

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
December 10, 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. Barbara Craig, Sam House, and Louise House were also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

Board member Waugh swore in the following county officers elected at the November 6th General Election to four year terms beginning January 2, 2019: Board of Supervisor members Mark Meek and Dale House, County Treasurer Linda Whitten, and County Recorder Ann Skaggs.

County treasurer Linda Whitten was present to discuss various office related matters including paying a stipend for a multi-occ student, discussion regarding Iowa Code Section 448.13 related to assignment to a city of a county-held tax sale certificate which is for property that includes an abandoned building, abatement of taxes because of orders of abandonment for the city of Farmington and the city of Keosauqua, abatement of taxes on a building on leased land in Section 26-T70N-R08W (Cedar Township).

Discussion was held related to a request from the county treasurer for abatement of all past and current taxes on Parcel #721236357130 (payable FY2009-2010 thru payable FY2018-2019) and Parcel #721235405100 (payable FY2017-2018 –[2nd payment only] thru payable FY2018-2019) because of orders of abandonment for the city of Farmington (District Court Case #EQEQ026272 and District Court Case #EQEQ026271). On motion by Meek, seconded by Nixon, the request, as stated above, was approved and the county treasurer was authorized to complete the abatement. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held related to a request from the county treasurer for abatement of all past and current taxes on Parcel #760636316180 (payable FY2011-2012 –[2nd payment only] thru payable FY2018-2019) because of orders of abandonment for the city of Keosauqua (District Court Case # EQEQ026191 & #EQEQ026192). On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the request, as stated above, was approved and the county treasurer was authorized to complete the abatement. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held related to a request from the county treasurer for abatement of all current taxes due on a mobile home that was removed from a property in Cedar Township (Parcel #040426400208), and for which the treasurer's office had issued a mobile home tax clearance form on July 24, 2017. On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the request, as stated above, was approved and the county treasurer was authorized to complete the abatement. Ayes: 3

County engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including the fuel island installation, the recent purchase of the brush chipper, the future purchase of an endloader for use at the county shop, and his research that Hawk Drive located northwest of Selma cannot be relocated northerly of its current position due to archeological restrictions.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the chair was authorized to sign the final acceptance of BROS-CO89(92)—5F-89 bridge replacement on Quail Road over Bear Creek. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved a listing of new and current homestead, military, and veteran homestead credits for the 2019-2020FY taxes payable year. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved the following requests for rural tax abatement: 1) Eric Eastin, 28701 272nd Rd, Bonaparte, (Parcel #201231200110 – Farmington Twp.), 2) Fred Filson, 11804 Osage Ave, Birmingham (Parcel #400309300300 – Union Twp.). Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county sheriff, Kathy Countryman, Birmingham, was appointed as a PT Dispatcher/Jailer, effective December 3, 2018, at a salary of \$17.31/hr. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following board/commission appointments were approved: 1)VBC Board of Health – Twyla Peacock-Keosauqua, and Jean Schuck-Stockport for three year terms ending December 31, 2021; 2) VBC Conservation Board – Mark Meek, Bonaparte, for a five year term ending December 31, 2023; 3) Historic Preservation Commission (CLG) – Dorothy Gilbert – Stockport and Heidi Schutt – Farmington for three year terms ending December 31, 2021. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#19269-19345, Claims-#9887-9980 (Secondary Road-#25788-25825). Oaths of Office: Bonaparte township clerk, Henry township clerk, Jackson township clerk, Union township clerk, Washington township clerk. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings including RC & D board, Veterans Affairs commission, Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, RPC, Decat, and VBC Conservation board.

Discussion was held related to Hawk Drive located northwest of Selma.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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