The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek, Nixon, and Waugh present. County attorney Abe Watkins was also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

Randy Besick and Chuck Lazenby, Keosauqua, were present to raise various concerns about the proposed county social host ordinance. County attorney Watkins raised concerns about the absence of the option of filing a criminal penalty in place of or in addition to the civil penalty proposed in the ordinance.

Pathfinders R, C, & D executive director Anna Bruen was present to update the board on programs administered thru Pathfinders R, C, & D.

Keosauqua city clerk Joy Padget, Mayor Nasseem Hesler and two city council members were present to update the board on grant funding for the Ferguson Sports Complex in Keosauqua and funding/letter of support request for the same. Following discussion, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh that the chair be authorized to sign a letter of support for consideration of additional funding for this project. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various road projects including bridge projects in Lick Creek and Village Townships, J40 asphalt overlay between Bonaparte and Bentonport, road crew work accomplished and proposed, job opening, old Kilbourn Bridge potential removal, entrance permit policy, upcoming meetings, V64 plans, and county line agreements.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved, pending receipt from the contractor, the final pay voucher on the W40 asphalt resurfacing project north of Bonaparte. Ayes: 3

It is hereby noted that the 2nd reading of Van Buren County Ordinance No. 2016-2, “An ordinance establishing a social host ordinance within Van Buren County”, to read in its entirety by was waived on motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh. Ayes: 3. Following review of said ordinance and having received no written or oral comments from the public on the proposed ordinance, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that this 2nd reading of Van Buren County Ordinance No. 2016-2, be acknowledged and approved. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, a resignation, effective September 23, 2016, from Quenton Dodson, PT dispatcher/jailer, was accepted. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the VBC Conservation Board, Terry Derr, Keosauqua, was appointed as a PT field employee of the VBC Conservation Board, effective October 19, 2016, at a salary of $10/hr. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the VBC Board of Health, Peggy Simpkins, Farmington, was appointed as a FT local health nurse, effective October 24, 2016, at a salary of $19/hr., $19.50/hr. after a 3 month probationary period, and $20/hr. effective July 1, 2016. Ayes: 3
On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following requests for rural tax abatement were approved: 1) Wayne & Dorothy Zimmerman, 14914 Hwy 2, Cantril (Parcel #000340935200450, Jackson Twp.), 2) Robert & Odena Soberg, 279661 Nova Ave., Mt. Sterling (Parcel #461132300420, Vernon Twp.), 3) Merle Yoder, 30057 210th St., Bonaparte (Parcel #00220828300310, Harrisburg Twp.), 4) Curtis A. & Bonnie L. Nelson, 30179 Rte W40, Bonaparte (Parcel #220828200210, Harrisburg), 5) Christopher B. Dunlay and Amy J. Eastin, 26225 Teal Ave., Farmington (Parcel #201230200210, Farmington Twp.). Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#9688-9762, #9876-9950, Claims-#5021-5077 (Secondary Road-#24011-24027), and Recorder-1st Qrt. 2017FY. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including RUSS, HIRP, and harassment training.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02AM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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