**NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 103**

A Public Hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Benton Consolidated High School District Number 103 will be held on December 17, 2026 at 5:15 P.M. at Benton Consolidated High School in the Board Room.

Any person desiring to appear at the Public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent, 511 East Main Street, Benton, Illinois 62812, telephone (618) 439-6415.

The Corporate and Special Purpose Property Taxes extended or abated for the year 2025 were $5,124,576.

The proposed Corporate and Special Purpose Property Taxes to be levied for 2026 are $5,643,500. This represents a 10.13% increase over the previous year.

The property taxes extended for Debt Service for 2025 were $148,977.

The property taxes to be levied for Debt Service for 2026 are $147,350. This represents a 1.1% decrease from the previous year.

The total property taxes extended for 2025 were $5,273,553.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2026 are $5,790,850. This represents a 9.81% increase over the previous year.