

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
February 12, 2018-10AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek, Nixon, and Waugh present. Deputy county auditor Lisa Plecker was also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including 2018 dust control permit applications, employment changes and issues.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the county engineer was authorized to advertise for the following positions in the secondary road department: county road foreman and assistant to the engineer. Ayes: 3

Doug Jackson, representing Wellmark BC/BS was present to review 2019FY county health insurance rates and other options available from Wellmark.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board approved and authorized the chair to sign a one year labor agreement with the Van Buren County Secondary Road Union, effective July 1, 2018, with said agreement containing various state mandated and local consent language changes, and base wage increase of 3%. Ayes: 3

This being the date to canvass the election returns of a Special School Reorganization Election held in the Van Buren and Harmony Community School districts on February 6, 2018, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following results were declared the official results of said election: Harmony Community School District-Proposition A: Yes-448, No-171, Proposition B: Yes-427, No-183. Van Buren Community School District- Proposition A: Yes-597, No-34, Proposition B: Yes-570, No-56. All measures approved in both districts. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, a public hearing date of Monday, February 26, 2018-10AM in the board of supervisor's office was set for receiving public comment on a proposal to lease the former Van Buren County Care Facility to Tenco Industries, Inc. on a perpetual basis beginning January 1, 2019. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the board authorizes the county sheriff, at his discretion, to waive written or physical examination and psychological testing (if such candidate has undergone such testing in the past 5 years) of currently certified active duty Iowa peace officers, and accept a civil service test score of an applicant that has taken the test within the past 12 months from the date of hiring, all for deputy sheriff positions to be filled by the Van Buren County Sheriff in the 2018FY. Ayes: 3

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)-\$173.37, 2) John Smith (parcel #000451507251115)-\$173.37, 3) Kenneth Kennedy (parcel#000451508151100)-\$173.37, 4) William Kerr (parcel#-000451507283130)-\$133.37. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following request for rural tax abatement was approved: 1) Christin A. Wiley, 24843 170th St, Keosauqua (parcel #58-07-04-400-420-Washington Twp.), 2) Betty Kirkhart, 16167 250th St., Cantril (parcel #000161018300410-Des Moines Twp.), 3) Jeff Higdon, 17127 Hwy 16, Douds (parcel #38-02-20-100-300-Lick Creek Twp.), 4) Spencer & Laura Elliott, 220th St., Bonaparte (parcel #220821400420-Harrisburg Twp.), 5) Nicholas & Abby Boley, 17263 Hwy 2, Cantril (parcel #181020100325, Des Moines Twp). Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the following applications for impoundment structure property tax exemption for the 2018-2019 tax collectible year were approved: 1) Kevin & Cynthia Karr in Section 12-67-9, 3) Duane Ripple in Section 25-68-10. 4) Michael Ryskamp in Section Sec. 33-68-10, 5) Nadine McKinney in Section 11-67-9. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, Resolution #5-8-2017 adopted on May 8, 2017 granting management of county property in the unincorporated town of Douds as described in said resolution is hereby amended by adding to said management area the following additional described land: Lot 4 in Block 4 in the unincorporated town of Douds, Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following county government paid holidays were approved for the 2018FY: Independence Day-Wednesday, July 4, 2018, Labor Day-Monday, September 3, 2018, *Veterans Day-Monday, November 12, 2018, Thanksgiving Days-Thursday-Friday, November 22-23, 2018, Christmas-*Monday-Tuesday, December 24-25, 2018, New Year's-Tuesday, January 1, 2019, President's Day-Monday, February 18, 2019, Memorial Day-Monday, May 27, 2019. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#15399-15470, #15471-15546, Claims-#7927-8120, (Secondary Road-#25087-25117), Oath of office-VBCH trustees-Quenton Dodson, Heather Charbonneau/VBC Medical Examiner-Dr. David Parsons/VBC Deputy Medical Examiner-Dr. Dana Brecount, Sheriff-January. Ayes: 3

Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the county's unincorporated area rural tax abatement program with county assessor Dixie Saunders present. Following discussion of the subject, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that the county begin ordinance readings to extend the abatement program for an additional 5 year period. Ayes: 2 (Meek, Nixon), Nay: 1 (Waugh)

The board held a budget work session with the county auditor and deputy county auditor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50PM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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