

Expect the economic landscape of Benton County to change for the better.

Why? The Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. has plans that include you. Join us as we explore a new concept in economic development and set a new direction for residents and our business community. The Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. works exclusively for you and your business.

Our business community is a tremendous asset to Benton County.

Fragmented efforts to promote our area have proved challenging. We now have an opportunity to harness our collective resources, energy, and passion to promote the area through the Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. Ours is the 13th fastest growing Minnesota county, comprised of a strong business community, skilled workforce, land primed for expansion in our industrial parks, access to multiple institutions of higher learning, and an efficient transportation network that includes a new four-lane highway between Foley and St. Cloud.

Improvements to Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, 2014

We understand if you'd like more information.

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Taking a new direction toward greater prosperity

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The Benton Economic Partnership, Inc. is located in Foley. Our new 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is committed to encouraging and leading economic development efforts to grow the number of commercial, industrial, and retail enterprises residing in the county and to improve the quality of life for residents. These topics are of concern.

- Business expansion
- Business financing
- Business retention
- Community initiatives
- Education
- Employment
- Legislative advocacy
- Marketing
- Networking
- Professional development
- Planning and site development

Now is the time
to take **ACTION.**



St. Cloud Airport Business Park and Dubow Textile, Inc., Benton County

Economic development is a shared responsibility.

Members of the Benton Economic Partnership understand that economic development is a shared responsibility of both public and private sectors, because only together will we be strong and effective, providing a more sophisticated and professional level of economic development than can be offered individually. This is why we encourage all members of the Benton County business community to participate in our plans for increased prosperity.

This organization is focused on the unique challenges of the business community in Benton County. It will not duplicate services or initiatives currently underway with any other organization or governmental entity, although it may enhance some of these efforts. When you participate in the Benton Economic Partnership, you have the chance to voice your concerns and make your recommendations with an organization whose slate is clean and whose agenda is open.

Your participation is appreciated and encouraged.

The annual operating budget of the organization is projected at \$150,000 annually. Consider becoming a member of the Benton Economic Partnership and supporting our efforts through your active participation in the organization as well as your monetary investment. Benton County has already committed \$75,000 for 2016.

Fundraising efforts are now underway to recruit City and Township members.

Now YOU have the privilege of shaping the economic direction of your county, community, and business by becoming involved in the work of the Benton Economic Partnership.

Founding investor with a **one-time contribution** of:

\$2,500 (Silver), \$5,000 (Gold) or \$10,000 (Platinum)

Bank member with voting privileges (per bank size):

Deposits up to \$50 million.....\$500 annually
 Deposits of \$50 million to \$100 million.....\$750 annually
 Deposits over \$100 million.....\$1,000 annually

Business member with voting privileges (per business size):

1-10 employees.....\$300 annually
 11-24 employees.....\$500 annually
 25-50 employees.....\$750 annually
 50 + employees.....\$1,000 annually

Nonprofit organization, chamber of commerce, school district, or individual member with voting privileges:\$250 annually

Utility provider (electric, natural gas, telecommunications, cable television/internet) member with voting privileges:\$1,500 annually

