

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
November 27, 2017-10AM

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

Pathfinders R, C, & D executive director Anna Bruen was present to update the board on programs administered thru Pathfinders R, C, & D.

VA/GA director Kathy Saltzgaver was present to discuss appointment of an assistant VA/GA director. Following discussion, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, Julie Williams, RR, Keosauqua, was appointed as PT assistant Veterans Affairs/General Assistance director, effective November 28, 2017 with hours not to exceed 22 hours/week at \$13.25/hr. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county auditor was authorized to make the following transfer of funds- 11(Rural Services) to 20(Secondary Road)-\$180,567(1st quarter tax levied funds). Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved a listing of new and current homestead, military, and veteran homestead credits for the 2018-2019FY taxes payable year. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#14659-14734, Claims-#7602-7649 (Secondary Road-#24936-24957). Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a resignation from deputy sheriff John Zane, effective December 9, 2017 was accepted, with regrets. Ayes: 2

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including setting date for a public hearing on the vacation of a section of Gray Ave., resolution approving bridge embargos as recommended by Kirkham Michael's latest round of bridge inspections, approve an Engineering Agreement with Kirkham Michael for bridge inspection services for the 2018 and 2019 inspection cycles, approval of the hiring of a person to fill the vacant Equipment Operator II position, discussion and potential approval of the purchase of a Skid Loader and brush head attachment, J40 asphalt project completion, Utica road, brush cutting, culvert & bridge lettings, engineer contract.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a public hearing date of 10:00AM on Monday, December 11, 2017 was set for a public hearing on the closure and vacation of a section of Gray Ave. commencing at a point where Gray Ave fully enters the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 70 North, Range 10 West thence north to the north section line of said Section 6, all within Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approve Resolution #11-27-2017A establishing the implementation of bridge embargos, limits, and signage on those bridges as listed on the 2017 Bridge load posting sheets (Pages 13 & 14) of the Van Buren County bridge inspection and rating booklet as produced by Kirkham Michael. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved an Engineering Services Agreement with Kirkham Michael for bridge inspection services for the 2018 and 2019 inspection cycles. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved the appointment of Sam Schilb, Batavia, as an equipment operator II position in the secondary road department, effective December 11, 2017, at a rate of \$17.68/hr. per union contract. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved the purchase of one Bobcat T780 skid loader from Rexco Equipment, Iowa City, in the amount of \$74,476.44. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, that the county engineer be authorized to sell a county owned Bobcat 300 skid loader by sealed bid with such bid deadline of December 21, 2017, bids being delivered to the VBC Secondary Road department with a 10% bid bond check or cash, and with a \$21,000 reserve on said bids. Ayes: 2

Following discussion, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, Resolution #11-27-2017, a resolution relating to the appointment of an acting assistant county attorney for the purpose of commencing and prosecuting litigation relating to an alleged encroachment upon county-owned property within the unincorporated town of Douds, Van Buren County, Iowa, was adopted appointing Keosauqua attorney H. Craig Miller as an acting VBC Attorney for the purpose stated above to serve at the direction and for the duration directed by the Van Buren County Board of Supervisors Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following distribution of wages and benefits for the VA/GA departments, effective on the payroll following this date, were approved: Veterans Affairs-80%, General Relief-20%. Ayes: 2

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including pipeline safety meeting, EMA/E911, Children 1st, and Villages of VB.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM for a labor negotiation strategy session with county negotiator (via phone), county auditor, and county engineer until 1:15PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor\

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