

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors  
Keosauqua, Iowa  
June 25, 2018-10AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisor's Meek, Nixon, Waugh, and deputy county auditor Lisa Plecker present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

County secondary road employee Herman Holton was present to discuss an employee related grievance. Following discussion of the same, the board tabled any action on this matter pending the county attorney's review of the present collective bargaining agreement. Road foreman Trent Holtkamp was also present.

Emily Reneker, RR Douds, was present to discuss the annual Bible reading marathon and use of courthouse grounds for the event.

Jason Catalini, representing TowerCo was present to discuss the possibility of leasing an additional 235 square feet adjacent to the existing tower site they presently lease from the county at 907 Broad Street in Keosauqua. Also present were county attorney Virginia Barchman and sheriff Dan Tedrow. Following discussion, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that a public hearing date of Monday, July 23, 2018-10AM be set for a public hearing on the leasing of said approximate 235 square feet to TowerCo and the execution of a second amendment to the current lease agreement on said tower. Ayes: 3

County treasurer Linda Whitten and Charles Livesay were present to discuss tax abatements on county held tax sale certificate property in Bonaparte. The county treasurer also discussed abatement of taxes on property now owned by the city of Farmington in Farmington. Following discussion of the Bonaparte tax sale property, upon recommendation of the county treasurer the board approved, on motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, abatement of all penalty, interest, and costs of Van Buren County Tax Sale Certificate 2012-7 and all subsequent penalty, interest, and costs thru the current tax payable year (2017-2018 payable) on parcel #641208451150 (311 Main St.-Bonaparte). Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county treasurer, all current and past delinquent property taxes, penalty, interest, and costs on the following parcel in the city of Farmington, presently owned by the city of Farmington, were hereby abated: Parcel #000721602238230, Burkett, Inc. Ayes: 3

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following road projects including DOT Highway 81 maintenance agreement, updated Mormon Trail signage, wage changes in new union contract, mowing and signage in Bentonsport, motor grader quote, roadside mowing, and Bonaparte J40 overlay project letting.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the county engineer, the board approved a three year maintenance agreement with the Iowa DOT on county maintenance of Hwy 81 for \$2640 per lane mile. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, the board approved and authorized the secondary road department to erect newly updated Mormon Trail signage on Van Buren County secondary roads. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, upon recommendation of the county engineer, the board approved salary advancements for the following secondary road employees, effective July 1, 2018: Myron Thornburg, Denny Dunkin, Travis Easton, Thomas Yochum, Brad Carr.  
Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, annual cigarette sale permits for the following businesses in VBC were approved: Moore's Grocery and Douds Kwik Stop-Douds, Boyd's Grocery-Keosauqua. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, upon recommendation of the VBC Conservation, the appointment of Megan Padget, Keosauqua, as a PT Greef Store clerk was approved, effective June 24, 2018 at a salary of \$8.45/hr. Ayes: 3

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, an agreement with Von Bokern Associates, Urbandale, Iowa, to provide human resource services as outlined in a correspondence dated May 22, 2018 from Von Bokern Associates for the 2019FY beginning July 1, 2018 was approved with a cost of \$4500 for said fiscal year. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#17214-17295, Claims-#8882-8975 (Secondary Road-#25394-25424), Recorder-3<sup>rd</sup> Qrt.  
Ayes: 3

Dan Tedrow was present to discuss law enforcement issues including the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's acquisition of new technology.

Discussion was held on Center Village Care Facility roof replacement and courthouse maintenance issues.

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including SIDCA, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, RUSS, Milestone, Children 1<sup>st</sup>, and SEIL MH.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35PM.

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Mark G. Meek, Chair

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Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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