

# Benton County Council

## June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

The Benton County Council met at 8:30 a.m. at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Council members: Jim Schoen, ~~Angie Glotzbach~~, Mike Conner, Brent Cox, Jack Duncan, Jackie Steinmetz, Katrina Schutter and Auditor, Audrey Freeland

Others in attendance were –Bryan Berry, Angie Taylor and Lisa Jefvert

### **Lisa Jefvert – York Public Library Director**

Lisa came before the board to seek their approval for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$4,000 for a new HVAC system. Councilman Conner asked where the library was located; It is in Raub, it is next to the park and just down the road from the old school. The library is not asking the county to cover these funds, the library has them in their surplus. The additional was approved with a motion by Councilman, Brent Cox, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan and motion carried.

Auditor Freeland stated that Marie with the Boswell Public Library will be attending the July meeting for a similar request.

### **Business:**

The meeting minutes from May 25th, 2023, meeting was approved with the correction of the header date with a motion by Councilman, Mike Connor and second by Councilman, Brent Cox and motion carried.

The CF-1 form for Jordan Creek was presented for signature.

Councilman Schoen asked the board if they had reviewed their calendars for the change of date needed for the October 2023 meeting. The change is necessary to allow time for the Auditor's office to get all the data entered and balanced. After some discussion the October meeting will be moved to October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the 2024 budget to ensure it is submitted in a timely manner. This was approved with a motion by Councilman, Jack Duncan, second by Councilwoman, Trina Schutter and motion carried.

Commissioner Berry asked Auditor Freeland if she had a chance to review the new proposed tax for EMS public safety funding. She replied that the deadline to determine if the county will participate is November. Berry then asked the council if the sheriff had approached them regarding the public safety tax which is currently funding the EMS department. They talked about if the council switched the public safety tax to just EMS that it could possibly help with the budgets for raises. Auditor Freeland said that she would review the information more and share it at the next meeting. The group discussed switching the percentage around as another possibility, which has been lowered once and is not at the max. Councilman Schoen said that he feels they need to discuss that during the budget process and during the August meeting.

Commissioner Berry then said that Schutter and his crew have gotten 8 out of 23 windows changed in the courthouse. They are moving along quicker than they originally thought.

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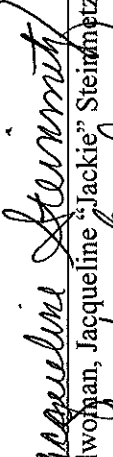
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With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m. with a motion by Councilman Brent Cox, second by Councilman, Jack Duncan, motion carried.

  
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President, James "Jim" Schoen

  
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Councilman, Mike Conner

  
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Councilman, John "Jack" Duncan

  
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Councilwoman, Jacqueline "Jackie" Steinmetz

Attest:   
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Audrey Freeland, Auditor

  
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Vice President, Brent Cox

  
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Councilwoman, Angie Glotzbach

  
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Councilwoman, Katrina "Trina" Schutter