



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2  
**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING  
MINUTES**

November 17, 2025

CALL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order at **3:45 PM** at District #2, Station 210, LOCATED AT 1304 Dale Street, Benton City, WA.

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Jeannie Howell  
S. Harpel

THOSE ABSENT: Todd Dormaier, Asst. Fire Chief

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Public Hearing Meeting dated 11-17-2025.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Public Hearing Meeting, dated November 17, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this meeting was to present the **2026 Budget** to the public and give the opportunity for questions and answers.

- No questions were presented at this public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Commissioner Rouse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Howell seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.***

*Attested on:* December 8, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER