

BOARD MINUTES
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.

8:55 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Casey James, News Review, was present.

9:00 a.m.-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. Christy 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. Motion was made by Deke Wood and seconded by Kevin Weber to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. All ayes and motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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.

9:20 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Casey James, News Review, was present.

9:21 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025, as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:25 a.m. -Meeting with Andy McGuire, County Engineer, regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Andy shared discussion regarding the 2-day County Engineer strategic planning meeting held at the ISAC office in Des Moines, Iowa last week.

1.Review and possible approval to set the date, time and location for the public hearing to vacate a portion of the existing right of way on County Road V45 (200th Avenue) located in Section 15, Township 76N, Range 12W was held. Andy stated he received a petition requesting to vacate the portion of right-of-way east of the creek area the county does not maintain, further noting said area will not affect traffic. Motion was made by Deke Wood to set the public hearing for April 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:45 a.m- Set the date, time and location for FY 2025-2026 Keokuk County budget public hearing was held. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to set the public hearing for April 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor, of the Keokuk County Courthouse. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:50 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended two Community Facility Advisory Committee meetings and the Farm Bureau meeting last week. Kevin 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. Mike Hadley attended 911, Semco and RHTF meetings last week.

10:00 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS, 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.

10:10 a.m. – Meeting 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.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, March 31, 2025.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates