



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES

October 9, 2025

OPEN WORKSHOP:

Workshop opened at **9:06 AM** at Station 210. Located at 1304 Dale Street, Benton City, WA.

THOSE PRESENT:

GUEST: *None.*

Barry Orth, *Chairperson*
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*
Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*
Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Fire Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **10-09-2025, B2 Budget Workshop, 9:00 AM, STA 210**
- 10-13-2025, Holiday: Columbus Day, Office Closed
- **10-23-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- **MOVE COMM MEETING**
- **11-10-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- 11-11-2025, Holiday: Veteran's Day, Office Closed

AGENDA:

- Review the proposed **2026 budget** revenue, expenditures and line items.
- Review budget requests.
- Review salaries, benefits, etc. for career / admin salaries.
 - Chiefs CPI rate for August 2025 is 2.8%.
 - Increase medical premium rates for 2026 is 15%+.
- Review capital expenditures.

ACTIONS: *None.*

CLOSE WORKSHOP: Workshop closed at **12:30 PM**

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER