

## **Motion Concerning Annual Mayoral City Appointed Positions**

**Moved:** The City Council of the City of Benton approve the mayoral appointments for 2024 as presented. (attached)

## **Motion Concerning City Planning Commission Appointed Positions**

**Moved:** The City Council of the City of Benton approve the appointments for the City Planning Commission/Zoning Board as presented. (attached)

## City Appointed Positions Recommendations – May 2024

### City of Benton – Mayoral Appointments

City Clerk	Joyce Casady
City Treasurer	Joyce Jones
Police Chief	Kevin Kichler
City Attorney	Robert Lane
City Judge	Kami Baker – appointed 2022, 2-year term
Court Clerk	Kristin Beggs
Probation Officer	Ed Ketley
Bank	Community National Bank
Newspaper of Record	Butler County Times Gazette

### Planning Commission/Zoning Board (3-year terms) (\*requires appointment)

1. \*Tanner Swift, Chair      appointed May 2021
2. \*Cara Dennison      appointed May 2021
3. \*Danny Smith      appointed May 2021
4. Nick Engels      appointed May 2023      nonresident
5. Lois Young      appointed May 2023
6. Amy Henning      appointed May 2022
7. Kent Marnane      appointed April 2022      nonresident



## PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	MEETING DATE	PREPARED BY
5/16/2024	5/20/2024	M. Engels

## STATUS SUMMARY

## CONCENTRATED PROJECT UPDATE

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Annexation	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing as services are considered
Budget	10	8/2024	Next step – inserting valuation – May 2024
Development	10	Ongoing	More discussions with developers/engineering

TASK	% DONE	DUE DATE	NOTES
Storage Building	20	2024	Structure going up
Ditches	Ongoing	Ongoing	Reworked Durley culvert for street work
Streets	15	2024	Concrete done – patching for slurry, S Ohio/S Wichita

## NOTES:

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### Admin:

Springtime is busy time. We are at 25 permits for the year, compared to 15 last year and 11 in 2022.

Violation letters are at 12, with 13 in 2023 and 12 in 2022. This year we've focused on tougher cases with some good results. Four outdated structures have been removed with two more in progress. We've had many fewer grass letters this year.

There will be a quote coming to you on a dog kennel purchase. We found a returned model at a 15% discount and if approved, that money will come from the sale of our previous dog kennel on Main Street.

All of the trail grant documents have been submitted for final payment release. I'll send out an email upon receipt of that payment.

Maintenance building is in progress. As of today, street work is also in progress.

We have filed our final report on ARPA expenditures. Thank you for using these dollars to rehab the sewer system.

I'll be sending a budget draft out within the next couple of weeks. Still waiting on a County valuation number to plug in. With the sales tax vote, we built a 2-year projection last year, so I expect there will be a couple of small changes with the direction of the budget to continue as built.

Fishing Day is Saturday. Stop by if you'd like to take part in the fun. 8am at the pond.

I will ask you about direction on the park parking lot. It needs some attention, and we can put more rock in, but we don't want to rock it if Council decides to pave the area. We will be updating some signage there.

### Maintenance:

Complete generator maintenance has been completed for 2024. The full test loads will take place next week. All of our generators are in top working condition.

Mowing has started along with hauling rock. We have a new township operator so we are getting to know each other and learn expectations.

Park and facilities have been de-winterized. We'll be making improvements along Main street after the end of the school year.

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## Project Expenditure Request

Date: May 6, 2024

Department: Police

Project Name: Replacement of Dog Kennel

Company: Derksen Buildings

Project Summary: Replacement of the dog kennels that are currently on the property purchased by Nick Engels.

Project time frame: Purchase upon approval of the council and installation upon completion of the new shop building.

Project Cost: \$5000-\$5500

Fund Expended: Police Budget

Reason for project: Replacing the dog kennels due to the sale to Nick Engels.

Expected benefit: Secure place to put animals collected as strays.

The police department would like to purchase a new dog kennel to be placed at the water tower near the new shop building. The kennel will replace the current kennels on the property recently sold to Nick Engels.

After searching for a way to build a new kennel, we came up with purchasing a pre-manufactured building with weather resistant materials. Derksen Buildings makes a two-run dog run, which is what we currently have, for the price of \$6775. This comes with a 5 year warranty. The local dealer currently has a repo model on their lot priced at \$5096, which does not come with a warranty. Both were assembled within a year of each other.

Based on state regulations if we take in an animal that is sick, we have to clean the area the dog was in with bleach. A poured concrete slab or a raised platform are the only ways to do that, as you can't clean a rock bed with bleach. A concrete slab is also required to have proper drainage so there is no standing water.

This shelter would allow us to provide both an inside area as well as a small run for the dogs taken in as strays/at large animals. We would have a place to keep extra bedding as well as food for the animals.

I would like authorization to purchase the repossessed shed, which is for sale on the lot. The funds for this purchase would come directly from the Police budget. The shelter would be delivered within approximately 2 weeks of purchase. We would place it out of the way until the shop is finished and then move it into place ourselves after putting down a layer of rock for a base.





## Executive Session motion

Moved:

That the governing body recess into executive session IAW K.S.A. 75-4319(b) to discuss non-elected personnel matters/attorney client privilege. Further, required to attend this session is the Mayor, City Attorney, City Administrator and the City Council. Further, that the governing body return to open session at \_\_\_\_\_PM