

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 17, 2020



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners' meeting, Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Scheduled Business

Position Requests - Auditor's Office - Lorene Roe

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. The Auditor's office experienced an unexpected resignation from an Office Assistant III that works in the Elections Department. With an anticipated county-wide election to take place in February they need to ensure that staffing levels are adequate to handle the workload. This position is vital to maintain effective operations and the Auditor's office would like to have time to hire and train the new staff member to assist with this vital process. The Auditor's office also received an unexpected retirement announcement from the Accounting Support Specialist in the Accounting Department. This essential position handles all accounts payable for the County and the back-up to this position has only been with the County since September 2020. **The Board moved and seconded to approve posting and filling Position 1165, an Office Assistant III in the Auditor's Office and Position 1152, an Accounting Support Specialist in the Auditor's Office. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Position Requests - Sheriff's Office - Commander Steve Caughey

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. The Sheriff's Office has had recent vacancies due to the retirement and resignation of deputies. Currently, the Sheriff's Office has three vacancies and it is imperative to fill the positions to ensure they maintain a high level of public safety. **The Board moved and seconded to approve posting and filling PST Position 1494, a Detective in the Sheriff's Office and PST Position 1802, a Deputy in the Sheriff's Office. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Position Requests - Canine Control Department/Building Department - Jerrod MacPherson

The Board previously approved Resolution 2020-602 requiring Board approval prior to posting and filling vacant positions. With the retirement of the Building Manager, it is essential in County operations and Building Department operations to post and fill the vacancy. In addition to a retirement in the Building Department, the Canine Control Supervisor is also retiring. These positions are both vital to the County. **The Board moved and seconded to approve posting and filling Position 1137, the Building Manager and Position 1146, Canine Control Supervisor. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Proposed Letter to Governor - Jerrod MacPherson

Mr. MacPherson discussed whether the Board wanted to send a letter to the Governor in response to his recent rollback regarding COVID-19 and the County's concerns regarding this decision. Also, whether the Board was interested in sending a joint letter with the cities and/or Franklin County. The Board agreed to have Mr. MacPherson reach out to those agencies to see about sending a joint letter. **The Board moved and seconded to approve sending the proposed letter and authorized the Chairman to sign, as soon as possible. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

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