

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors  
Keosauqua, Iowa  
September 10, 2018-10:01 AM

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.

Douds Community Club President, Alex Richards, was present to discuss his written request for the board to approve an abatement of the current year taxes on the Douds Community Club, Inc land described as Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 6 in the Town of Douds Station, Douds, Van Buren County, Iowa (Parcel #000540126239140). The Douds Community Club has completed an official application for tax exemption beginning in FY2019. On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the current year taxes on the property were abated in the total amount of \$248.00.  
Ayes: 3

President and CEO of CellSite Solutions, LLC, Carter Kramer, was contacted via phone to discuss the collapse of a portion of the retaining wall located around the tower site located at 907 Broad Street, Keosauqua, which occurred on August 29, 2018, while the contractor was working to expand the site for installation of additional telecommunication equipment. Kramer identified that multiple parties (Edge Consulting, Cover2, TowerCo, and CellSite Solutions) were involved in the site expansion project, and that all of the entities were working together to develop a plan for completing the project as well as fixing the retaining wall. Meek requested that Kramer put together a cost estimate for replacing the entire retaining wall for the board to review at the September 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon written recommendation of the county engineer, the board approved Resolution #9-10-2018 authorizing the county engineer to sign any of the documents necessary for the sale, by way of online auction with Big Iron, of the following secondary road equipment in accordance with the county disposition policy: 1996 Bomag BW120 AD-3 Roller (#91); and amends Resolution #7-9-2018 by stating that the following item approved for sale on July 9, 2018 will not be sold by way of the online auction service under advisement of Big Iron: Used Undercarriage for CAT D6R Dozer. Aye: 3

County auditor Lisa Plecker updated the board as to hiring of a new employee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Auditor position that was left vacant when the board appointed her to be county auditor on August 20, 2018. Notice of the open position was posted on the bulletin board in the courthouse, and was advertised in the Van Buren County Register. Recommendation for the board's approval of an appointment to fill the position will be made at a future board meeting.

County treasurer Linda Whitten was present to discuss various matters including abating the current taxes for a building on leased land, an assignment and offer for a county-held tax sale certificate, and elderly tax adjustments for the current year taxes.

Whitten reported that following the August 27, 2018 meeting, she had decided to withdraw her request for the board to consider abating the current taxes on a building on leased land located in Cedar Township. She stated that she will work with the Assessor to develop a policy for future

requests to abate taxes on BLL's that are moved, and then bring it to a future meeting for the board to approve.

Discussion was held related to an offer of tax compromise on Van Buren County Tax Sale Certificate #2012-18, including subsequent taxes, on parcel #800919432150, Lots 7 & 8, and Part of Lot 9 in Block 6, Barnes Addition in Milton. The board requested that the treasurer return to a future meeting with more information related to the amount to be compromised.

Whitten notified the board that additional elderly tax credit applications have been received by her office since the tax statements were printed in August, and adjustments will be made accordingly.

The board held a discussion regarding information shared at the Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Employment Practices seminar on September 6, 2018 related to Chapter 22 of the Code of Iowa. According to Iowa Code Section 22.1(2), and per the recommendation of the legal counsel for Heartland Insurance Risk Pool, the county "shall delegate to particular officials or employees of that government body the responsibility for implementing the requirements of this chapter, and shall publically announce the particular officials or employees to whom responsibility for implementing the requirements of this chapter has been delegated". On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the responsibility for implementing the requirements of Chapter 22 on behalf of Van Buren County was delegated to the county attorney. Ayes: 3

The board acknowledged that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources has issued Permit No. #89-SDP-02-94P-CCC which authorizes Van Buren County to operate a citizen convenience center for the non-commercial collection of solid waste pursuant to 567 IAC Chapter 106(455B) with expiration date of September 16, 2021.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#18210-18211, 18212-18292, Claims-#9395-9479 (Secondary Road-#25574-25609). Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including Heartland Insurance Risk Pool Employment Practices Seminar and 10/15 Transit.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Lisa Plecker, County Auditor

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