

Benton County Council

~~September 28th, 2023~~

October 19, 2023

The Benton County Council were set to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Council members: Trina Schutter, Brent Cox, Jack Duncan, Angie Glotzbach, Jackie Steinmetz and Auditor, Audrey Freeland

~~Others in attendance were – Mike Freeland, Latisha Provo and John Cox~~

Business:

The meeting minutes from the September 28th, 2023, meeting was approved as presented with a motion by Councilman, Jack Duncan, second by Councilwoman, Jackie Steinmetz and motion carried.

The Boswell Public Library additional appropriation was approved with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, seconded by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

The amended resolution for the rainy-day fund was tabled until the November meeting.

Auditor Freeland then did the final reading of the 2024 budget.

Clerk – 149,107 / Auditor – 164,249 / Treasurer – 95,913 / Recorder – 84,780 / Sheriff – 633,557 / Surveyor – 119,696 / Coroner – 51,822 / Assessor – 90,379 / Registration – 2,934 / Extension – 114,141 / Veterans – 18,000 / Prosecutor – 52,067 / Drainage Brd – 19,599 / Commissioner – 1,733,364 / Plan Commission – 35,066 / PTBOA – 1,750.00 / Election – 0-moved to Wind / Courthouse – 221,134 / Circuit Court – 205,582 / Probation – 171,467 / Emergency Phone/Dispatchers – 160,420 / EMA – 136,160 / Jail – 696,263 / Recycling – 124,801 / Retirement village – 277,923 / Title IV-D – 60,226 / Soil & Water – 74,976 / Fairgrounds – 6,000 / LIT-Econ Dev – 594,876 / Cum Bridge – 480,000 / Cum Capital Development – 440,000 / Cum Jail – 43,000 / Drug Free Community – 16,000 / EMS – 801,135 / County Health – 74,947 / Local Health Maintenance – 33,139 / Local Road & Street – 80,000 / LOIT Public Safety – 507,250 / MVH Res. – 1,300,000.00 / MVH – 2,340,503 / County Plat Book – 7500.00 / Rainy Day – 0-moved to Wind / Records Perp – 25,100 / Riverboat – 0.00 / Local Health Trust – 19,369 / Elected Officials Training – 5,700 / Statewide 911 – 114,425 / Reassessment – 118,563 / Adult Probation – 183,345 / Juvenile Probation – 4,600 / MISD User Fees – 6,500 / Infraction User fees – 6,000 / User fees – 5,000 / Infraction Penalty – 6,000 / Megawatt Production – 25,000 / Fowler Ridge II – 0.00 / Hoosier Wind – 322,700 (will be 397,232 with rainy day) / Wind Tourism – 0.00 / Jordan Creek – 55,000 / Health BIO Preparedness – 23,685 / Immunization Cooperative - 62,298--and EBOLA grant –794.00.

Total budget for 2024 - \$13,989,658.00, the Council made cut a total of \$711,321.00 out of requested budgets.

Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach motioned to approve the 2024 budget as read, second by Councilwoman, Jackie Steinmetz and motion carried. The 2024 Form 4 for Benton County Government was signed

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John Cox – Sheriff

John thanked the board for all that they do for the county.

He is working on a year end overview and recap that he will share with the board(s) and the community.

Stanley Steemer came in to clean the ducts, but they ran into some issues, and he now has Brouillette’s coming on site to review. He has gotten 5 air units changed out and is working on a long-term plan to get the rest of them done over a period of time. They are installing a split unit to help in the interim.

The IT room remodel is done and looks amazing. They were able to do the upgrades through grant funds. He invited them to stop by and take a look.


LOW live has been installed on the jail matron and his PC’s and he loves it. They discussed the next step of moving all of the departments to live view and then moving on to remote claims and budgets. John is very excited for this process and the elimination of paper.

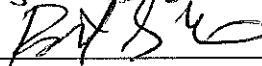
Vehicle update – there was a service vehicle that was declared as totaled, and he has worked with the Commissioners to get that replaced. He has two vehicles that he is going to sell through a sealed bid process to help offset the unexpected costs. Councilman Duncan asked if his new position was more than he anticipated. John replied not at all, his previous positions had prepared him well, he was unaware of the status of the facilities, but he is working through it. Councilwoman Glotzbach said that she has heard a lot of positive feedback on the sheriff and thanked John for the job he is doing.


Councilwoman Glotzbach informed the board that the new ambulance was pictured and is now in service. She shared that they were publicly thanked for the ability to purchase.


Auditor Freeland introduced the new LEDO, Latisha Provo to the board, they welcomed her.

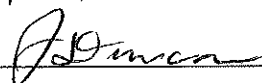
The group closed out the meeting at 8:58 a.m. with a motion by Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach, second by Councilwoman, Trina Schutter, motion carried.

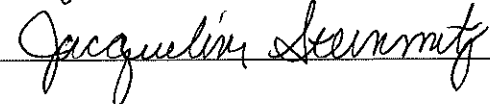


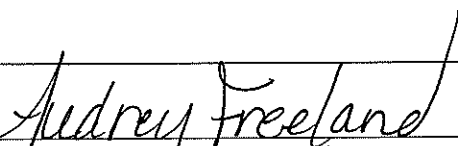










Attest: 

Audrey Freeland, County Auditor

Benton County Council
November 16th, 2023

The Benton County Council were set to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Council members: Brent Cox, Jack Duncan, Angie Glotzbach and Auditor, Audrey Freeland

~~Others in attendance were –Latisha Provo and Gail Lange~~

Meeting cancelled – no quorum

The group called to cancel the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Angie Glotzbach
Brent Cox
Jack Duncan
Jacqueline Stearns

Katrina Schutte
Michael R. Coon
Gail Lange
Attest: Audrey Freeland
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