

Keosauqua, Iowa  
August 8, 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.

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. Randy Besick was also present to discuss this issue. Following discussion of the same, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, Resolution No. 8-8-2016 was approved instructing the county commissioner of elections to place the following public measure on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot in the unincorporated areas of the county: "Shall Van Buren County, Iowa, be authorized to impose a hotel and motel tax in the unincorporated areas of the county at the rate of seven percent (7%), effective January 1, 2017, which shall be used by the County of Van Buren, Iowa, as provided in Chapter 422 of the Code of Iowa?". Ayes: 2 (Meek, Nixon), Nay: 1 (Waugh)

Heather Thomas of French-Reneker Associates was present to update the board on inspections of the Dakota Access Pipeline project.

VBC Secondary road assistant to the engineer Don Pool present to update the board on various road projects including Mt. Sterling Elm Street resurfacing proposal and equipment purchase.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the chair was authorized to sign a purchase order with H.T.C., Inc., Milford, Iowa, for one road shouldering machine, plus attachments, for the sum of \$37,783.00. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the county auditor was authorized to make the following year transfer of funds: 11-Rural Services to 20-Secondary Road- \$173,388.00  
Ayes: 3

Discussion was held at the July 25, 2016 meeting of the board 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. Following further discussion of the same, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that the county treasurer be authorized to assign said certificate to Gerald & Marcella Hannam, as proposed above. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held on a request from the city of Milton to abate all past and current taxes(2016-2017 collectible) and special assessments on the following city owned property in Milton: Parcel #000800919477140 (Lot 2, Block 4), including cancellation of Van Buren County held tax sale certificate (#2016-00006) on said parcel. On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the request, as stated above, was approved and the county treasurer was instructed and authorized to complete the abatement and cancellation of the tax sale certificate. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following request for renewal of a Class E Liquor License, including Sunday sales, for Boyd Grocery, Keosauqua, was approved. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#8944-9019, Claims-#4556-4662 (Secondary Road-#23814-23857). Ayes: 3

Following discussion, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that the following section of the county union and nonunion employee handbook be amended to include group dental and life insurance: Family and Medical Leave, Rights and Benefits During Leave, paragraph 2, sentence 1....”While you are on family or medical leave, paid or unpaid, the County will continue your group health insurance coverage, group dental insurance coverage, and group life insurance coverage at the same level and under the same conditions that coverage would have been provided had you continued working.” Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including SIEDA, REDI, Regional Planning Commission, and Villages of VB.

Review of yearend financial reports was conducted by the county auditor.

Interviews for the position of county engineer were held beginning at noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30PM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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

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Van Buren County, Iowa