passed Vote\_ COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD COUNTY CLERK,

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Motion by Kenneth Miller Second by Jerry Price

Voting began

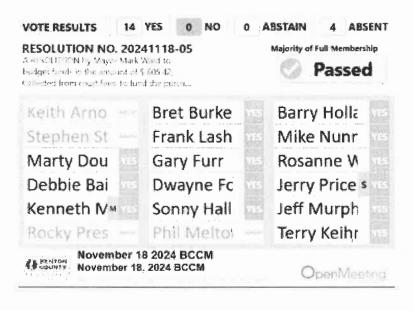
Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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## 13.0 RESOLUTION No. 20241118-06

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 9,400.00 to the Sheriff's Budget to proper expenditure line items.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-06 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 to the Sheriff's Budget to proper expenditure line items. WHEREAS, Benton County has received a reimbursable Training Equipment Grant administered by the Tennessee Corrections Institute and, WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 must be appropriated to the proper line items within the jail's budget in order to cover the approved purchases. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of November, 2024 that funds in the amount of \$9,400.00 be appropriated from the unassigned fund balance to various line items within the Jail's budget. DECREASE REVENUES: 101.39000 Unassigned Fund Balance \$9,400.00

\$9,400.00 INCREASE EXPENDITURES: \$435.00 101.54210.435 Office Supplies 101.54210.431 Law Enforcement Supplies \$1,315.00 101.54210.716 Law Enforcement Equipment \$4,920.00 101.54210.411 Data **Processing Supplies** \$385.00 101.54210.499 Other Supplies and Materials \$200.00 101.54210.517 Surcharge (Shipping and Handling) \$450.00 101.54210.709 Data Processing Equipment \$1695.00 \$9,400.00 Upon a Motion by Seconded by On a Roll Call Vote Voted AYE Voted NAY Absent APPROVED: Passed ATTEST: COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD COUNTY CLERK,

WANDA MALIN

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Motion by Debbie Bain Second by Sonny Hall

Voting began

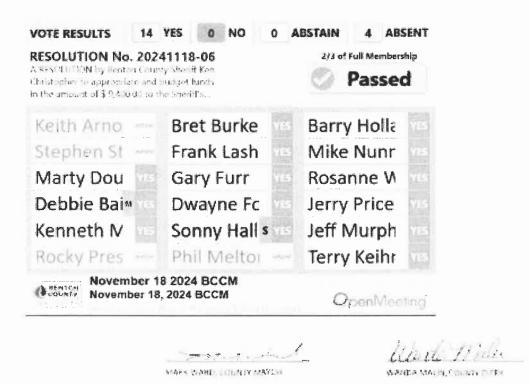
Voting Criteria: 2/3 of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With 2/3 of Full Membership



## 14.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-07

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 967.00 received from various sources to the Sheriff's Budget to proper expenditure line items.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-07 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 967.00 received from various sources to the Sheriff's Budget to proper expenditure line items. WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$967.00 for the month of October, 2024, and WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$967.00 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Department, Jail, and Drug Fund budgets. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of November, 2024 that the funds in the amount of \$967.00 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of October, 2024 be budgeted as follows. DECREASE REVENUES: 101.44170

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Miscell	aneous Refunds	\$772.00 101.43395	Sexual Offender Registration		
Fee - Sheriff	\$150.00 101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individ	duals \$	\$45.00	
		\$967.00 INCRE	EASE EXPENDITUR	RES:	
101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$500.00 101.54160.599	Other Charges (SO	R Fees)	
	\$150.00 101.54110.338	Maintenance and Repair - Vehicl	es \$	272.00	
101.54210.335	Maintenance and Repair - Buildings	\$45.00			
	\$967.00 Upon a	a Motion by	Seconded		
by	On a Roll Call Vote	Voted AYE	Voted NAY	Passed	
Absent APPROVED:		ATTE	ST:		
			COUNTY MAYO	R, MARK	
WARD	COUNTY CLERK WANDA MALD	V			

Motion by Debbie Bain Second by Jerry Price

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No: Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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#### 15.0 RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-08

A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1,340.60, received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure.

RESOLUTION NO. 20241118-08 SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: LAW ENFORCEMENT & BUDGET COMMITTEE November 18, 2024 A RESOLUTION by Sheriff Ken Christopher, to budget funds in the amount of \$1,340.60, received from insurance payments on damaged sheriff department vehicles to an expenditure line item to allow for proper expenditure. WHEREAS, Payments in the amount of \$1,340.60 have been received from insurance reimbursements on wrecked vehicles and, WHEREAS, it is necessary to move said funds into an expenditure line item for proper NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 18th day of November, 2024 that funds be budgeted as follows: Decrease Fund Balance: Amount: 101.49700

Insurance Recovery

\$1,340.60 \$1,340.60 Increase Expenditures:

Amount: 101.58400.338

Maintenance and Repair of Vehicles

\$1,340.60

Upon a Motion by

Seconded by Passed On a Roll Call Vote

Voted AYE

Voted NAY

Absent APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK,

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Motion by Debbie Bain

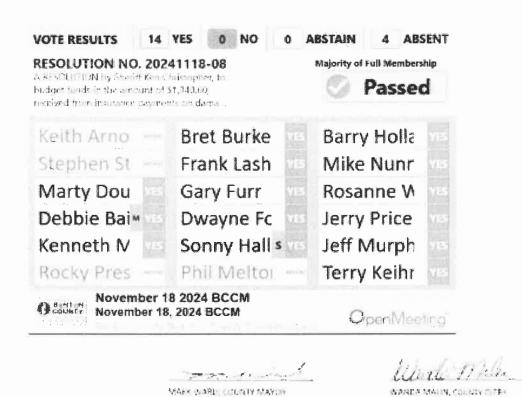
Second by Sonny Hall

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No:
Abstain:
RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



#### 16.0 APPOINTING NOTARIES

Kimberly E. McCall, Scott Hill, Jennifer M. Williams, Carly Bayless and Ashley Hooper

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### 17.0 Resolution No. 20241118-09

A Resolution by Mayor Mark Ward to amend the Benton County Conflict of Interest & Business Ethics Policy to add required language for the awarding of grants.

A Resolution by Mayor Mark Ward to amend the Benton County Conflict of Interest & Business Ethics Policy to add required language for the awarding of grants. "5. No Employee, officer, or agent of Benton County may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest in the selected vendor."

Motion by Mike Nunnery and Second by Barry Holland have been cleared from this item.

Motion by Mike Nunnery

Second by Kenneth Miller

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Majority of Full Membership Needed

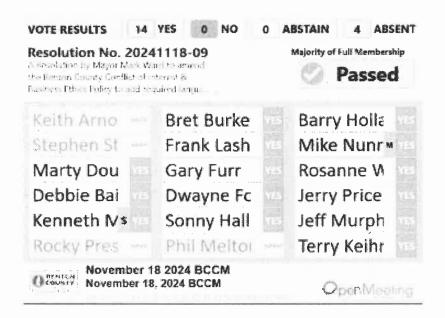
Results tallied

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No:

Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With Majority of Full Membership



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## 18.0 Suspend the Rules

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Suspend the Rules for Res:20241118-09

Motion by Kenneth Miller Second by Debbie Bain

Voting began

Voting Criteria: 2/3 of Full Membership Needed

Results tallied

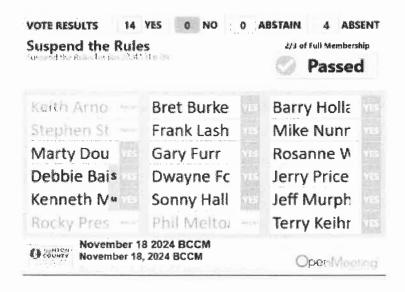
Voting type was changed from Voice Vote to 2/3 of Full Membership

Yes: Marty Douglas, Debbie Bain, Kenneth Miller, Bret Burke, Frank Lashlee, Gary Furr, Dwayne Fowler, Sonny Hall, Barry Holland, Mike Nunnery, Rosanne Ward, Jerry Price, Jeff Murphy, Terry Keihn

No:

Abstain:

RESULT: Passed With 2/3 of Full Membership



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## 19.0 Any Other Business

## 20.0 Adjourn

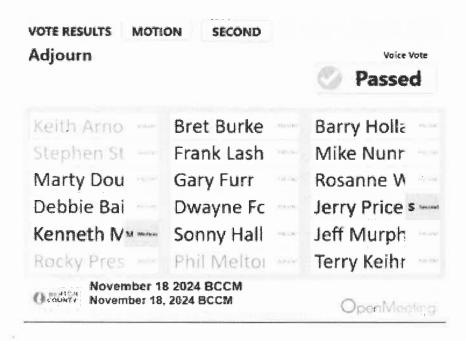
Motion by Kenneth Miller Second by Jerry Price

Voting began

Voting Criteria: Voice Vote

Results tallied

RESULT: Passed by Voice Vote



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CRERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

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