

Keosauqua, Iowa  
July 25, 2016-10:00AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek and Nixon present. Supervisor Waugh entered the meeting at 10:20AM. County Attorney Abe Watkins was present for part of the meeting, as well as representatives of Altorfer, Inc. and Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

Executive director of the Villages of Van Buren Stacey Reese was present to discuss the possibility of placing a 7% hotel motel tax question on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot in the unincorporated area of the county.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, upon recommendation of the county sheriff, employee Robin Kovar was appointed as assistant Jail Administrator/Civil Clerk, effective August 1, 2016, at a salary of \$18.91/hr., with a salary of \$19.30/hr. effective February 1, 2017. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a resignation effective this date from Shelli Tedrow, Jailer/Dispatcher, was accepted, with regrets. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county auditor was authorized to make the following year transfer of funds: 01-General Basic to 30-Indian Creek Watershed fund-\$5,000.00. Ayes: 2

Discussion was held regarding an offer of assignment of a county held tax sale certificate (#2012-01) on parcel #000021217100470 in Stebbins Addition to Bonaparte for the full amount of said taxes including penalty, interest, and costs, including subsequent taxes, from Gerald & Marcella Hannam. A final decision on the request will be made at the August 8, 2016 meeting of the board.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following resignation was accepted: Sheldon Craff, PT conservation, effective June 23, 2016. Ayes: 2

County Engineer Jeff Williams was present to update the board on various road projects including proposed bridge replacement projects, equipment purchases, and employee interviews.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved a one year extension of a contract with the Iowa DOT on county maintenance of Highways 98 and 81. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved a DOT Federal Aid Agreement on the following bridge replacement project: 1) Heather Avenue over Little Lick Creek (#329500) with estimated cost of \$150,000. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded Nixon, the board approved a DOT Federal Aid Agreement on the following bridge replacement project: 120<sup>th</sup> Street over Stump Creek (#329910) with estimated cost of \$513,000. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved the signing of title sheets on the above two bridge replacement projects. Ayes: 3

The following bids were received on the possible 7 year lease-purchase of 5 motor graders for the VBC Secondary Road department: 1) 12MSeries 3 Cat-\$1,017,795, 2) 670GP John Deere-\$965,793 (bids do not include interest). Following the opening of the bids, representatives of the companies presented additional information and answered questions. All information was taken under advisement for future action.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the VBC Conservation Board, Richard Daugherty, RR Mt. Sterling, was appointed as Executive Director of the VBC Conservation Board, effective July 25, 2016, at an annual salary of \$41,500/year, prorated from the effective date and calculated hourly until applicant can assume duties full time, at which time FT benefits will be effective. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#8790-8866, Claims-#4472-4555 (Secondary Road-#23785-23813), -Sheriff-April, May, June, Recorder-4<sup>th</sup> Q 2016FY. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including local Milestone, R, C, & D, County Department head meeting, RUSS, SE Iowa Response Group, 10/15 Transit, Children 1<sup>st</sup>, secondary road interviews, Heartland Insurance Risk Pool.

EMA director David Drummond was present to update the board on the update of the county hazard mitigation plan.

The regular meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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Board of Supervisors  
Van Buren County, Iowa