

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 13, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, January 13, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried.

Hadley moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of January 6, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the Mandatory Training Policy as revised. All ayes and motion carried. This policy requires employee training in workplace safety, cybersecurity, privacy of records and any other organizational and regulatory requirements. Present were Amber Thompson, Co Attorney Thompson; IT Director Kent; Public Health Director Helmuth and Conservation Director Reighard.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Last week McGuire attended the Transportation Research Board National Academy of Science and Engineering Conference due to serving on the Iowa Highway Research Board and felt it was very informational and beneficial.

Weber moved, Wood seconded approval of plans for FM-CO54(123) – 55-54 Hayesville roads HMA Mill and Overlay as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Keokuk County would like to tie into the DOT project that begins south of Sigourney and ends at Hayesville junction for the 2.14 mile stretch from 149 west to the eastern city limits of Hayesville due to hopeful financial benefit.

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval of quarterly report of fees collected by the County Auditor and Sheriff and monthly report of fees collected by the Recorder and Clerk of Court as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended a RUSS meeting. Neither Hadley nor Weber had scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Rochelle Fuller introduced herself as the Regional Director for Senator Chuck Grassley, noting areas of assistance as case worker, Veterans assistance, social security and small business administration.

Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, performing as the County Compensation Board, performed annual review and comparison of compensation for the offices of County Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff, Supervisors and Treasurer pursuant to Iowa Code 331.907 and SF2442 with documentation provided by Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) salary survey for all elected officials within the 99 counties in Iowa, a listing of full-time County Attorneys with population less than 15,000 and County Sheriff and Police Chief salaries required by Back the Blue legislation regarding FY2026 compensation. Present were PH Director Helmuth; Co. Attorney Thompson; Conservation Director Reighard; Sheriff Hinnah; Treasurer Edmundson Long; Recorder Goldman and Engineer McGuire. Noted were cost-of-living allowance, Secondary Roads FY26 union agreement 3% wage increase and concerns regarding unknown increases. Other revenue sources noted besides taxation were interest and local option sales tax. Hadley moved, Weber seconded to approve a 3% wage increase for all elected officials across the board for FY2026. All ayes and motion carried.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:45 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

Kevin Weber