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It is with a heavy heart that I submit my resignation with Benton County to the Board of Commissioners.

Though serving the people of Benton County has been a privilege, I have made the difficult decision to focus on my extended family and to pursue other opportunities.

I am most proud of the workforce I served and the relationships that I built with my hardworking colleagues, especially the leadership at ASFME. After our historic strike in November of 2024, we learned to listen to one another and remain committed to our shared goals for the community. We empowered our community and have a more transparent public engagement platform for our public meetings, an easier-to-navigate website and have welcomed new leadership in several of our most important departments.

County governments will continue to face unforeseen cuts to the health and human services that people of all ages and circumstances depend on. I am proud of anticipating budgetary challenges by implementing a hiring freeze that avoided the layoffs that other counties in Oregon are experiencing. This year, we passed a responsible biennial budget that held the line on taxes and our fees.

I plan to remain an active member in our community and look forward to assisting Rick Crager, a seasoned and thoughtful professional who brings 30 years of experience and will continue to provide great stewardship for everyone in this important role.

As Benton County residents travel around our county, please be excited and learn about our new (and one of only three in the state) Crisis Stabilization Center and the Barbara Ross Children and Family Building that both opened last year, as well as the new Emergency Operation Center and County Courthouse that will be realized in 2027. I will always be proud of the teamwork that made these future landmarks of our community possible.

Thank you for the opportunity, it was an honor and privilege.

Sincerely yours,



Rachel McEneny