

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, September 30, 2024, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, Auditor.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes for September 23, 2024 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded approval of generator proposal from Atwood Electric in the amount of \$95,308.80 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Bid includes installation, labor & materials for 80kw - 4-cylinder diesel and removal and retainage of the current generator.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: a Safe Streets for All meeting was held last Friday; crews are wrapping up regrading projects and preparing for winter; applications are being received for the vacant equipment maintenance operator position with interviews to take place soon. Discussion arose regarding replacement of the lights due to difficulty to see intersection after dark at the 149 and 78 junction and noted that crack sealing was a contributing factor of no blow-ups on county roads this summer.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded certification of expenses for the Special Pekin School Election on September 10, 2024 of \$3,558.46 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded approval of 2024 Keokuk County Hazard Mitigation Plan update as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Keokuk County hired Gail Thomas, GR Thomas Plans, to update said plan that was FEMA approved by the Iowa Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Second reading of ordinance establishing the regulation of commercial wind energy systems in Keokuk County was held. Also present were Andy McGuire, Engineer; Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS; Amber Thompson, County Attorney; Jared Hershberger, APEX representative and Steve Sieren, member of the public. Hadley announced this is the second of three readings regarding establishment of the commercial wind energy systems ordinance for Keokuk County with the final reading held next Monday, October 7, 2024. Hadley asked for public comment. Steve Sieren stated his understanding is Keokuk County has a 2640' setback distance from an occupied structure and inquired if there is public concern regarding the distance. Hadley and Wood shared oral public comments received. Hadley responded the overall public concern is having turbines. Wood shared anti wind turbine comments and concerns are being received. Hadley added the few positive comments received are from those with signed lease agreements that would receive financial gain. Hershberger informed Apex builds, owns and operates the wind turbines, further noting Keokuk County has wind resources that are not being utilized. The setback at the 2640' level would most likely allow placement of possibly a couple turbines which would stop the development in Keokuk County. Sieren and Hershberger exited the Boardroom.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended 1015 Transit, Safe Streets for All meetings and Helena Hayes meet and greet. Hadley attended Sieda, Board of Health, Area 15, Emergency Management and Safe Streets for All meetings. Snakenberg had no scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Michael C. Hadley

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg