

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors  
Keosauqua, Iowa  
November 26, 2018 – 10:03 AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek and Nixon present. Minutes of the November 13, 2018 and November 14, 2018 meetings were acknowledged.

This being the date set for a public hearing on the closure and vacation of a portion of Hawk Drive located in Section 7, Township 70 North, Range 11 West described as: beginning at the point where Hawk Drive intersects the west section line of Section 7, Township 70 North, Range 11 West, thence easterly along the centerline of Hawk Drive approximately 2815 feet to the west right-of-way line of Acorn Avenue, all within Van Buren County, Iowa. People that were present for the public hearing included: Willis Cox, Roger Franklin, Robben Franklin, Shawn Adam, Jeff Adam, and Nick Adam. The chair called the public hearing to order at 10:04 AM. All members of the public that were present at the meeting indicated that they objected to the county vacating the road. County engineer Ryne Thornburg reported that his office had received phone calls as well as letters and emails from people that were opposed to vacating the road. Following discussion, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Meek, that the hearing be closed. Ayes: 2. It was further moved, on motion by Nixon, that the proposed resolution to close and vacate the aforementioned portion of Hawk Drive be adopted. The motion died for lack of a second. The board directed the county engineer to research possible options to stabilize and/or repair the river bank along the stretch of roadway, and then return to a future meeting to discuss those options.

County engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including snow removal, rock crushing, installation of the fuel island, the Cox and Bickford bridge replacements projects, possible funding sources for replacement of the Rte J40 bridge near the Harmony high school, discussion on the replacement of the endloader used at the County Shop, and the citizen's convenience center.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county auditor was authorized to make the following transfer of funds – Fund 11 (Rural Services) to Fund 20 (Secondary Roads) - \$207,537.00 (2<sup>nd</sup> quarter tax levied funds). Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#19135-19214, Claims-#9843-9886 (Secondary Road-#25770-25787). Oaths of Office: county auditor, Cedar township clerk, Chequest township clerk, Farmington township clerk, Village township clerk, 5 Ag Extension Council members. Ayes: 2

Board members reported on various committee meetings including 10-15 Transit, Children's First, and SAFE Coalition.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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