

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
November 13, 2018 – 1:00 PM

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

This being the date set for a public hearing on the closure and vacation of a portion of Hickory Avenue located in Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West described as: commencing at the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West, thence running north approximately ½ mile to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 67 North, Range 10 West all within Van Buren County, Iowa. The chair called the public hearing to order at 1:00 PM. Following discussion, having received no written or oral comments on this closure and vacation, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the hearing be closed. Ayes: 3. It was further moved on motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that Resolution #11-13-18A be adopted which ordered the aforementioned portion of road closed and vacated. Ayes: 3

This being the date set for a public hearing on the closure and vacation of a portion of Olive Avenue located in Section 4, Township 67 North, Range 9 West, and Section 9, Township 67 North, Range 9 West described as: commencing at the intersection of Olive Avenue and county Route J56 thence northeasterly approximately 33' to the northeastern right-of-way of county Route J56 and the point of beginning; thence 4700' northerly along the centerline of Olive Avenue all within Van Buren County, Iowa. People that were present for the public hearing included: David Westercamp, Connie Westercamp, Scott Johnson with Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, and Doug Wintermote with Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative. The chair called the public hearing to order at 1:03 PM. David Westercamp stated that he objected to the closing of Olive Ave. County engineer Ryne Thornburg provided copies of a letter and an email that had been sent to him in opposition of vacating the road. Following discussion, and upon recommendation of the county engineer that the road be left open, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the hearing be closed. Ayes: 3. It was further moved on motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that Olive Ave be left open and not vacated. Ayes: 3

Chris Bowers, Executive Director of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission, was present to discuss a resolution providing for the financial support of the Area 15 Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA 15). Following discussion of the same, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved Resolution #11-13-18B which was an agreement to contribute \$2,353.00, which is to be paid from the Secondary Roads fund, to the Area 15 Regional Planning Commission to serve as Van Buren County's FY2020 local match for the annual IDOT transportation planning grant. Ayes: 3

This being the date set for a public hearing on amendments to the 2019FY county budget, the chair called the hearing to order at 1:36 PM. Upon receiving neither written or oral comments in opposition to the proposed amendments, it was moved by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, that the hearing be closed and that the amendment, as proposed, be approved as Resolution #11-13-18C.

Ayes: 3 The amendments are as follows: Public Safety & Legal Services-\$1,361,596 to \$1,362,596, Physical Health/Social Services-\$520,048 to \$559,448, County Environment & Education-\$414,464 to \$414,599, Roads & Transportation-\$4,710,000 to \$4,930,000, Government Services-\$289,261 to \$291,811, Administration-\$693,638 to \$821,638, Nonprogram Current-\$5,600 to \$25,600, Capital Projects-\$315,000 to \$1,285,000 with the following approved appropriations: Auditor-\$252,013 to \$254,563, County Engineer-\$4,860,000 to \$6,030,000, Veteran Affairs-\$51,950 to \$58,850, Conservation Board-\$321,669 to \$321,804, Health Board-\$421,148 to \$442,148, Human Services-\$21,950 to \$25,950, County Care Facility-\$80,600 to \$120,600, Medical Examiner-\$22,000 to \$23,000, Courthouse-\$91,063 to \$106,063, Juvenile Probation-\$27,500 to \$35,000, Non-Departmental-\$362,445 to \$475,445.

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) Brad Smith (parcel #000451507251210)-\$202.28, 2) Brad & Raye-Ann Farris (parcel #000451507277110)-\$129.40. Ayes: 3

County engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the Board on the following projects including the fuel island replacement; the replacement projects for the Cox, Bickford, and Throckmorton bridges; acknowledgement of the resignation of an employee; approval for hiring two employees; and discussion on the replacement of the endloader used for loading sand/salt at the county shop.

On a motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a letter of resignation from secondary roads employee, Jacob McIntosh, effective on November 29, 2018, was acknowledged. Ayes: 3

On a motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Curtis Nelson, Bonaparte, was appointed as equipment operator in the Van Buren County Secondary Roads department, effective November 26, 2018 at a salary of \$18.21/hr. Ayes: 3

On a motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county engineer, Andrew Daugherty, Mt. Sterling, was appointed as equipment operator in the Van Buren County Secondary Roads department, effective December 3, 2018, at a salary of \$18.21/hr. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held regarding reducing the number of voting precincts.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#18888-18966, Claims-#9702-9842 (Secondary Road-#25704-25769). Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including R, C, & D board, RPC, SIRG, 10/15 Transit, RPA-15, and Decat.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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