

BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2025

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, June 23, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

8:30 a.m.- Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Casey Jarmes, News Review, and Pie Reighard, Conservation Director were present.

8:35 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the minutes of June 16 and 19, 2025 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. – Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer, regarding Keokuk County Highway Department.

1. Review and possible approval of Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-Aid agreement for Iowa’s Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) project – project number EPA-DERA (100) – 9K – 24 was held. Keokuk County was chosen as the last entity to receive DERA funding for the year. These funds are in the amount of \$129,500, or adjusted to 35% of actual unit price, and will be used for replacement of a wheeled excavator. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the DERA grant project as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

2. Review and possible approval of 2026 CFYP amendment to include Competitive Highway Bridge Projects (CHBP) was held. Andy reminded two of the bridges selected from the bundled application, one being the bridge north of the railroad tracks near Richland and the other near Fremont at an 80/20 split. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the amendment to include the CHBP project as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Maddison Denny entered at 9:00 a.m.

9:05 a.m. – Approval of quarterly interfund operating transfer from Rural Services Fund (\$455,000) and LOST Fund (\$50,000) to Secondary Roads fund totaling \$505,000 as submitted. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the interfund transfer as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:10 a.m. – Acknowledgement of personnel report for Richard Fortney classification change regarding removal of Public Health duties and addition of E911 duties as of July 1, 2025 was held. The Emergency Management / E911 is a salaried exempt position. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to acknowledge the FY26 certification as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried

9:15 a.m. – Possible approval of Keokuk County Attorney appointment was held. Noted was the appointment schedule is being followed as set forth, as well as a prepared resolution for each applicant for use upon the approved chosen appointee. Maddison Denny was present. Deke Wood disclosed he would abstain from the vote due to his relationship with one of the candidates. Mike Hadley began the discussion by sharing he was impressed with the individual during the interview process that we were given the opportunity to appoint and indicated his choice was Maddison Denny. Kevin Weber stated Maddison is his choice as well. Maddison’s resolution included verbiage pursuant to Iowa Code 331.752 for said position to be classified as a part-time position so that she may have the option of the private practice of law. Maddison will work a regular county employment schedule of 37 ½ hours per week. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve Maddison Denny as the Keokuk County Attorney appointment, with Iowa Code 331.752 status option, as per resolution, and start date of July 14, 2025 to take office as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. Deke Wood abstained. Motion carried.

9:25 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Kevin Weber attended Early Childhood, Decat and South-Central Iowa meetings. Mike Hadley attended Emergency Management, Endowment and DOT Freight meetings. Deke Wood had no scheduled meetings last week.

9:35 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Pie Reighard informed the deck is poured at Belva Deer Lake. Christy Bates will contact Colin Gerst regarding Dell computer pricing, Tami Gilliland regarding cleaning out the office at Community Outreach building and reminded of the cash count on June 30, 2025.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, June 30, 2025.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates