

Keosauqua, Iowa
September 26, 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. Also in attendance were Dar Chapman, Virginia Barchman, Chris Kaufman, and Chuck Teeter.

Representatives of the domestic violence intervention program involving 8 SE Iowa counties, including Van Buren, were present to talk about the program and discuss a request for a board proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Following discussion of the same it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the board pass a proclamation designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 3.

Representatives of the VBC Safe Coalition were present to discuss and answer questions on a proposed Van Buren County ordinance establishing a social host ordinance within Van Buren County. Following discussion it was the board's consensus to begin the readings of this ordinance at the next regular board meeting.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved a Class B beer permit (including wine cooler and Sunday sales) renewal for AJ's Bar & Grill, Mt. Sterling. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a resignation, effective August 9, 2016, from Jasmin Wallingford, County attorney administrative assistant, was acknowledged. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held on a request from the VBC Conservation Board to harvest trees in the county road right of way adjoining conservation property at the Bentonsport campground. Consensus of the board was to allow the conservation board to harvest trees on county road right of way adjoining the conservation property adjacent to Bentonsport Park.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#9469-9540, 9541-9612, Claims-#4838-4898, (Secondary Road-#23942-23969). Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including county safety training, AHEAD, 10/15/ Transit, RPA Policy Board, SIDCA, and Children 1st.

County assessor Dixie Saunders and county deputy auditor Lisa Plecker were present to discuss the status of an application for rural tax abatement in the flood plain.

County attorney Abe Watkins was present to update the board on county attorney office staffing.

The auditor reported on the progress of the 1840 courthouse window and law enforcement sidewalk/parking lot replacement projects.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: _____
Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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