

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
August 13, 2018-10AM

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

Mark Thornburg was present to discuss a previous oral agreement regarding the maintenance of a level B county road following closure of a bridge on said road. Following review and discussion of the previous agreement, on motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county engineer was authorized to maintain the Iowa Oak Grove Avenue north of 285th road by maintaining rock application to said road when appropriately needed. Ayes: 2

EMA director David Drummond was present to update the board on the recent tornado damage in VBC and funds for assistance, update on E911 system equipment, and courthouse security systems.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board authorized the county treasurer to transfer from the VBC Ambulance Fund to the Van Buren County Hospital (VBCH) the sum of \$44,316.29 representing the June 30, 2018 balance in the ambulance operational fund due to the VBCH. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, 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) William Kerr (parcel#-000451507283130)-\$112.76, 3) Kenneth Kennedy (parcel #000451508151100-\$231.16, 4) Ronald Claman (parcel #000451507279140-\$57.79). Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a request for a renewal Class E Liquor License, including Sunday sales, for Boyd's Grocery. Inc. was approved. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved adjustment #1 to the 2018-2019FY property tax collectible tax list adding an elderly credit to Parcel #800919409120. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a request for a 5 day Class B Beer permit, including outdoor service and Sunday sales for State Line Rally Association was approved. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, upon recommendation of the county treasurer, Megan Becker, Stockport, was appointed as a county treasurer clerk, effective August 9, 2018, at a salary of \$15.25/hr. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Payroll-#17761-17764, #17842-17918, Claims-#9189-9345 (Secondary Road-#25492-25550), VBC Ag Extension-2018FY, Oath of office for county attorney/assistant county attorney. Ayes: 2

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following road projects including discussion related to storm damage and recovery from the July 19th tornado, possible action on the replacement of the secondary roads fuel system, citizens convenience center DNR operating permit, 180th street bridge replacement, and Big Iron sale of surplus equipment.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county engineer was authorized to review and accept a quote on the replacement of the county secondary road fueling system. Ayes: 2

County Attorney Abe Watkins was present to discuss personnel appointments in the county attorney's office, office location at the courthouse, and swearing in of the county attorney/assistant county attorney. Also present was Jill Chaplin and John Maschman.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, upon recommendation of the county attorney, John Maschman, West Des Moines, was appointed as an assistant county attorney, effective August 2, 2018, at 85% of the county attorney salary. Ayes: 2

The oath of office was administered to county attorney Abraham Watkins and assistant county attorney John Maschman by board chair Mark G. Meek.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, upon recommendation of the county attorney, Jill Chaplin, Lebanon, was appointed as a legal assistant in the county attorney's county office, effective August 13, 2018, at a rate of \$18/hr. for up to 29 hrs./week. Ayes: 2

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including SIRG, 10/15 Transit, SEIL MH.

Discussion was held on the roof replacement project at the county care facility, repair of old laundry building, courthouse flag pole.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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