

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 16, 2021



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Certifying Levies & Re-Adopting 2021-2022 Budget – Linda Ivey, Finance Manager

The Board held a public hearing to certify the Current Expense Levy for 2022 collection, certify the Road Levy for 2022 collection, certify the budgeted taxes for collection in 2022, and re-adopting the Final 2021-2022 Benton County budget. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the resolutions certifying the Current Expense Levy for 2022 collection, certifying the Benton County Road Levy for 2022 collection, certifying budgeted taxes for collection in 2022 for Benton County, and re-adopting the Final 2021-2022 Benton County budget as presented. Motions carried.**

Scheduled Business

2022 Benton County Historic Preservation Grant – Shyanne Palmus, Communications Coordinator

The 2022 Historic Preservation Grant RFP was open September 7 – October 8, 2021 and received ten (10) applications for project funding, totaling \$85,384.95. The available yearly budget for the Historic Preservation Grant is \$50,000, with a total available budget balance of \$81,973.60. Staff recommends approval of the projects as outlined in the presentation, for a total amount of \$55,505.95. [RCW 36.22.170](#) states that one dollar (\$1) of the recording fee is placed in the Benton County Historical Preservation Fund 0157-101, to be used at the County Commissioners' discretion for promotion of historical preservation and/or programs in the County. Each year, the County calls upon a review committee to determine recommended project funding for Board of Commissioners' approval. This year, staff is also requesting authorization for the County Administrator to approve the grant disbursement agreements to streamline disbursement of grant funds to the recipients. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the 2022 Historic Preservation Grant allocations as presented and authorized the County Administrator to sign the grant disbursement agreements. Motion carried.**

Other Business

Proclamation Honoring Victor Lee Murphey – Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager

Victor Lee Murphey of Prosser has lived through a century of innovation, adventure, and discovery unlike any other generation before him has ever experienced. Mr. Murphey was born in Culdesac, Idaho on November 24, 1921 to Stephen and Vera Vista Murphey. After military service during World War II, Mr. Murphey opened ACM Feed in Prosser with his brothers Bill and Jim, their father, and other local families, and operated the business until 2011. Victor and Ella Murphey were married on September 14, 1955 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Prosser, and the couple have remained in Prosser where they raised two daughters and have been an example for and support to their six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Benton County Board of Commissioners, honor and congratulate Victor Lee Murphey on the occasion of his 100th birthday, whereupon we thank him for all of his contributions to the Prosser community; and we join his family, friends, and the community in celebrating his life, talents, and accomplishments. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the proclamation. Motion carried.**

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