



MEETING MINUTES

**Benton County Accessible Communities Advisory
Committee (ACAC)
Benton County Justice Center
Thursday, April 10, 2025**

The meeting of the Benton County Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (ACAC) was held in-person at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the Benton County Administration Building. Present at the meeting were committee members Grace Davidson, Gretchen Hormel (virtually), and Teresa Payne. There were multiple guests: Becky Van Pelt, Cathryn Tames, Maria Agular, Heather Flowers, Eric Wyman, Mary Christensen, Robert Blain, Myriam Campos and Michael Novakovich.

Grace called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM

Grace thanked everyone for coming and expressed gratitude for the Columbia Ability Alliance to come and present to the ACAC.

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Michael Novakovich gave a presentation on best practices for helping, hiring and interviewing individuals with disabilities. Michael shared the scope of what the Columbia Ability Alliance does for our community.

Grace opened the discussion for Q&A for Michael and Myriam.

The next Benton County Accessible Community Advisory Committee meeting will be July 10th. We will be hearing from Deanna Davis, Manager of Benton County Emergency Services for insight on how individuals with disabilities can prepare for emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.