

BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2024

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, August 12, 2024, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, Auditor. Michael C. Hadley was absent.

8:30 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the agenda. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

8:35 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the minutes for August 5, 2024 as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. – Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Andy contributed no blow-ups this summer to crack sealing maintenance of county roads. A culvert is being mud jacked due to settling north of the Steve Menke residence, further noting two crossroad tiles in the area that will be investigated. The City of Delta and Delta Fire reached out to inquire of entering a fueling agreement with Secondary Roads due to fueling complications. Andy sent them a 28E template but felt the Wex Fleet card fueling system would be more convenient due to their location and does not restrict where you fuel up.

9:10 a.m. – Possible approval of personnel report of June 28, 2024, termination for Kelsey Pence, part-time County Attorney’s Office was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the personnel report as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:15 a.m. – Possible approval of personnel report of June 28, 2024, termination for Jessica Buehnehan, part-time Recorder’s Office was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the personnel report as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:20 a.m. – Acknowledgement of personnel report for the August 4, 2024 retirement of Brian Ulin, Ranger Maintenance, Conservation Department was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to acknowledge the personnel report as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:25 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended a Pathfinders meeting. Fred Snakenberg did not participate in the Decat meeting due to an appointment last week.

9:30 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. The Year 2023 tax statement has a new look and changes from prior years statements due to being outsourced. The County Rural tax authority shows the total county asking dollars for Year 2023 (payable 2024/2025) that includes General Basic, General Supp and Rural Basic funds added together that equates to 6,506,702. Last Year 2022 tax asking shows 2,076,389 for Rural Basic only, therefore resulting in the appearance of an inflated increase of 213.27% between this and last year. All funds totaled together for Year 2022 equated to 6,098,337. An additional matter of confusion is that of the 65+ homestead exemption. If you did not sign up for this exemption prior to July 1, 2023, and also dependent on your 65th birthdate, it will not show on this year’s statement. Casey Jarmes will ensure this matter is in the newspaper.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Deke Wood. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, August 19, 2024.

absent
Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates