

Keosauqua, Iowa
February 27, 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 Virginia Barchman was present. Linda Mott was also present for part of the meeting.

This being the date set for a public hearing on amendments to the 2017FY county budget, the chair called the hearing to order at 10AM. Following review of the proposed amendments and answering of questions from those present, and upon receiving no comments on the same, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the hearing be closed and that the amendments, as proposed, be approved as follows: Public Safety-\$1,289,300 to \$1,294,300, Physical Health-\$488,301 to \$516,401, Mental Health-\$261,380 to \$281,380, County Environment & Education-\$352,999 to \$394,699, Govt Services-\$280,057 to \$281,557, Administration-\$666,734 to \$811,234, Capitol projects-\$1,414,500 to \$1,764,500, with the following approved appropriations: Auditor-\$233,741 to \$235,241, Juvenile Detention-\$17,500 to \$27,500, Local Health-\$403,511 to \$421,611, Mental Health-\$261,380 to \$281,380, Conservation-\$283,760 to \$298,460, Courthouse-\$107,050 to \$142,050, District Court-\$11,000 to \$16,000, Non-Departmental-\$306,739 to \$793,239. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county attorney, the board approved Linda Mott, Keosauqua, as a PT legal assistant to the county attorney up to 20 hours per week, effective February 27, 2017 at a rate of \$13/hour. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various road projects including employee resignations/hirings, purchase of tracked excavator, general road conditions/work, and bridge replacement projects pending.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board accepted the resignation of Dale House, VBC Secondary Road office manager, effective March 2, 2017. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board accepted the resignation of VBC Secondary road employee Eric J. Kuster, with regrets, effective March 6, 2017. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Myron Thornburg, Keosauqua, was appointed as sign technician, effective March 20, 2017, at a salary of \$17.20/hr. per union contract. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, an updated job description for the VBC Secondary Road office manager as presented by the county engineer was approved. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, Jason Copeland, assistant to the county engineer, was appointed as VBC Safety Coordinator. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county engineer, the board approved a bid from Scott Van Keppel Equipment, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a new Volvo track excavator, with options, in the total amount of \$178,552 maximum. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, 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) Kimmarie Robison (parcel #000451507278120)-\$272.79, 2) Brad Smith (parcel #000451507251210)-\$267.83, 3) John Smith (parcel #000451507251115)-\$267.83, 4) Donald Butner (parcel #000451507283130)-\$272.90, 5) Brad & Rayeann Farris (parcel #000451507277110)-\$107.91. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the low bid of Anderson, Larkin & Co. P.C., Ottumwa, was accepted for auditing services for the 2017FY thru 2019FY at a cost of \$15,000 for 2017FY, \$15,500 for 2018FY, and \$16,000 for 2019FY, with additional \$1500 due if a single audit report is required. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following claims/reports were approved: Claims-#5848-5939(Secondary Road-#24291-24313), 2016FY annual report of the VBC Conservation. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including VBC Conference board, 10/15 Transit, weather spotter class, and Des Moines River trail.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney
County Auditor

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