

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
July 23, 2018-10AM

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

This being the date for a public hearing on a proposed second amendment to the site lease of the tower grounds located next to the Van Buren County sheriff's office, 907 Broad St., Keosauqua, Iowa to TowerCo IV LLC., 500 Valleystone Drive, Suite 200, Cary, North Carolina, the chair called the hearing to order at 10:00AM. Upon hearing or receiving no comments on the proposed lease, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Waugh, that said hearing be closed, the proposed amendment be approved, and the chair be authorized to sign said agreement. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, a resignation from Linda Mott, PT county attorney legal assistant, effective on the day before Abe Watkin's reinstatement as county attorney, July 20, 2018, was accepted with regret. Ayes: 3

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the county auditor was authorized to cancel the following issued check: #16583, dated April 23, 2018 issued to the DCI in the amount of \$60.00. Ayes: 3

Jill Chaplin, employee of Watkins Law Office, was present to present the following communique from Abe Watkins: 1) I have been informed that the procedendo has issued and that I have been reinstated as the Van Buren County Attorney on this date, 2) notices of employment opportunities for county office staff and an Assistant County Attorney will be made today pursuant to the Veterans preference law 3) I need support staff before ten days however, and ask the board to allow me to utilize current private staff and have that time spent on county matters reimbursed at \$19 per hour, 4) Finally, I would ask in advance that the Board allow me to pay an Assistant County Attorney 85% of my salary as is allowed by the Iowa Code. Following discussion of the communique from Mr. Watkins, the board agreed to points #3 and #4, with further consensus being that the county attorney's office be located at the present county attorney office space in the 1840 Courthouse for use of county business only, and that a PT county legal assistant for that office be employed by the county for not more than 30 hours per week at an hourly rate not to exceed \$18/hr. Ayes: 3

Following action on the above Mr. Watkins, via phone, discussed the board's consensus with chair Meek for clarification.

On motion by Waugh, seconded by Nixon, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#17586-17667, Claims-#9105-9184 (not allowed-#9142) (Secondary Road-#25464-25495, not allowed-#25492), annual financial reports-county treasurer/conservation. Ayes: 3

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including RUSS, E911, EMA, and SEIL. Discussion was held on the Center Village Care Facility roof replacement project and the annual county financial review by the county auditor. The meeting adjourned at 11:50AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors