

BOARD 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.

8:30 a.m. - Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the agenda. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:31 a.m. – Approval regarding hire of Information Technology (IT) Director pending completion of the pre-employment physical was held. Darin Hite was chosen out of the applicants 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. Start date of July 1, 2025. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the hire of Darin Hite as submitted pending pre-employment physical. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Darin joined the IT Assessment Team on third floor.

9:00 a.m. - 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.

10:00 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 discuss security related topics (full section verbiage below). Deke Wood moved, Kevin Weber seconded to go into closed session at 9:55 a.m. All ayes and motion carried. Kevin Weber moved, Deke Wood seconded to go into open session at 10:55 a.m. All ayes and motion carried.

11:00 p.m. - 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.

11:45 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. Deke Wood reminded he will abstain from the vote due to conflict of interest.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, June 23, 2025.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates

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.

Iowa Code 21.5 1.i - to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.