

Keosauqua, Iowa
February 22, 2016-9:30AM

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.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the chair was authorized to sign a document to the Monsanto fund authorizing Van Buren County to act as a pass thru agency for a donation to the Douds Community Fire Department from the Monsanto fund. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held regarding compensation paid to township officers attending a March 10, 2016 township officer training session. On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh the board approved following current board policy for compensation of township officers with a maximum of \$18 per township officer to be paid for this specific training session. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, Van Buren County Ordinance No. 2016-1, an ordinance re-adopting the existing county code of ordinances in Van Buren County, as adopted on the 8th day of February, 2016, and as published on the 11th day of February, 2016, in the VBC Register, is hereby adopted as a supplement to the VBC Code of Ordinances in and for VBC, Iowa. Ayes: 3 (Meek, Nixon, Waugh)

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-\$164,782 (3rd quarter transfer). Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by , the board approved a two year labor agreement beginning July 1, 2016 with the VBC Secondary Road Employees Union, including the following changes in contracts: Article 9-use of other leave time available to attend a funeral, Article 17-correction of typographical error, Article 15-new paragraph reimbursing employees up to \$250.00 per year for employer approved safety footwear/clothing, Article 10-Holidays-clarification of time off for hours worked on a holiday, salary schedule-increase 2.75% effective 7/1/2016, 2.75% effective 7/1/2017. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a resolution setting the date of Monday, March 14, 2016-11:30AM for a public hearing on the closure, vacation, and disposition of proposed closed and vacated public roadway as described below was approved:

All of Front Street, which extends to the river, lying adjacent to the North side of Auditor's Parcel "G" in part of the unincorporated towns of Vernon, or South Bentonsport, and East Vernon and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 68 North, Range 9 West, and part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 68 North, Range 9 West, in Van Buren County, Iowa. The board further proposes to sell the above described vacated and closed portions of the plat to Debra A. Overstreet, 22302 Columbia St., Keosauqua, Iowa, for the sum of \$1431.79. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, a public hearing date of Monday, March 14, 2016-11AM in the supervisor's office was set for receiving public comment on a proposal to assign a Van Buren County held tax sale certificate #2010-00201 to Steve Lane, RR, Birmingham for the full amount of taxes, penalty, interest, and costs. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#6818-6895, Claims #3471-3558, (Secondary Road-#23423-23454, disallowing claim #23437), Clerk of Court-January. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following county paid holidays were approved for the 2017FY: Independence Day-Monday, July 4, 2016, Labor Day-Monday, September 5, 2016, Veterans Day-Friday, November 11, 2016, Thanksgiving Days-Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 2016, Christmas-Monday, December 26, 2016, New Year's-Monday, January 2, 2017, President's Day-Monday, February 20, 2017, Good Friday-Friday, April 14, 2017, Memorial Day-Monday, May 29, 2017. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including Children First, Assessor conference board, and Regional Utility Service System.

At 10AM the chair called to order a public hearing on the closure, vacation of streets and alleys (vacation of plat) and the disposition of the same in the unincorporated town of East Vernon as described in the January 25, 2016 minutes of the board of supervisors. Finding that said notice of this public hearing was duly published and notice was given to affected land owners, and upon hearing or receiving no written or oral objections to the proposal, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the hearing be closed and that the board approve a resolution vacating a portion of plat in the unincorporated town of East Vernon and disposition of the same, as proposed, authorizing the chair to sign quit claim deeds on said closed and vacated portions, as proposed, and recording the same at county expense. Ayes: 3

Andy Davis was present to discuss a road issue on Jasmine Avenue as a result of brush clearing.

Ryanne Wood, CEO of the Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) Mental Health region and county CPC director Susan Frey were present to update the board on SEIL programs and answer questions regarding funding and individual county budgeting for the same.

Ginger Knisley, executive director of Children First, was present to update the board on Children First and answer questions regarding the same.

Bruce Hudson, executive director of Regional Utility Service Systems (RUSS) was present to update the board on RUSS programs and discuss how RUSS could assist Van Buren County in other sewer related programs.

Michael McCauley representing Wellmark BC/BS was present to discuss the county health insurance program and rates for the year beginning July 1, 2016.

County Engineer Jeff Williams was present to update the board on various road projects including pipeline inspection contract, equipment purchase review, additional rock crushing, and easement purchase policy

The regular meeting adjourned at 12:20PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney
County Auditor

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Van Buren County, Iowa