

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors  
Keosauqua, Iowa  
October 8, 2018-10:00 AM

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

Kris Rankin, representing the SAFE Coalition, was present to update the board on SAFE Coalition issues and programs.

Heaven Johnson, Client Advocacy Services Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program was present to talk about the program and discuss a request for a board proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Following discussion of the same it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that the board pass a proclamation designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 3

Randy Tedrow and Tim Tedrow were present to discuss comments and actions made by the county engineer related to Randy's termination of employment with the county which occurred on October 2, 2018. Tedrow presented the Board with copies of several employee disciplinary action forms that he had received from the county engineer during the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and then went on to explain why he believed he had been wrongfully terminated by the county engineer. County Engineer, Ryne Thornburg, was present at today's meeting, and shared information related to the matters leading up to Tedrow's termination, as well as explaining what had been learned during additional investigation of the issues of concern which he and Secondary Roads foreman, Trent Holtkamp, had conducted. No action was taken.

County engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following road projects including the sale of the 2017 RAM 2500 pickup at the Keosauqua Sales Co, an update on the September 19<sup>th</sup> equipment sale on Big Iron Auction, a request to submit an application to FEMA regarding the clean-up costs and damage that occurred at the secondary roads facility during the July 19<sup>th</sup> tornado, an update on the ongoing box culvert replacement projects, and the possibility of applying for a state grant for the bridge over Reed's Creek on Route J40.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the county engineer was authorized to submit a request for public assistance to FEMA for clean-up costs and damages that occurred at the secondary roads facility during the July 19<sup>th</sup> tornado. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held via phone at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and in person at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with Carter Kramer, President of CellSite Solutions, LLC regarding the August 29, 2018 collapse of a portion of the retaining wall around the tower site located at 907 Broad Street, Keosauqua. Prior to today's meeting, Kramer notified the board via an email that the final breakdown of the \$28,800 cost to replace the retaining wall would be paid as follows: Van Buren County: \$14,400.00; TowerCo: \$7,500.00; CellSite Solutions: \$6,900.00. Following acknowledgement that the portion of the cost to the County had not changed from the motion passed by the Board on September 24, 2018, Nixon made a motion, and Meek seconded, that

CellSite Solutions could begin work immediately on replacing the retaining wall. Aye: Meek, Nixon; Nay: Waugh.

On a motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved a renewal Class B Beer permit, including wine coolers and Sunday sales, for AJ's Bar and Grill, Mt. Sterling. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county auditor, Laura Thomas, Stockport, was appointed as 2<sup>nd</sup> deputy county auditor effective October 15, 2018, at a salary of \$15.25/hour. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#18542-18618, Claims-#9142, 9538-9634 (Secondary Road-#25636-25684); Auditor/Sheriff – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report; Oath of Office – Jammie Herring. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including R, C, & D board, SIEDA, RPA-15 board, Decat.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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