

# RESOLUTION 2022 223

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT OF APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BENTON COUNTY ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("ACAC")

WHEREAS, the Benton County Accessible Community Advisory Committee ("ACAC") was established by the Board of Benton County Commissioners on February 7, 2017 by Resolution 2017-109; and

WHEREAS, founding members of the Benton County ACAC were appointed on August 21, 2018 by Resolution 2018-545; and

WHEREAS, Benton County is required to notify the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment of the members that will be serving on the ACAC, and to assure that there is a diverse range and knowledge of disabilities throughout the members; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Auditor recommends the Board sign the letter of assurance to the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Benton County Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached letter of assurance for the Benton County Accessible Community Advisory Committee ("ACAC") to the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

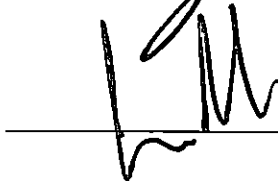
Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



Chairman of the Board



Member



Member

Constituting the Board of Commissioners  
of Benton County, Washington.

Attest.....



Clerk of the Board

Orig Commissioners  
Cc: Auditor, ACAC

S. Palmus

Jerome Delvin, District 1  
Shon Small, District 2  
Will McKay, District 3



Jerrod MacPherson  
County Administrator  
Matt Rasmussen  
Deputy County Administrator

## Board of County Commissioners

March 29, 2022

Elaine Stefanowicz  
Governor's Committee on Disability Issues & Employment  
PO Box 9046  
Olympia, WA 98507

Re: Renewal of Letter of Assurance for the Accessible Communities Act

Dear Ms. Stefanowicz:


In accordance with the Accessible Communities Act (Chapter 215, Laws of 2010), the Benton County Board of Commissioners assures the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment that it has established an active cross-disability Accessible Community Advisory Committee (ACAC).


It assures that the members of the ACAC include persons with a diverse range of disabilities who are knowledgeable in identifying and eliminating attitudinal, programmatic, communication, and physical barriers encountered by persons with disabilities. It further assures the committee is actively involved in the following activities:


- Advising policy makers on the needs of persons with disabilities in emergency plans.
- Advising the county and other local governments within the county on access to programs, services, and activities, new construction or renovation projects, sidewalks, other pedestrian routes of travel, and disability parking enforcement.
- Developing local initiatives and activities to promote greater awareness of disability issues, and acceptance, involvement and access for persons with disabilities within the community.

Included with this letter is a list of current ACAC members and their qualifications. The undersigned certifies the above assurances have been met.

  
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Chairman of the Board

  
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Member

  
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Member

Attest.....  
Clerk of the Board

The Benton County Accessible Community Advisory Committee Members are as follows, as of March 29, 2022:

Gretchen Hormel – Citizen Member

Teresa Payne – Citizen Member

Judith Davis – Citizen Member

Dallas Murry – Corporal, Benton County Corrections Department

Vacant Position

Staff liaisons to the Benton County ACAC are:

Brenda Chilton – Benton County Auditor, 509-736-2707

Amanda Hatfield – Elections Manager, 509-736-3085

Shyanne Palmus – Communications Coordinator, 509-222-3760