

BOARD MINUTES
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.

8:30 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda. Fred Snakenberg 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 Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes for September 23, 2024 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 a.m. – Consideration and possible approval of generator proposal from Atwood Electric was held with Joe Eiben. The bid proposal was provided last week for review. Joe distributed the generator equipment proposal and reviewed the contents as an 80kw - 4-cylinder diesel, with a 30-32 week estimated delivery timeframe. The estimated cost for installation, labor and materials of \$95,308.80, includes removal and retainage of the current generator as well. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the generator proposal as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. –Met with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: a Safe Streets for All meeting was held and well attended 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 and a resolution will be presented next week for consideration regarding application to a living trust fund for a pendulum seeder that fits in the back of a truck. 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 definite contributing factor of there being no blow-ups on the roads this summer.

9:05 a.m. – Certification of expenses for the Special Pekin School Election on September 10, 2024 was held. Costs incurred from this election equated to \$3,558.46. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the expenses as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:08 a.m. – Discussion and possible approval of 2024 Keokuk County Hazard Mitigation Plan update was held. 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. The update was necessary to receive FEMA funding. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the updated hazard mitigation plan as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:10 a.m. – 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. A copy of the proposed ordinance was available to those present. Mike Hadley announced this is the second of three readings regarding establishment of the commercial wind energy systems ordinance for Keokuk County. The final reading will be included on the agenda for next Monday, October 7, 2024. Mike Hadley asked for public comment. Steve Sieren stated his understanding is Keokuk County has a setback footage from an occupied structure as 2640', the same as Jefferson County, and inquired if there is public concern regarding the distance. Hadley and Wood shared oral public comments received as follows. 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 is 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.

9:30 a.m. -Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended 1015 Transit, Safe Streets for All meetings and Helena Hayes meet and greet. Mike Hadley attended Sieda, Board of Health, Area 15, Emergency Management and Safe Streets for All meetings. Fred Snakenberg had no scheduled meetings last week.

9:39 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics.

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

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, October 7, 2024.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates