

BOARD PROCEEDINGS MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Thursday, June 19, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber, Christy Bates - County Auditor, Pie Reighard - Conservation.

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

Wood moved, Weber seconded approval regarding hire of Darin Hite as Keokuk County Information Technology (IT) Director pending completion of the pre-employment physical as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Hite was chosen as the best fit for Keokuk County due to his years of county knowledge, experience and understanding of county workings of the various county departmental needs.

Interview with applicant #1 regarding the Keokuk County Attorney position appointment was held. Iowa Code 21.5 1.i - closed session was not requested by applicant #1, Maddison Denny. Deke Wood disclosed that Maddison Denny is his niece and he will be listening in on the interviews but abstain from the upcoming decision due to conflict of interest. The board proceeded with interview questioning. Maddison Denny exited at 9:25 a.m.

Meeting with Information Technology Assessment Team regarding summary report of findings. Team members: Joel Rohne & Andrew De Haan – ISAC IT, Colin Gerst – ICIT President, Andy McGill, Josh Good, Drew Claseman, Ryan Easton, Andy Alderson, Gene Nook and Niccole Schippers – various County IT Directors. Also present were Pie Reighard & Stratton Bond – Conservation, Amber Thompson – Attorney’s Office, Drew Sanders - Assessor/GIS, Robbin Clubb – Public Health, Ruth Manchester – Secondary Roads and Darin Hite, newly hired Keokuk County IT Director. Board consensus was to go into closed session as per Iowa Code 21.5 1.a. – to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body’s possession. Wood moved, Weber seconded to go into closed session at 9:55 a.m. All ayes and motion carried. Weber moved, Wood seconded to go into open session at 10:55 a.m. All ayes and motion carried.

Interview with applicant #2 regarding the Keokuk County Attorney position appointment was held. Iowa Code 21.5 1.i - closed session was not requested by applicant #2, Patricia Lipski. Deke Wood disclosed that applicant #1, Maddison Denny, is his niece and he will be listening in on the interviews but abstain from the upcoming decision due to conflict of interest. The board proceeded with interview questioning. Patrisha Lipski exited at 11:40 a.m.

Discussion regarding appointment of County Attorney position was held, reminding the appointment of said position is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 23, 2025. Wood reminded he will abstain from the vote due to conflict of interest.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 11:50 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.

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Michael C. Hadley

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber