

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek, Nixon, and Waugh present. County attorney Virginia Barchman, Sheriff Dan Tedrow, county residents Dale Kerr and Colleen Rodibaugh were also present for part of the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon the tentative agenda for this meeting was approved. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including awarding bridge replacement contracts, resolution for application to add Hwy 98 to the farm to market system, review of resolution regarding the vacation and closure of a section of Gray Ave. in section 6, and issues regarding snow and ice removal, snow removal on county roads by individuals, ROW violation in Bentonsport, county weed commissioner replacement, and road staffing.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board, upon recommendation of the county engineer, approved the following bridge replacement project contracts: 1) BROS-C089(92)--5F-89 - Quail Road Bridge to Iowa Bridge and Culvert, 2) BROS-C089(53)--8J-89 - Cox Bridge to Keller Excavating, 3) BROS-C089(88)--5F-89 - Bickford Bridge to Keller Excavating, 4) BROS-C089(90)--8J-89 - Throckmorton Bridge to Keller Excavating, Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, Resolution #1-8-18 was approving making application to the state farm to market review board requesting the addition of old Hwy 98 and Des Moines River bridge to the Van Buren County farm to market highway system count. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board rescinded Resolution 12-11-2017, passed on December 11, 2017, such action negating the closure and vacation of Gray Ave in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 70 North, Range 10 West. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a resignation from secondary road employee Don Huff, effective January 31, 2018, was accepted. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, resignations from Mike Simpkins as Van Buren County weed commissioner, effective this date, and Teresa Adkins, PT Jailer/Dispatcher, effective December 19, 2017, were accepted. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon seconded by Waugh, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#15073-15143, Claims-#7774-7858 (Secondary Road-#25013-25049), Auditor-2<sup>nd</sup> Q, Sheriff-2ndQ/December, Oath of office-Kathy Saltzgaver/Julie Williams/David Drummond. Ayes: 3

Sheriff Tedrow was present to continue a discussion on the hiring of an additional deputy sheriff. Board members will be meeting with city councils regarding assistance in funding an additional deputy sheriff.

The board held a budget work session with the county auditor and deputy county auditor. The meeting adjourned at 3:25PM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor