

**BOARD MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, September 28, 2026, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Deke 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. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Beth Salyars, Committee and Family Resources (Keokuk County Tobacco Grant) was present.

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 September 21, 2026, as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Pie Reighard, Conservation Director, entered the Boardroom.

8:45 a.m. -Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer, regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Regarding the upcoming harvest and wet/muddy conditions, the Board inquired who is liable in case of an accident if caused by mud on a county road. Andy's response is it is circumstantial. Iowa Code has a section on damage to the roadway. County control and awareness are where the difference results. Department update: English River water was over the road but has receded for now; a draft copy of the agreement for utility work in the right-of-way was send to Kinder Morgan for review that removes county responsibility for relocation or replacement of fence; bridge replacement located on the south end of Baden road between Ollie and Richland has been opened back up with ditching, seeding and rocking yet to be finished; the section of regrade on the Harper road between 160th and 170th Street is being worked on; pavement patching is taking place on the Keswick road currently; working on application for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding for the projected Keswick road project in 2028; working on Safe Streets and Roads application; cleaning the shop and prepping for winter.

9:20 a.m. – Certification of expenses for September 8, 2026, Special Tri-County School Election was held. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the expense certification as submitted and to authorize the Board of Supervisor Chairman to sign on behalf of Keokuk County. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:22 a.m. – Possible approval of personnel report for hire of David S. Klaaren, full-time deputy, Sheriff's Department was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the personnel report as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:25 a.m. – Discussion and possible approval of FY 2026 Annual Financial Report was held. Christy Bates reviewed the report noting the ending fund balances and publication to be in this week's paper. Motion was made by Kevin Weber to approve the FYE 2026 annual report as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:30 a.m. – Consideration and possible approval of resolution setting the date and time for a public hearing for October 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., Keokuk County Boardroom, for the first consideration of Ordinance No. 55, to add a Keokuk County ordinance adopting minimum requirements for tanning facilities, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.302, the Board may waive the second and third hearing and reading if deed appropriate was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve setting the public hearing as submitted. Kevin Weber seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:32 a.m. - Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended monthly 1015 Transit and RPA Policy Board meetings. Michael Hadley attended Area 15 and AHEAD meetings. Kevin Weber attended Early Childhood and a follow up law enforcement patrol meeting last week.

9:35 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics to discuss.

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, October 5, 2026.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Deke Wood

Kevin Weber

Christy Bates