

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, December 8, 2025, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber and Christy Bates, County Auditor. Michael C. Hadley was absent.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarnes, News-Review, Pie Reighard and Aaron Kephart, Conservation Department.

Wood moved, Weber seconded to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025, as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Blades were out on all county roads Saturday evening, back out Sunday to clean up pavements and returned attention to gravel roads Monday morning. The County Engineer's Conference was successful in high attendance, leadership speakers and neighboring states attending to share ideas as well.

Weber moved, Wood seconded to approve the Keokuk County Conservation Department FYE 2025 Annual Report as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. Director Reighard presented information covering staff, board members, project expenses and sources of revenue, along with a listing of camping fees and cabin rental guests.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood participated in a Pathfinders phone conversation. Weber informed the Workforce meeting was cancelled last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Emergency Management/911 Director Fortney shared a rate increase notice from Muscatine Fire Department regarding our Hazardous Material (HazMat) contract raising the fee from 25¢ to 50¢ per individual for review. Don Hartman, Verdin Clock representative, provided pricing with description of repair work needed for proper operation of the clocks in the Courthouse bell tower in the amount of \$27,000 and \$7,115 option to upgrade the digital bell controller for review.

Met with Sarah Berndt, District 6 Leader, Unity Stevens, Senior Lead System Navigator and Jane Morgan, Community Health Consultant of Behavioral Health regarding Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA). On July 1, 2025, Iowa launched a new unified Behavioral Health Service System that combines mental health and substance use services to expand access to quality, affordable and accessible healthcare to meet local needs, including integrated behavioral health, medical, oral health and pharmacy services. It was suggested to share this information with Keokuk County Public Health, Veterans Affairs, General Assistance and Sheriff's Office.

On vote and motion Wood adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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 _____

absent

Michael C. Hadley

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber