

# **BENTON COUNTY QUORUM COURT**

## **JUDGES REPORT**

November 17, 2016

- We have received bids for the War Eagle Bridge rehabilitation project. Great River Engineering and the County are analyzing the bids and companies to determine the lowest and best bid. We will have the decision by the time of this meeting.
- The Benton County Jail Expansion project is progressing on schedule and on budget.
- The final Benton County Justice Facility Work Group meeting with Perkowitz & Ruth/Cromwell/Dewberry concerning the Courthouse options was Tuesday evening November 1 at 6:00pm. The process of financing options and location is in progress.
- The state has postponed the bid date for Wildcat bridge on old Hwy 68 to February due to design and coordination issues with existing power lines. The bridge will remain closed due to safety issues with the deteriorating conditions of the bridge.
- We are in the design phase of a new functional and environmentally safe salt and sand storage shed at the road department. Work is scheduled to begin this week.
- There is a potential air quality issue at the Sheriff's office which is being addressed. Additional testing and analysis is ongoing.
- We have hired Lou Meredith to fill the position of County Veteran's Service Officer. The Benton County Veterans service organizations all agreed with me that she was the best candidate for the job. She started work Monday Nov. 14.