

Keosauqua, Iowa
December 12, 2016-10:00AM

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

Board chair Meek swore in the following county officer elected at the November 8th General Election for four year terms beginning January 2, 2017: Board of Supervisor member Robert Waugh, County Sheriff Dan Tedrow, County Auditor Jon P. Finney.

Discussion was held regarding the annual approval of the Construction Evaluation Resolution (Master Matrix) regarding the regulation of large animal feeding operations, with 7 county residents present for the discussion and supportive of continuing the master matrix. Following discussion of the issue, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that said Construction Evaluation Resolution 12-12-2016 be adopted. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various road projects including new hires, state county engineer's conference, state bridge funding extension, and discussion and consensus on purchase of new motor graders.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Thomas Yochum, Hillsboro, was appointed as equipment operator II effective December 27, 2016 at a salary per union contract. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Denny Dunkin, Douds, was appointed as equipment operator II effective December 27, 2016 at a salary per union contract. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Jason Copeland, Keosauqua, was appointed as an assistant to the county engineer, effective December 12, 2016 at a salary of \$19.50/hr. with an increase to \$20/hr. on the effective date of retirement of the present assistant to the engineer, and to \$20.25/hr. on July 1, 2017. Ayes: 3

David McQuoid was present to discuss the possible building of a new hog confinement unit near Lebanon.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following results were declared the official results of the December 6, 2016 Special School Election held in the Van Buren and Harmony Community School Districts for the Indian Hills Community College issue of authorizing the sale of up to \$36M in general obligation bonds for campus improvements: Yes-83 No-102. Ayes: 3.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the county auditor was authorized to make the following transfer of funds: 11-Rural Services to 20-Secondary roads-\$173,388 (2nd quarter transfer). Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following requests for tax abatement were approved: 1) Phillip & Shannon Davis, 18219 150th St., Douds (Parcel #380233100210, Lick Creek Twp), 2) Kenneth, Mike, and Matt Kennedy, 304 Third St., Mt. Sterling (Parcel #451508151100), Vernon Twp., 3) Roscoe W. Brown, 15486 Bethel Rock Ave., Douds (Parcel #480132400210, Village Twp.), 4) Marilyn & Greg Abdoe, 16863 197th Rd., Keosauqua (Parcel #420619200420, Van Buren Twp). Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved a listing of new and current homestead, military, and veteran homestead credits for the 2017-2018FY taxes payable year. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following board/commission appointments were approved: 1) VBC Conservation Board-Dorothy Gilbert, Stockport for a 5 year term ending December 31, 2021, 2) VBC Board of Health-Dr. Richard Breckenridge, Keosauqua for a three year term ending December 31, 2019, 3) VBC Civil Service Commission-Russell Conger, Birmingham, for term to fill a vacancy ending December 31, 2021. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#10404-20478, Claims-#5313-5452 (Secondary Road (#24107-24148, except #24095), Oath of office-newly elected members of the VBC Ag Extension Council, Sheriff-November Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including SIEDA, R, C, & D, Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, county safety training, ISAC fall school, REDI, AHEAD Regional Housing, and VBC Water Trails.

The board adjourned the courthouse at Noon to meet at Center Village with administrative staff and review of operations and building tour.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: _____
Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

Board of Supervisors
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