

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
May 8, 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.

Representatives of Home Base Iowa were present to update the board on Home Base Iowa Veterans programs, initiatives, and how to become a home base community.

Ryanne Wood, CEO of the Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) was present to discuss mental health related issues, including updated SEIL 28E agreement and answer questions. Following discussion of the same on motion by Meek, seconded by Nixon, a resolution was approved authorizing board member Mark G. Meek to sign a finalized Amended Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) Region 28E agreement on behalf of Van Buren County with other area counties that are members of the SEIL MH region. Ayes: 2 (Meek, Nixon), Nay: 1 (Waugh)

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on various road projects and issues including equipment purchases, trip permits, bond approval on J40 overlay project, various construction projects, dust control, and crack sealing.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved the following VBC Secondary Road personnel being authorized to issue and sign special permits for the movement of vehicles of excessive size and weight upon Van Buren County Secondary Roads in accordance with said Chapter 321E: County Engineer, Assistant to the Engineer, Office Manager. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the chair was authorized to sign, on behalf of the county, a contractor's bond with Norris Asphalt Paving, LC on a J40 overlay construction project. Ayes: 3

It is hereby noted that the 2nd reading of Van Buren County Ordinance No. 2013-2, Amendment #4, "Mt. Sterling Sewer Rate Ordinance" to read in its entirety was waived on motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh. Ayes: 3. Following review of said ordinance and having received no written or oral comments from the public on the proposed ordinance, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that this 2nd reading of Van Buren County Ordinance No. 2013-2, Amendment #4, be acknowledged and approved. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Cemetery Appreciation Month in Van Buren County. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county sheriff, Kathy Countryman, Birmingham, was appointed as a PT Dispatcher/Jailer, effective April 29, 2017 at a salary of \$16.63/hr. 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) Kimmarie Robison (parcel #000451507278120)-\$163.74, 2) Brad Smith (parcel #000451507251210)-\$163.74, 3) John Smith (parcel #000451507251115)-\$163.74, 4) Donald Butner (parcel #000451507283130)-\$163.74. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved a request from D Bar D Rodeo Productions, RR, Bonaparte, for a 5 day Class B beer permit, including wine coolers and outdoor service. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved the following Resolution #5-8-2017:

Whereas, Van Buren County thru its Board of Supervisors owns public property in the unincorporated towns of Douds and Leando generally described as follows:

Lot 7 in Block 4, and all of the area lying south of the north line of Front Street south of Block 4 to the Des Moines River and lying between the east extended line of Walnut Street to the Des Moines River and the east extended right of way line of Hwy. 98 to the Des Moines River, which is intended to include the old 1898 Des Moines River bridge stone abutment in the town of Douds, AND all the area lying north of Front Street and Jefferson Street, which is intended to include an extension of Jefferson Street north of Front street to the Des Moines River and to include the old 1898 Des Moines River bridge stone abutment in the town of Leando.

And Whereas, the county, thru an oral agreement previously invested management of part of the above described area to the Van Buren County Conservation Board to maintain access to a boat ramp on the Des Moines River;

And Whereas, the board feels that it is in the public's interest that this area remain in public ownership for the benefit and enjoyment of the public;

And Whereas, the board feels that the Van Buren County Conservation Board has the expertise and is it the appropriate county entity to manage and develop this area to its full potential as a public use area.

Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the Van Buren County Board of Supervisors invest management of the above mentioned county owned property in the unincorporated town of Douds and Leando to the Van Buren County Conservation Board for the purposes of public access to the Des Moines River and existing boat ramp and to develop other improvements on said property as the Van Buren County Conservation Board deems appropriate. Said management to be perpetual in duration until such time either party terminates this management agreement. Ayes: 2 (Meek, Nixon), Nays: 1 (Waugh)

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board set a public hearing date on amendments to the current 2017FY county budget for 11AM on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the board room. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held on new legislation regarding use of fireworks.

On motion by Waugh seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#12102-12176, Claims-#6269-6375(Secondary Road-#24446-24491). Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including R, C, & D, Regional Planning, SIRG, 10/15 Transit, and Decat.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney
County Auditor

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