

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 30, 2024**

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on December 30, 2024, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Jared Gapinski was at 8:30 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Beth Schlangen, Steve Heinen, Jared Gapinski, Scott Johnson, and Ed Popp present.

County Administrator Montgomery Headley invited Benton Economic Partnership Director Amanda Othoudt to share information on the Community Energy Transition Grant Contract. Othoudt shared that Benton County was awarded a Community Energy Transition Grant for the CSAH 29 Corridor Extension Project specifically for the Relocation of Transmissions lines on October 31, 2024, from the Department of Employment and Economic Development Business and Community Development Division Office of Energy Transition. The Grant Contract Agreement outlines the obligations of the county and the use of funds. The total obligation of the State for all compensation and reimbursements to the county under this grant contract agreement will not exceed \$1,000,000. The State will disburse funds to the county on a reimbursement basis through payment requests accompanied by supporting invoices. The county will have until the expiration date of the grant contract agreement of December 31, 2026, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first to complete the project and submit for reimbursement. Motion by Heinen and seconded by Popp to approve the Community Energy Transition Grant Contract Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gapinski adjourned the Special Board Meeting at 8:48 AM.

Jared Gapinski, Board Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator.

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**CITY OF RICE NOTICE**

**BUILDING INSPECTION AND RELATED SERVICES:**  
The City of Rice, Minnesota is requesting proposals to provide building inspection and related services to the city, **Proposals must be received by the city no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 10th, 2025, and should be addressed to:**

City of Rice  
Attn: Julie Fandel, City Clerk  
205 Main St E  
P.O. Box 179  
Rice, MN 56367

To request a copy of the RFP please contact Julie Fandel at jfandel@ricemn.us or (320)393-2280. Each proposal submitted shall be valid for ninety (90) days.

The city is located in Benton County. The population is approximately 2,020. The city has residential and commercial construction projects therefore the candidate must be experienced in both residential and commercial inspection procedures. The candidate will assist the city in other duties as needed.

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**CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS ORDINANCE NO. 17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SETBACK DISTANCES BETWEEN SOLAR PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF SAUK RAPIDS/MINDEN TOWNSHIP ORDERLY ANNEXATION AREA**

The following is the official summary of an Ordinance approved by the Sauk Rapids/Minden Township Joint Planning Board February 4th, 2025:

On February 4th, 2025, the Sauk Rapids/Minden Township Joint Planning Board adopted an ordinance that extended the setback distance between community solar gardens to 2 ½ miles area D of the annexation area between Sauk Rapids and Minden Township.

A complete, printed copy of the Ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at the Sauk Rapids Government Center.

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF EXACT LOCATION OF COUNTING CENTERS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47  
(SAUK RAPIDS-RICE), MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges shall count the ballots cast at the special election that has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 47 (Sauk Rapids-Rice), Minnesota, on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

<u>Combined Polling Place:</u>	<u>Precincts Served</u>
The Sauk Rapids Government Center 250 Summit Avenue North Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	Head Election Judges: Amy Durant and Todd Blum This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 2; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 4; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 5; and • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 6 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Riverside Terrace 195 River Avenue South Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	Head Election Judges: Amanda Johnson and Jessica Nelson-Rademacher This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in • Minden Township, Precinct 1; • Minden Township, Precinct 2; • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 1; • St. Cloud, Ward 2-Precinct 1; and • St. Cloud, Ward 2-Precinct 4 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Discovery Church 700 18th Street North West Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	Head Election Judges: Marlene Haider and Jessica Macy This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in • City of Sauk Rapids, Precinct 3; • Sauk Rapids Township; and • City of Sartell, Precinct 2 In Benton County, Minnesota.
Watab Town Hall 660 75th Street North West Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	Head Election Judges: Kathy Sauer and John Olson This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in • Watab Township; and • Mayhew Lake Township In Benton County, Minnesota.
Rice City Hall 205 Main Street East Rice, MN 56367	Head Election Judges: Julie Fandel and Peggy Herman This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 47 located in • City of Rice; • Langola Township; and • Graham Township In Benton County, Minnesota.

**Absentee Ballots:**  
Sauk Rapids-Rice District Office  
1833 Osauka Road NE  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Benton County Auditor-Treasurer's Office  
531 Dewey Street  
Foley, MN 56329

Dated: February 8, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
/s/ Lisa Loidolt, Clerk  
R-6-1B

**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2025**

The Benton County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 21, 2025, in the Benton County Board Room in Foley, MN. Call to order by Chair Ed Popp was at 9:00 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. A roll call showed Commissioners Pam Benoit, Jared Gapinski, Scott Johnson, and Ed Popp present. Commissioner Steve Heinen was absent. Chair Popp noted Heinen's absence excused.

County Administrator Montgomery Headley requested to amend the agenda by adding the Resolution regarding Legislator attendance as the last item under County Administrator at 9:05 AM. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Benoit to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

No one was present to speak under Open Forum.

Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Benoit to approve Consent Agenda items 1 – 10: 1) approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign; 2) approve the Park Commission appointments; 3) approve the appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2025; 4) accept and file the 2025 Pay Equity Compliance report; 5) approve the 2025 Tobacco License applications; 6) approve the 2025 contract for the purchase of Guardianship/Conservatorship Services for Professional Guardianship Services MN and authorize the Chair to sign; 7) approve the coordinator services contract between Benton County Human Services and the CommUNITY AMHI and authorize the Chair to sign; 8) approve the legal and fiscal contract between Benton County Human Services and the CommUNITY AMHI for 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign; 9) approve the 2024 Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification and authorize the Chair to sign; 10) accept and file the Veteran Service Officer's Quarterly Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley invited Sauk Rapids/Rice Schools Superintendent Brad Bergstrom to share information on the upcoming referendum election. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer Christina Whiting provided a Culture Team update to the County Board. This item was for informational purposes only.

Next, Headley asked Board Members to consider a municipal representative to the Region 7W Transportation Policy Board. MNDOT has requested a new municipal appointee from Benton County for the Region 7W Transportation Policy Board. That position was previously held by former Foley Mayor Jack Brosh. Headley will contact the City of Foley and will provide an update on a recommended appointee at a future Board Meeting.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider a new career ladder for Highway Engineering Technicians. In response to continued challenges in recruiting and retaining Highway Engineering Technicians, the Administrator's Office and Highway Department conferred with our compensation consultant (DDA) on a new career ladder system. Currently, Highway has three authorized Engineering Technician positions. Those positions can occupy either an entry level position or a senior level position.

Two positions are currently vacant (and the third will be vacant by January 24th). The proposed career ladder addresses three main objectives: 1) provide more rapid advancement opportunities (retention), 2) provide more flexibility to hire employees across a broader range of pay grades and minimum qualifications (attraction), and 3) provide higher pay grades in the upper-level positions to address current labor market conditions (both attraction and retention). Motion by Gapinski

and seconded by Benoit to approve a new career ladder system for Highway Department Engineering Technicians. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider allocating additional funding to the Benton Economic Partnership in 2025. Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Johnson to allocate an additional \$20,000 from the Board Contingency Fund to BEP as a one-time contribution. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Headley requested the County Board to consider the Resolution regarding Legislator attendance. The Resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Representatives Dan Wolgamott, Tim O'Driscoll, and Isaac Schultz are duly elected members of the Minnesota House of Representatives representing Benton County; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of duly elected members of the House of Representatives to represent their constituents on the floor of the House and engage in legislative work as required by their office; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 3.05 stated that "At noon of the day appointed for convening the legislature, the members shall meet in their respective chambers... As each is called, the persons claiming to be members from each shall present their certificates to be filed. All whose certificates are so presented shall then stand and be sworn" and

WHEREAS, article IV, Section 8 of the Minnesota Constitution states that "Each member and officer of the legislature before entering upon his duties shall take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of this state, and to discharge faithfully the duties of his office to the best of his judgement and ability"; and

WHEREAS, the first week of a legislative session is critical for setting the agenda, introducing legislation, and ensuring the priorities of Benton County residents are represented in state government; and

WHEREAS, the absence of any elected representative during the first week of session is a dereliction of their duties and deprives Benton County residents of their voice in critical early legislative deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the lack of participation in legislative proceedings undermines the democratic process and erodes public trust in the ability of these representatives to fulfill their obligations; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benton County Board calls upon these representatives to uphold their responsibilities by ensuring they are present and actively engaged in future legislative sessions; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Benton County Board affirms its commitment to holding all elected officials accountable to the constituents they serve.

Adopted this 21st day of January 2025.  
/s/Edward D. Popp  
Chair, Benton County Board of Commissioners  
Attest:  
/s/Montgomery Headley County Administrator

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Gapinski to approve the Resolution regarding Legislator attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, Human Services Director Sandi Shoberg requested the County Board to consider the 2025 contract for the purchase of Guardianship/Conservatorship for Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Central Minnesota. This initial agreement is to allow to contract for Guardianship/Conservatorship services for vulnerable adults between LSS and Benton County Human Services. They are a good standing provider, and they do well to meet the needs of clients while maintaining

effective communication with county employees. LSS agrees to the rates and parameters being offered to current providers. This will allow an additional service option should the need arise due to high placement demands. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Benoit to approve the Guardianship/Conservatorship services contract effective 1/01/2025 with LSS. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, County Engineer Chris Byrd requested the County Board to consider an Engineering Services Agreement for Inspection of Bridge Replacement projects. Benton County is planning for the replacement of 2 bridge projects this year. One of the structures is on CSAH 22 in Granite Ledge Township, and the other is on CR 51 just southeast of Foley. These bridge replacement projects are partially funded with federal money through the BRÖS program. To complete the final engineering and construction plans, Benton County previously hired Erickson Engineering. A certified bridge construction inspector is required during the construction of the bridge. Currently the Public Works/Highway Department does not have anybody on staff that meets these requirements. Byrd asked for proposals from a couple of consultants to provide this service. Erickson Engineering responded and will provide the best overall value to provide bridge construction inspection services. Motion by Gapinski and seconded by Johnson to approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Erickson Engineering. Motion carried unanimously.

The Regular Board Meeting was recessed at 10:33 AM to conduct a Community Health Board Meeting. The Regular Board Meeting Reconvened at 11:10 AM.

Next, Board members continued to report on recent meetings they attended on behalf of Benton County.

There were no additional comments by Commissioners.

Johnson/Gapinski to set the Committee of the Whole Meetings: Monday, February 3, 2025, Monday, May 5, 2025, Monday, August 4, 2025 and Monday, November 17, 2025 Quarterly Human Services/Public Health meetings, Benton County Human Services 3rd Floor Conference Room, 8:30 AM; Tuesday, February 11, 2025 1) meet with St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority, 2) Government Center project discussion with GLT Architects and Contegrity, 3) discuss Human Services Deputy Director position, Benton County Boardroom, Foley, 8:30 AM; Tuesday, February 18, 2024, Tuesday, June 17, 2025 and Tuesday, October 7, 2025 Employee Forums, Benton County Boardroom, Foley, 8:15 AM; Wednesday, February 26, 2025 thru Thursday, February 27, 2025 Association of Minnesota Counties Legislative Conference, InterContinental Hotel, 11 East Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55101; Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Employee Years of Service Awards Ceremony: 7:00 AM Sheriff's Office, 7:30 AM Highway Department, 8:00 AM Human Services Third Floor Conference Room, 8:30 AM Benton County Boardroom; Tuesday, April 29, 2025 thru Friday, May 2, 2025 National Association of County and City Health Officials 2025 Preparedness Summit, San Antonio, TX, 8:00 AM; Thursday, March 13, 2025 TIF and TAF Training 101, St. Cloud State University Atwood Center, 720 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301, 1:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Popp adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:42 AM.

Edward D. Popp, Board Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

**THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 20, 2019  
MORTGAGOR: Gabriel T. Pageant, a married man.  
M O R T G A G E E : Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded January 16, 2020 Benton County Recorder, Document No. 440839.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC. Dated June 13, 2023 Recorded June 14, 2023, as Document No. 466549.

T R A N S A C T I O N AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 101398219002510420

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Guaranteed Rate Affinity, LLC

R E S I D E N T I A L MORTGAGE SERVICER: Flagstar Bank, National Association

M O R T G A G E D PROPERTY ADDRESS: 208 8 1/2 Street North, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 190022400

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), and the North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Nine (9), all in Block Twenty-one (21) in the Town (now City) of Sauk Rapids, according to the plat and survey thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Benton County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Benton

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$171,816.00  
AMOUNT DUE

AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$173,297.09

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Benton County Sheriff's Office, 581 Highway 23 Northeast Foley, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6)

months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 29, 2025, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

M O R T G A G O R ( S ) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S P E R S O N A L R E P R E S E N T A T I V E S OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE

WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: January 21, 2025  
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 92 - 25-001234 FC

**IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.**

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