

Van Buren County Board of Supervisors
Keosauqua, Iowa
October 9, 2017-10AM

The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors met on this date at the courthouse with supervisors Meek and Nixon present. County attorney Virginia Barchman was also present. Minutes of the previous meeting were acknowledged.

Representatives of the domestic violence intervention program involving 8 SE Iowa counties, including Van Buren, were present to talk about the program and discuss a request for a board proclamation proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Following discussion of the same it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Meek, that the board pass a proclamation designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 2

Kris Rankin, representing the SAFE Coalition, was present to update the board on SAFE Coalition issues and programs

Bentonsport residents Rick and Nancy Alexander and Gillian Butler were present to discuss a situation of the condition of trees on the county railroad ROW in Bentonsport adjacent to their properties.

County Engineer Ryne Thornburg was present to update the board on the following projects including J40 overlay and change order, set date for public hearing on various portions of 150th Street west of 160th St. in Village Twp., trees on county ROW in Bentonsport, W40 patching, and discussion of potential vacations of roadways.

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the county engineer was authorized to remove trees/brush on county road ROW in Bentonsport. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a change order on a J-40 asphalt overlay project between Bentonsport and Bonaparte was approved which includes changing overlay depth from 3 to 4 inches and base patching in various areas of said project. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the board approved Resolution #10-9-17, setting a public hearing of Monday, October 23, 2017-10AM on the closure and vacation of the following described county secondary road: A portion of 150th Street described as: Commencing at a point eleven hundred (1100') feet west of the Southeast Corner of Section 28-70-11, thence running west along the south section line of said Section 28 to a point previously vacated by the Van Buren County Board of Supervisors on July 19, 1972; said point being sixteen-hundred and fifty feet (1650') west of the Southeast corner of said Section 28, all within Van Buren County, Iowa. Ayes: 2

This being the date set for a public hearing on amendments to the 2018FY county budget, the chair called the hearing to order at 10:30AM. Following review of the proposed amendments and answering of questions from those present, and upon receiving no comments on the same, it was moved by Nixon, seconded by Meek, that the hearing be closed and that the amendments, as proposed, be approved as follows: Public Safety-\$1,221,486 to \$1,301,486, Physical Health-\$491,395 to \$506,895, Mental Health-\$249,780 to \$299,780, Govt Services-\$282,895 to \$301,895, Non program current-\$5,600 to \$65,600 with the following approved appropriations: Auditor-\$241,681 to \$250,681, Sheriff-\$1,040,737 to \$1,051,737, Medical Examiner-\$17,000 to \$27,000, District Court-\$13,000 to \$28,500, Juvenile Detention-\$17,000 to \$35,000, Mental Health-\$249,780 to \$299,780, Non-Departmental-\$330,789 to \$444,789. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, a listing of homestead and military credit application for the 2018-2019 tax payable year were approved, as presented. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek, the following members to the VBC Compensation Board were appointed for terms ending June 30, 2021: Twila Westercamp, RR, Keosauqua, and Barb Morris, Keosauqua. Ayes: 2

On motion by Nixon, seconded by Meek the following payroll/claims/reports were approved: Claims-#7289-7395 (Secondary Road-#24816-24859), Sheriff-1st Qrt. 2018FY. Ayes: 2

Board members reported on various committee meetings held including REDI, RPC, RPC Policy Board, 10/15 Transit, Decat.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.

Mark G. Meek, Chair

Attest: Jon P. Finney, County Auditor

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