

BOARD MINUTES
MAY 12, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood and Christy Bates, County Auditor. Kevin Weber was absent.

8:30 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda as submitted. Mike Hadley seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Casey Jarmes, News Review, was present.

8:35 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. – Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Andy spoke of the Engineer meeting he attended in Kansas.

9:20 a.m. – Approval of Keokuk County Employee IGHCP insurance renewal for FY 2026 was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the FY2026 insurance renewal as submitted with the Board of Supervisors Chairman to sign on behalf of Keokuk County. Mike Hadley seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:30 a.m. – Meeting with Stuart Grossman regarding Kiwanis pavilion project. Also present were Matt Welter, General Contractor and Brent Gilliland, City of Sigourney. An update was provided summarizing the project process, finances, contractor, subcontractors, structure supplier and design changes. Construction schedule is to begin on Monday, July 14 with substantial completion by Friday, August 22 and final completion on or before Friday, August 29, 2025. The southeast inside corner of the square will be fenced off during the construction timeframe. Tree branches will be trimmed slightly so not to touch the pavilion. Once the project is completed, the City of Sigourney will take ownership. Matt Welter inquired about screening in the electrical box as well, not to be included in the pavilion project. Previously the county was informed this was not possible but agreed to let said matter be investigated. Matt will meet with Amber Thompson, County Attorney and John Wehr, City of Sigourney Attorney, to ensure that nothing is missed.

9:50 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended a Pathfinders meeting. Mike Hadley had no scheduled meetings last week.

9:55 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Christy Bates informed three applications were received for the vacant IT position. Interviews will be held on May 21, 22 or 23, 2025 instead of the week of May 12th, 2025.

10:00 a.m. – Met with Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) information technology consultants Joel Rohne and Andrew De Hann and Colin Gerst, Des Moines County IT Director. Also present was Pie Reighard, Conservation Director; Christine Edmundson Long, Treasurer; Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS; Amber Thompson, County Attorney and Jason Marshall, AEA representative. Joel started the conversation by stating the ISAC IT and Iowa County Information Technology (ICIT) group is available for county IT system assessment, overall support, interview process, and mentoring new IT individuals for success. The three consultants stressed county IT is a different animal due to management of the various vendors and areas of knowledge needed to support law enforcement, elections, recorder, treasurer, assessor departments, as well as the 24/7/365 support expectation. ICIT individuals will assist in the interview process on May 21, 2025 and suggested to include three to four department heads in the hiring group. The IT classification is salary and exempt. The IT system assessment is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2025.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, May 19, 2025.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood absent _____
Kevin Weber Christy Bates