

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Agricultural Extension Services County Service District, Benton County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held virtually via Zoom in Corvallis, Oregon. The meeting will take place on **May 7, 2025 at 4:00 PM.**

Access the zoom meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

- Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87281607942>
- Meeting ID: 872 8160 7942

You can also dial in using your phone:

- Dial in: 253-215-8782

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may connect via the meeting link provided below and speak to the committee at the time designated on the agenda. Additionally, any person may send written communication to Benton County Financial Services, Kalapuya Building, 4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis OR 97333 until May 31, 2025. If an additional Budget Committee meeting is required, time, date and location will be announced at the close of the meeting.

This budget has been prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting used in the preceding year. Information about the Proposed Budget Document will be posted to the Benton County website <https://finance.bentoncountyor.gov> on or about April 26, 2025.

Benton County Agricultural Extension Services County Service District

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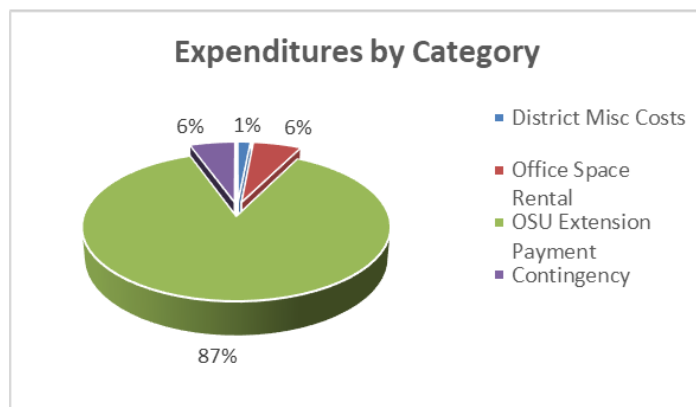
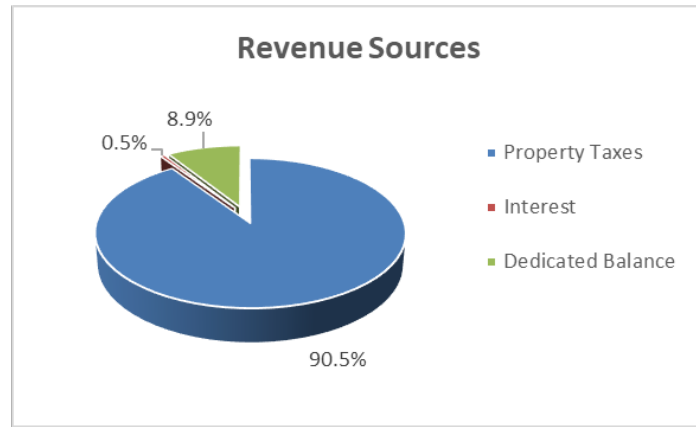
DISTRICT OVERVIEW:

The service district was created by voters on May 16, 2017. Voters also authorized a maximum district tax rate of \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed value. The rate for FY 2025-26 is based on the levy of the maximum rate of \$0.08 per \$1,000. The district boundary is the same as Benton County.

The service district is an independent municipal corporation. By law, the Benton County Board of Commissioners sits as the Governing Body. Benton County Financial Services provides general administration, financial management and coordinates the annual budget process. The County is reimbursed for these services by district funds.

Benton County prior to district formation, provided funding to the OSU Extension Service from the General Fund budget and other fund sources, such as Title III Forest Payments.

Revenue is all from current and prior year property taxes levied at the maximum rate approved for the district. The contingency budget represents the estimated working capital requirement of the district. District cash is entirely dependent on the tax collection cycle.



**BENTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES COUNTY
SERVICE DISTRICT
Budget Summary**

Category Title	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Adopted	2025-26 Proposed Budget
General Revenues	809,298	839,462	855,000	871,000
Current Program Income	809,298	839,462	855,000	871,000
Dedicated Beginning Balance	87,666	107,652	124,000	85,577
Beginning Balances	87,666	107,652	124,000	85,577
Total Resources	896,964	947,114	979,000	956,577
Materials & Services	789,312	820,332	900,819	903,444
Expenditures	789,312	820,332	900,819	903,444
Other: Contingency	-	-	78,181	53,133
Reserves	-	-	78,181	53,133
Total Budget	789,312	820,332	979,000	956,577
Resources to Expenditures	107,652	126,782	-	-
Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE)				
Regular	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

**BENTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES COUNTY
SERVICE DISTRICT
District Statement**

The Oregon State University Extension Service engages the people of Benton County with research-based knowledge and education that strengthen communities and economies, sustain natural resources, and promote healthy families and individuals.

The OSU Extension Service has been in existence since 1911. An outgrowth of federal legislation including the 1862 Morrill Act, the Hatch Act of 1887 and the 1914 Smith-Lever Act, and the partnership with Oregon counties enables Extension to be the “Front door to OSU”. In Benton County, Extension functions as an integral part of the county. Faculty housed in this office, in surrounding counties and on campus deliver educational programs to residents in several key areas: Commercial Agriculture (large and small farms), Community Horticulture (Master Gardeners), 4-H Youth Development (4-H Clubs, Natural Science and Wildlife Stewards school programs, 4-H residential and day camps), Family and Community Health (SNAP-ED, EFNEP, Master Food Preservers), and Forestry and Natural Resources (Master Woodland Managers, Master Naturalists, Oregon Season Tracker Citizen Scientists).

OSU places Extension faculty in counties to deliver education in these key areas where county and other support exists, leveraging additional state, federal and grant funding to pay for these positions and service to residents. In addition, in 2025, faculty trained and supervised 390 volunteers who provided approximately **46,700 hours** of volunteer service annually which is valued at more than **\$1,624,693 in wages** based on current state rates.

Goals, Actions

1: Provide training, information, and activities to improve key health indicators (nutrition, physical activity, environmental, etc.) for youth and families. This will be done through 4-H Youth Development clubs, camps, after-school, and in-school programs, and by delivering family and community health education programs to high-risk adults and families, training community volunteers that will teach others, and partnering with food resource organizations to provide a secure, healthy, and affordable food supply.

2: Provide training and information to improve productivity, profitability and sustainability of new and existing small and large family farms and

forestry businesses. Train volunteers in forest, fisheries, and wildlife management practices and support their sharing this knowledge with other community members.

3: Provide training and information to address key environmental issues impacting communities and natural resources. Train Master Gardeners, 4-H Wildlife Stewards, Citizen Science volunteers, and other residents to engage in community education and enhancement projects.

4: Improve access of university education and resources to Benton County residents through direct, indirect (volunteer) and media outreach. Continue to produce an array of print and electronic newsletters and utilize social media tools to raise awareness of how to engage in Extension activities and access university information.

5. Preserve and strengthen existing programming within Benton County while continuing to serve all county residents to the best of the Service District Funds ability.

Outcomes are reported by individual faculty using the following metrics:

- 1.** Number of people contacted/served
- 2.** Number of volunteers trained/supported, their donated hours, projects completed and people contacted/served
- 3.** Increased awareness, knowledge, skills, and changes in practices of the participants
- 4.** Adoption of new research-based behaviors proven to lead to positive long-term outcomes
- 5.** Increased youth success in a life skill, work skill or community service project
- 6.** Adoption of a practice and the related increased profit or productivity, reduced cost or improved environmental, health or community condition
- 7.** Summary of outcomes and impacts for targeted underserved populations as compared to other populations