

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
November 13, 2017-10AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek, Nixon, and Waugh present. County attorney Virginia Barchman and Dar Chapman were also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including J40 asphaltting, employee resignation, job applications, road vacation on Gray Avenue, upgrading equipment, recycle center contract, Utica road grading, letter to Andrew Lydolph.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a resignation from secondary road employee Ricky Coffman, effective midnight on October 31, 2017, was accepted with regret and congratulations. Ayes: 3

Doug Jackson, representing Wellmark BCBS, was present to update the board on ACA taxes being assessed on the county's group health insurance premium beginning January 1, 2018, and other issues that could affect rates effective July 1, 2018. Deputy Auditor Laurie Burgason was also present.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following requests for rural tax abatement were approved: 1) Robert L. & Theresa A. Roff, 15430 Juniper Trail, Birmingham (Parcel: 38-02-35-200-310-Lick Creek Twp., 2) Colby Kreiss, 26164 Teal Ave., Bonaparte (Parcel #201229100100, Bonaparte Twp.), 3) Bass Lawn/Landscaping Care, Inc., 745 Hwy 1 N, Birmingham (Parcel #38-02-01-400-435, Lick Creek. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the county treasurer was authorized to assess special assessment liens against the following property owners in the former city of Mt. Sterling for delinquent sewer accounts: 1) Megan Boley (parcel#000451507283140)-\$57.70, 2) Brad Smith (parcel #000451507251210)-\$173.37, 3) John Smith (parcel #000451507251115)-\$173.37, 4) Jared/Samantha Devolt (parcel#-000451507283140)-\$124.36, 5) Kenneth Kennedy (parcel#000451508151100)-\$171.09, 6) Ron Claman (parcel#-000451507279140)-\$57.81. Ayes: 3

This being the date to canvass the election returns from the November 7, 2017 Regular City Elections, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following candidates were declared elected:

Birmingham-Mayor (two year term)-Willis Bruegge, Council (four year terms)-Melvin Ash, Brandon Warner

Bonaparte-Mayor (two year term)-Kirk Meek, Council (four year terms)-Cory Fett, Linda McCarty, Erin Meierotto

Cantril-Mayor (two year term)-Randy Wiley, Council (four year terms)-Dave Hamburg, Justin J. Chaplin, Justina Courtright

Farmington-Council (four year terms)-William Cline, Robert C. Radosevich, Dillon F. Smith

Keosauqua- Mayor (four year term)-Nasseem Hesler, Council (four year terms)-Larry E. Shipley, Carol Harlan

Milton-Mayor (two year term)-Michael Fields, Council (four year terms)-Christine Fields, Fawn G. McCann, Council (To fill a vacancy)-Joshua Sullivan

Stockport-Mayor (two year term)-Jerry Leathers, Council (four year terms)-Madge M. Clark, Annie Buzzard, Ray Snyder. Ayes: 3.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#14433-14511, Claims-#7463-7599 (Secondary Road-#24886-24935), Recorder-1st Qrt., Sheriff-October. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including RUSS, R,C & D, RPC, SIRG, and SEIL.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon for a labor negotiation strategy session with county negotiator(via phone), county auditor, deputy county auditor, and county engineer until 12:50PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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