

Benton County Commission

April 18, 2026

Convene

Presiding Commissioner Steve Daleske called the meeting of the Benton County Commission to order at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the E-911 Dispatch Center. Attendance: Larry Berry, Present; Scott Harms, Present; Steve Daleske, Present.

Emergency Meeting – Storm Damage

An emergency meeting was held to discuss the storm that occurred on Friday evening, April 17, 2026, which caused substantial damage to several portions of Benton County. E-911/Emergency Management Director Brenda Hilburn and Ron Cobb and officials from the City of Warsaw were also present. Strong winds and heavy rains damaged property throughout Benton County, causing downed power lines and trees. Several Benton County residents were without power for several hours, some for as much as two days, due to the damage sustained. A call has been placed to State Emergency Management (SEMA), to gather information in the event that Benton County could qualify for any disaster assistance. Attendees discussed necessary procedures, noting certain procedures must be followed. If/when Governor Kehoe declares a State of Emergency, Commissioners will know how best to proceed.

Adjournment

District 2 Commissioner Scott Harms ordered that the commission adjourn until 4/20/2026. District 1 Commissioner Larry Berry seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Larry Berry (Yes), Scott Harms (Yes), and Steve Daleske (Yes). Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Signature



Steve Daleske

Presiding Commissioner