

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**MARCH 24, 2025**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Monday, March 24, 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. Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.

Public hearing for proposed property tax levy for FY2026 was held. Also present were Gary Waechter; Pie Reighard, Conservation Director; Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS; and Andy McGuire, County Engineer. No comments were voiced by those in attendance. Bates noted the county is responsible for the total cost of the mailing that includes information on behalf of the cities and schools as well. Wood moved, Weber seconded to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. All ayes and motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 24, 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. Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: discussion was shared regarding the 2-day County Engineer strategic planning meeting held at the ISAC office in Des Moines, Iowa last week.

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval to set April 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse for the public hearing to vacate a portion of the existing right of way on County Road V45 (200<sup>th</sup> Avenue) located in Section 15, Township 76N, Range 12W. All ayes and motion carried. The county does not maintain the portion of right-of-way east of the creek area and will not affect traffic.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to set FY 2025-2026 Keokuk County budget public hearing for April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended two Community Facility Advisory Committee meetings and the Farm Bureau meeting last week. Weber attended the Farm Bureau meeting and shared Regional Director Jones comment that of the seventeen counties in Southeast Iowa, Keokuk County has the most efficient budget. Hadley attended 911, Semco and RHTF meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Assessor Sanders informed the assessment notices for 2025, payable 2026-2027 will be sent out on or by April 1, 2025. Residential and commercial properties are up 15-20%. Derek Kitzman shared interest in continuation of mowing the Public Health/EOC property. Board consensus approved request.

Met with Paul Horak, insurance representative, regarding review of Keokuk County insurance was held. Paul reminded Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) is a self-insurance pool that is owned by its members. Paul summarized each category of insurance and historical use and annual premiums for a three-year span. Also addressed was public official insurance and bonding.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 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](http://www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov).

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Michael C. Hadley

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber