

BENTON COUNTY DECEMBER 16, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT ON DECEMBER 16, 2024, THAT THE BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT THE BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE @ 6:00 P.M.

Opening of meeting was by Sheriff Kenny Christopher or Deputy

Invocation was led by Keith Arnold and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Marty Douglas

ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CLERK, Wanda Malin– 15 Present and 3 Absent
(Stephen Stokes, Gary Furr, and Sonny Hall)

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Price to approve the agenda. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 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) Approval of Minutes
 - 6) Report of Public Utilities

- 7) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Bruce Martin and Phil Davis to the Benton County Airport Board to four (4) year terms beginning at the expiration of their current terms. (20241216-01)
- 8) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 within the Schools Budget. (20241216-02)
- 9) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to declare various unusable firearms as surplus property for the purpose of disposal. (20241216-03)
- 10) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2,994.65 received from various sources to the Sheriff's Budget for expenditure. (20241216-04)
- 11) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to authorize Mayor Mark Ward to apply for and execute contracts or other necessary documents in relation to the Violent Crime Intervention Grant on behalf of Benton County. (20241216-05)
- 12) A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 33,286.62 to the travel line item in the Sheriff's Budget for Mental Health Transports. (20241216-06)
- 13) A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of 280,000.00 within the School's Budget. (20241216-07)
- 14) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to establish a four (4) year reappraisal cycle for Benton County, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-1601. (20241216-08)
- 15) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to deobligate the remaining balance of the 2019 CDBG Grant contract after reconciliation of final invoices and payments. (20241216-09)
- 16) A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and passage of a Proposal for Acceptance from TDOT concerning an interchange at 641/I-40. (20241216-10).
- 17) Appointing Notaries
- 18) Any Other Business
- 19) Adjourn

CITIZENS FORUM

Director Mark Florence-Thanking commissioner for supporting the Benton County School System and Tennessee School Voucher Program

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Kiehn-Government Transparency and Capitol Project(s)

COUNTY MAYOR, ATTORNEY FINANCE ADVISOR OR PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Ward-Bruce Martin withdrew his name for reappointment to the Benton County Airport Board as stated in Resolution No. 20241216-01

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Holland for the approval of minutes. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF PUBLIC UTILITES

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to approve the Report of Public Utilities. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Bruce Martin and Phil Davis to the Benton County Airport Board to four (4) year terms beginning at the expiration of their current terms.

WHEREAS, the current terms of Bruce Martin and Phil Davis on Benton County Airport Board expire on December 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fill these seats on the Benton County Airport Board; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Martin and Phil Davis have expressed a continued willingness to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Bruce Martin and Phil Davis to these positions for a four (4) year term ending on December 19, 2028.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of December, 2024 that Bruce Martin and Phil Davis be nominated and reappointed to the Benton County Airport Board for a term of four (4) years ending on December 19, 2028.

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 Lashlee and seconded by Commissioner King to separate names (Bruce Martin and Phil Davis) for reappointment to the Benton County Airport Board as originally stated in Resolution 20241021-01 (*See Above Original Resolution No. 20241216-01*). On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Revised Resolution No. 20241216-01*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-01

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: NONE

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to reappoint Phil Davis to the Benton County Airport Board to four (4) year terms beginning at the expiration of his current term.

WHEREAS, the current term of Phil Davis on Benton County Airport Board expire on December 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fill this seat on the Benton County Airport Board; and

WHEREAS, Phil Davis have expressed a continued willingness to serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of Benton County Mayor Mark Ward to reappoint Phil Davis to this positions for a four (4) year term ending on December 19, 2028.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of December, 2024 that Phil Davis be nominated and reappointed to the Benton County Airport Board for a term of four (4) years ending on December 19, 2028.

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 Holland seconded by Commissioner Kiehn to approve only Phil Davis for the reappointment to the Benton County Airport Board due to Bruce Martin withdrawing his name to the Original Resolution No. 20241216-01 (*See Above Revised Resolution No. 20241216-01*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Revised.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-02

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to move funds in the amount of \$ 15,000.00 within the Schools Budget.

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

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

INCREASE

72250 399 Technology Other Contracted Services \$15,000.00

DECREASE

71100 722 Regular Instructional Equipment \$15,000.00

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 Holland to approve Resolution 20241216-02. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-03

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: PROPERTY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to declare various unusable firearms as surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of multiple outdated and unsafe firearms, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department seeks to declare the following items as surplus property in order to dispose of them via using them to secure trade-in credit towards the future purchase of new firearms for the department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2024 that the following items be declared surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

Item:	Description:	Serial Number:
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR690VS
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM827
Handgun	Glock 21	AFUW404
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM826
Handgun	Glock 21	CNV870
Handgun	Glock 21	LTK808
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR696
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR697
Handgun	Glock 21	LTK809
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP337
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR691
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR692
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR698
Handgun	Glock 21	EKZ326
Handgun	Glock 21	CNV871
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM828
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP339

Handgun	Glock 21	CSR699
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR693
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP338
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR694
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR695
Handgun	Glock 30	DXL559
Handgun	Glock 30	DEG874
Handgun	Glock 30	DEG873
Long Gun	Savage	103224G
Long Gun	Savage	150485G

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 Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to amend Resolution No. 20241216-03 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution no. 20241216-03*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



 MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



 WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution 20241216-03*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241216-03

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to declare various firearms as surplus property for the purpose of trade-in.

WHEREAS, The Benton County Sheriff Department is in possession of multiple outdated firearms, and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff Department seeks to declare the following items as surplus property in order to use them for trade-in credit towards the future purchase of new firearms for the department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2024 that the following items be declared surplus property for the purpose of disposal.

Item:	Description:	Serial Number:
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR690VS
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM827
Handgun	Glock 21	AFUW404
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM826
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Handgun	Glock 21	LTK808
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR696
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR697
Handgun	Glock 21	LTK809
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP337
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR691

Handgun	Glock 21	CSR692
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR698
Handgun	Glock 21	EKZ326
Handgun	Glock 21	CNV871
Handgun	Glock 21	BEKM828
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP339
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR699
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR693
Handgun	Glock 21	DDP338
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR694
Handgun	Glock 21	CSR695
Handgun	Glock 30	DXL559
Handgun	Glock 30	DEG874
Handgun	Glock 30	DEG873
Long Gun	Savage	103224G
Long Gun	Savage	150485G

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 Kiehn to approve Resolution No. 20241216-03 as amended (*See Above as Amended-Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20241216-03*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-04

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to budget funds in the amount of \$ 2,994.65 received from various sources to the Sheriff's Budget for expenditure.

WHEREAS, the Benton County Sheriff's Office has received revenues in the amount of \$2,994.65 for the month of November, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to budget said revenues in the amount of \$2,994.65 to the appropriate expenditure accounts within the Sheriff's Department and Jail budgets.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2024 that the funds in the amount of \$2,994.65 received by the Benton County Sheriff's Office for revenues for the month of November, 2024 be budgeted as follows.

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	\$325.00
101.44530	Sale of Equipment	\$2446.25
101.44560	Damages Recovered from Individuals	\$223.40
		\$2,994.65

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54110.353	Towing Services	\$2,771.25
101.54210.441	Prisoners Clothing	\$223.40
		\$2,994.65

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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Melton to approve Resolution 20241216-04. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-05

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to authorize Mayor Mark Ward to apply for and execute contracts or other necessary documents in relation to the Violent Crime Intervention Grant on behalf of Benton County.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee has started accepting grant applications for opioid abatement funds, and

WHEREAS, Funding in the amount of up to \$1,000,000.00 yearly over the course of three years is available to apply for, and

WHEREAS, If approved, These funds could be combined with other funding options to fund the construction and implementation of a county workhouse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2024 that;

1. The County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to apply on behalf of Benton County for Community Grants Cycle 2 Opioid Abatement Funds from the State of Tennessee, and
2. That should said application be approved by the State of Tennessee, the Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the Violent Crime Intervention Grant by 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

Motion was made by Commissioner Melton and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to amend Resolution 20241216-05 (*See Below Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20241216-05*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed to Amend.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

*****Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20241216-05*****

AMENDMENT #1 to RESOLUTION 20241216-05

AMENDMENT BY THE BENTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to authorize Mayor Mark Ward to apply for and execute contracts or other necessary documents in relation to the Opioid Abatement Funds on behalf of Benton County.

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee has started accepting grant applications for opioid abatement funds, and

WHEREAS, Funding in the amount of up to \$1,000,000.00 yearly over the course of three years is available to apply for, and

WHEREAS, If approved, These funds could be combined with other funding options to fund the construction and implementation of a county workhouse.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th day of December, 2024 that;

1. The County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to apply on behalf of Benton County for Community Grants Cycle 2 Opioid Abatement Funds from the State of Tennessee, and
2. That should said application be approved by the State of Tennessee, the Benton County Mayor, Mark Ward, is authorized to execute contracts or other necessary documents, which may be required to signify acceptance of the Opioid Abatement Funds by Benton County.

Upon a Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

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

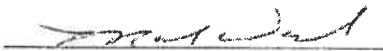
APPROVED:

ATTEST:

COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD

COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Bain to approve as amended Resolution No. 20241216-05 (*See Above as Amended-Amendment #1 to Resolution No. 20241216-05*). On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed as Amended.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-06

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF KEN CHRISTOPHER

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Benton County Sheriff Ken Christopher to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of \$ 33,286.62 to the travel line item in the Sheriff's Budget for Mental Health Transports.

WHEREAS, during the '23 – '24 fiscal year, the Benton County Sheriff's Office was awarded funds in the amount of \$34,100.00 from the Mental Health Transport grant and,

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$813.38 were expended under the grant contract, leaving an effective grant balance of \$33,286.62 and,

WHEREAS, at the end of the '23-'24 fiscal year, the funds reverted to the general fund and were not re-appropriated for expenditure during the budget process, and

WHEREAS, Funds in the amount of \$33,286.62 will need to be appropriated to the proper expenditure line item 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 16th day of December, 2024 that funds in the amount of \$33,286.62 be budgeted in the following manner:

DECREASE REVENUES:

101.39000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$33,286.62
		\$33,286.62

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

101.54210.355	Travel	\$33,286.62
		\$33,286.62

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 Bain and seconded by Commissioner Fowler to approve Resolution 20241216-06. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-07

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY DOS MARK FLORENCE

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by DOS Mark Florence to appropriate and budget funds in the amount of 280,000.00 within the School's Budget.

WHEREAS: The estimate of expenditures was not enough to meet the necessary expenditures for certain subsidiary items in the primary series in the School Budget (transfer to Federal Projects to cover expenditures until State reimbursements arrive);

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

INCREASE

99100 590 Transfer to Other Funds \$280,000.00

DECREASE

39000 Fund Balance \$280,000.00

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 Holland and seconded by Douglas to approve Resolution No. 20241216-07. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-08

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to establish a four (4) year reappraisal cycle for Benton County, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-1601.

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1601 establishes a general four (4) year reappraisal for updating and equalizing property values for every county in Tennessee for property tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, a four (4) year reappraisal program consists of an on-site or photo review of each parcel of real property over a four-year period followed by revaluation of all such property in the completion year of the review period and includes a value updating during of the review cycle and sales ratio studies during the second year of the review cycle; and

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1601 provides that upon the submission of a plan by the Assessor and upon approval of the State Board of Equalization, a reappraisal program may be completed by a continuous four (4) year cycle comprised of an on-site or photo review of each real property over a four (4) year period followed by revaluation of all such property in the year of completion of the review period; and

WHEREAS, the county legislative body of Benton County understands that approving such a four (4) year reappraisal cycle a sales ration study will be conducted during the second year of the review cycle, and the centrally assessed properties and commercial/industrial tangible personal property will be equalized by the sales ratio adopted by the State Board of Equalization; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the county legislative body of Benton County meeting in regular session on the 16th day of December 2024 that:

PURSUSANT to Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1601, reappraisal shall be accomplished in Benton County by a continuous four (4) year cycle beginning July 1, 2025, comprised of an on-site or photo review of each parcel of real property over a found (4) year period followed by revaluation of all such property for tax year 2029.

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. 20241216-08 Pulled by Mayor Ward*****

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-09

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to deobligate the remaining balance of the 2019 CDBG Grant contract after reconciliation of final invoices and payments.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) has been established to assist local governments in meeting community development and housing needs consistent with the objectives as set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Benton County received 2019 CDBG funding from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$315,000.00 for a Community Livability project to build a combination E911 and EMA facility, and

WHEREAS, the E911 facility scope of activities was completed outside of the CDBG project by E-911, and

WHEREAS, the current cost estimate for the EMA building is substantially higher than the budget available to complete construction of a new facility to house EMA, the County finds that it is in its best interest to deobligate the balance of the grant remaining and proceed with closeout of project activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Benton County Commission; THAT Benton County hereby authorizes the cancellation of the remaining balance of the CDBG contract after reconciliation of final invoices and payments.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 16th day of December, 2024.

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 Nunnery to approve Resolution 20241216-09. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No; and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 20241216-10

SPONSORED BY BENTON COUNTY MAYOR MARK WARD

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: BUDGET & PROPERTY COMMITTEES

December 16, 2024

A RESOLUTION by Mayor Mark Ward, to seek approval and passage of a Proposal for Acceptance from TDOT concerning an interchange at 641/I-40.

WHEREAS, a Proposal for Acceptance has been received from the Tennessee Department of Transportation in reference to the Interchange at SR-69 (US-641), LM 5.62 (GFT) Route: I-40; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Benton County Commission approve this proposal and authorize Mayor Mark Ward to sign the document on the county's behalf; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this proposal has been provided to the commission for their review and will be entered into the minutes of this meeting; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Benton County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 16th Day of December, 2024 that the TDOT Proposal for Acceptance described above be approved and that Mayor Ward be authorized to sign this document.

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 Fowler to approve Resolution 20241216-10. On a roll call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Passed.



MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR



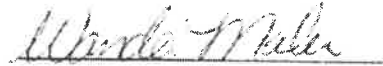
WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

NOTARIES

Susan Wilks, Susan Turnbo, Shelley M. Pinson, and Bridgitt Kathleen Lampert

Motion was made by Commissioner Nunnery and seconded by Commissioner Arnold to approve notaries. On a voice vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.


MARK WARD, COUNTY MAYOR


WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Jerry Price-Procedures & Rules of Order
Mayor Mark Ward-Prayers for Benton Co. Economic Director Jennifer Wheatley

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Arnold and seconded by Commissioner Nunnery to adjourn the meeting. On roll a call vote 15 Ayes, 0 No, and 3 Absent. Motion Carries.

WANDA MALIN, COUNTY CLERK, DO CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2024, BENTON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.


COUNTY MAYOR, MARK WARD


COUNTY CLERK, WANDA MALIN