

Keosauqua, Iowa  
January 3, 2017-10:00AM

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. County attorney Abe Watkins was present.

Mike Simpkins, VBC Weed Commissioner was present to discuss and review the weed commissioner's report to the state of Iowa for 2016.

Tony Miller, representing the Southeast Iowa Response Group board was present to update the board on SIRG operations and upgrades.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Meek, Mark Meek was elected chair of the board and Robert Waugh was elected vice chair of the board for 2017. Ayes: 2 (Meek, Waugh), Nay: 1 (Nixon)

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the regular meeting time of the board for 2017 was set for 10:00AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. Ayes: 3.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following actions were approved:

- 1) Authorizing the county auditor to exercise the authority granted in and as provided by Chapter 331.506, subsection 3, code of Iowa, as amended,
- 2) Naming the Van Buren County Register as official county newspaper for 2017,
- 3) Authorize the chair to sign, in behalf of VBC, a right of way assurance statement for 2017 to be furnished to the Iowa DOT,
- 4) Instruct the county auditor, pursuant to Chapter 349.18, code of Iowa, as amended, to publish in the official county newspaper, a listing of the employees of the county and the compensation paid to such individuals for the 2016 calendar year,
- 5) Appoint county auditor Jon P. Finney as VBC's Trustee for 2017 on the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool board of trustees, with supervisor Mark Meek as alternate,
- 6) Appoint the county engineer to be designated, authorized, and empowered, on behalf of the board of supervisors, to execute the certificate of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all farm-to market construction projects in VBC for 2017,
- 7) Appoint Mike Simpkins, Farmington, as VBC Weed Commissioner for 2017.

Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following board appointments were approved for 2017:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
<u>Regional Boards:</u>		
Area XV Regional Planning	Nixon	Waugh
AHEAD RHTF	Nixon	Waugh
RPA 15 Transportation Policy board	Nixon	Meek
Children First	Meek	Nixon
Regional Utility Service System	Waugh	Meek
10/15 Transit	Nixon	Meek
South Iowa Area Crime	Waugh	Nixon
Decat	Meek	Nixon
SIEDA/Neighborhood Center	Waugh	Nixon
Milestones/Local Advisory board	Waugh	Meek
R, C & D	Waugh	Meek
SIDCA	Nixon	Meek
Southern Iowa Response Group	Nixon	Meek
8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	Waugh	Nixon
Mid-America Port Authority	Meek	Waugh
Workforce Development	Waugh	Meek
Southeast Iowa Link (Mental Health)	Meek	Nixon
<u>Local boards:</u>		
Solid Waste Commission	Meek	Nixon
E911	Nixon	Meek
Emergency Management	Nixon	Meek
Jaws of Life	Nixon	Meek
Villages of VB	Meek	Waugh
Job Opportunity Adv. Board	Meek	Nixon
Courthouse Security	Meek	Waugh
REAP	Nixon	Meek
HIPPA	Meek	Waugh
Flood Plain Manager	Meek	Nixon

Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved a resolution of financial support for Area XV Regional Planning Commission for the 2018FY, in the amount of \$1866.68. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a resignation from sheriff dispatcher/jailer Gayle Warrick, effective December 13, 2016, was acknowledged. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county sheriff, Jasmin Wallingford, Cantril, was appointed as a full time jailer/dispatcher, effective December 28, 2016, at a salary of \$17.09/hr. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following requests for rural tax abatement were approved: 1) Rodger M. Hotek, 20391 115<sup>th</sup> St., Birmingham (Parcel #38-02-11-100-410, Lick Creek Twp.), 2) Mark & Heidi Unkrich, 10567 Osage Ave., Stockport (Parcel #40-03-04-300-230, Union Twp.), 3) Kenny Davis, 11735 Willow Rd., Stockport (Parcel #04-04-11-100-300, Cedar Twp.). Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#10613-10757, Claims #5453-5528, (Secondary Road- #24149-24186), Auditor/Sheriff-2<sup>nd</sup> Qrt., Sheriff-December cash, oath of office of Dan Tedrow, Bob Waugh, & Jon Finney. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various road projects including motor grader bids and financing, bridge letting awards, personnel, bridge funds and upcoming replacements.

Following discussion of the purchase and financing of new motor graders, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Meek, upon recommendation of the county engineer, that the county purchase two John Deere motor graders at a net price of \$399,592 (including options and trade ins) with 2.45% financing of this purchase to be secured from Libertyville Savings Bank. Ayes: 2 (Meek, Waugh), Nay: 1 (Nixon)

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved a bridge replacement project on Heather Ave. over Little Lick Creek from Bloomfield Bridge and Culvert, Inc. in the amount of \$184,008.90. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including Milestone, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, RUSS, SE Iowa Crime Commission, SEIL, and compensation board.

Budget review session was held with the county auditor and deputy county auditor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

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Attest: Jon P. Finney  
County Auditor

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Board of Supervisors  
Van Buren County, Iowa