

**BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, January 12, 2026 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 Kevin Weber to approve the agenda as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey James, News-Review.

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 January 5, 2026, as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 a.m. – Consideration and possible approval of resolution approving settlement agreement with Windstream Communications, LLC was held with Maddison Denny, County Attorney. Also present was Darin Hite, IT. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the Windstream Communications, LLC settlement as submitted and to authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Keokuk County. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. – Met with Casey Clarahan, Engineer’s Assistant, regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Casey informed they are working on culvert designs and continue the wait to hear of grant approval for the Pigeon Road project and other grant applications.

1. Discussion and possible approval of updated personnel reports for Ross Roberts and Colton Altenhofen regarding spraying license endorsement was held. Roberts and Altenhofen passed the testing and will receive a 25 ¢ per hour salary increase for said endorsement. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the personnel reports as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:00 a.m. – Discussion and possible approval regarding new county website and funding thereof was held. Also present were Allie Helmuth, PH Director; Darin Hite, IT; Pie Reighard, Conservation Director and Christine Long, Treasurer. Allie reminded of the importance regarding establishment of a new user-friendly county website and advocated for use of the opioid settlement funds to pay for the initial set up (\$18,000) and annual fee (\$4000) thereafter until the funds run out. Utilization of said funds for creation of a media campaign through the website with a standalone opioid page will serve our community as a good resource for education and training. The current balance of opioid funds is \$100,292. Also discussed was placement of opioid guidance on the bottom of each web page. Allie reached out to the two individuals where annual reports are sent to inquire about acceptable opioid expenses. Both men responded they are unable to advise but to use our best judgement of percentage funding versus use. As per exhibit 1, taken from the opioid manual, it is felt the website could be funded at 100% due to continual updated education and training through the website utilized by all viewers. The current total of opioid funds is \$100,292. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve opioid funding at 100% for payment of the new website and to authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman to sign the new website agreement on behalf of Keokuk County. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:15 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Kevin Weber attended a Workforce Iowa meeting. Neither Deke Wood nor Mike Hadley had scheduled meetings last week.

9:18 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Kevin Weber inquired about the ice depth on Lake Belva Deer. Pie Reighard responded over 60 percent of the lake is currently open.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Deke Wood. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates