

TOWN OF BENTONIA
AGENDA
JANUARY 6, 2026

MINUTES AND BILLS

GRAHAM HELTON- HWY 49, RENTAL PROPERTY SEWER PROJECTION

IVAN HOLDER—HWY 49, RENTAL PROPERTY SEWER PROJECTION

PAUL JOHNSON-CAR SHOW

PITCHIN SIGNS—NO DUMPSTER DIVING

CAMERAS AT THE PITCH IN

STREET LIGHTS —END OF EAST RAILROAD

Charles Daves

Colin B. Allen

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Kym P. Martin

Robert Lee

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**TOWN OF BENTONIA
220 EAST RAILROAD AVE.
BENTONIA, MS 39040
Monthly Board Meeting
December 2, 2025
6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. Members present: Robert Demus, Steve Pigg, Tamara Boatner and Greg Shaffer. Absent: Colby Parks

Brittany Moore addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning the water at 706 Cannon Ave, Bentonia being in her name. She brought forth a copy of the deed showing ownership belongs to Travis Randell Greene. Water bill will be transferred to Mr. Green.

Monica Willis addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning the legal bill last month, she stated the mayor and board of alderman need training concerning laws and ordinances. She also questioned the mobile home ordinance concerning lot requirements.

Gharam Helton and Joe Shivers addressed the mayor and board of alderman about the possibilities of the town of Bentonia providing sewer to 40 tiny houses across HWY 49. They would be located in central Yazoo water certificated area. Steve Pigg made mention about the cost associated with the project on the town and that those funds would never be recouped. Greg Shaffer requested that our water and sewer person attend the next meeting.

Trey Burton addressed the mayor and board of alderman concerning an issue with the town sending out clean up letters when the lagoon area is in need to being cleaned up. He stated the town needs to clean up the towns property before they ask others to clean up. He also stated that during his term as mayor pay for the mayor and alderman were decreased and everyone agreed to it that no laws had been broken and he did not appreciate the mayor saying he had broken the law. The mayor apologized for using the term illegal and stated she should have said improper.

Security Camera Quotes were presented and a motion to go with the lowest bid as long as a 3 year warranty was provided. Motion made by Steve Pigg, seconded by Tamara Boartner, motion passed with all in favor.

Tracy the camera guy \$4270.74

Allen Seeib \$4705.00

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Limit of \$600 was placed on purchasing a Stihl gas weed eater, motion made by Tamara Boatner, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Moton was made to allow the purchase of material and get started enclosing the back area for part time police personnel and a small shop area out back. Motion made by Tamara Boatner and seconded by Greg Shaffer, motion passed with all in favor.

Quotes presented for electrical works for the fuel island were presented

Tim Bridges \$2950.00

HT Electrical Services\$3822.41

Motion to accept the lowest bid was made by Tamara Boatner, seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed with all in favor.

Monica Willis inquired about public records requests on records not yet approved by the board, Town attorney Robert Parrish stated that minutes must be approved prior to public viewing. 25-41-11

Town attorney stated that pay for the alderman and mayor would return to it when it was last properly adjusted and the last two changes were nullified. Motion made by Tamara Boatner, seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed with all in favor. The mayor and board of alderman will look at making adjustment to the pay closer to election time.

Mayor stated we saved \$2000 on gas this month.

Paul Johnson gave a brief overview of the VFD activities and discussed the possibility of purchasing an already established building, with modification costs of approximately \$131,000.

A brief discussion was held concerning clean up at the lagoon and the need to rent a dumpster and get it cleaned up.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Pigg, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Martin, Mayor _____

Mayor Pro-tem Steve Pigg _____

Kim Tyer _____

Robert Demus _____

Colby Parks _____

Tamara Boatner _____

Greg Shaffer _____

**TOWN OF BENTONIA
220 EAST RAILROAD AVE.
BENTONIA, MS 39040
Monthly Board Meeting
December 15, 2025
6:00 PM**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Mayor Kim Martin. Members present: Robert Demus, Steve Pigg, and Colby Parks. Absent: Greg Shaffer and Tamara Boatner.

Paul Johnson addressed the mayor and board of alderman about setting a limit on bidding on a fire truck pumper/tanker for the Town of Benton. Jack Willingham pulled a truck from the town of Benton for the new Dover volunteer fire department. A discussion was held concerning a 12.5% fee added on to the winning bid. Steve Pigg asked if part of the money could possibly come from the grant money or monies from the state. Paul Johnson stated possibly it could he has spoken with Exxon and CNN railroad about the possibility of donations. Steve stated even a low interest loan if needed. A cap was set at \$46,000 to include the 12.5% bidding fee. Motion was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Robert Demus motion passed with all in favor. No other business was discussed motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Robert Demus., motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Martin, Mayor _____

Steve Pigg Mayor Proteem _____

Robert Demus _____

Colby Parks _____

Kim Tyer, Clerk _____