

**BOARD MINUTES  
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.

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

8:35 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025, as submitted. Kevin Weber 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 informed blades were out on all county roads Saturday evening, back out Sunday to clean up pavements and returned attention to gravel roads Monday morning. Andy stated the County Engineer’s Conference was successful in high attendance, leadership speakers and neighboring states attending to share ideas as well. Pie Reighard inquired if there has been discussion regarding placement of a parking area along Hwy 92 due to vehicles parking alongside the road. Pie noted a parked vehicle was called into the Sheriff’s Office that caused issue to plow snow around. Andy has seen random parking, although is unaware of any parking area plans, and mentioned this matter could possibly be discussed at budget time.

9:00 a.m. – Meeting with Pie Reighard, Keokuk County Conservation Department Director, regarding presentation of FYE 2025 Annual Report was held. The report included information covering staff, board members, project expenses and sources of revenue, along with a listing of camping fees and cabin rental guests. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the report as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:20 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood participated in a Pathfinders phone conversation. Kevin Weber informed the Workforce meeting was cancelled last week.

9:25 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Richard Fortney, Emergency Management/911 Director, 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. An email was sent reminding of the 5<sup>th</sup> District Legislative meeting to be held on December 12, 2025.

9:30 a.m.-Meeting with Sarah Berndt, District 6 Leader, regarding Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA) was held. Also present were Unity Stevens, Senior Lead System Navigator and Jane Morgan, Community Health Consultant of Behavioral Health. Sarah began the presentation by stating 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 for these ladies to reach out and share this information with Keokuk County Public Health, Veterans Affairs, General Assistance and Sheriff’s Office.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Deke Wood. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, December 15, 2025.

absent  
Michael C. Hadley, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates