

**BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2021**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, January 11, 2021 in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Fred Snakenberg, Daryl Wood and Pam Gretter, recording secretary. Christy Bates, County Auditor was absent.

8:30 a.m.-Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the agenda. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:32 a.m.-Review and approval of minutes of previous board meeting was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Russell (Rusty) Weeks the new editor of the News Review was present to introduce himself and attend the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-Discussion and possible decision on proposal to amend the Keokuk County Infectious Disease Action Plan – COVID-19 pandemic to extend the emergency paid sick leave provided therein was held with Amber Thompson, County Attorney. “Extend” versus “Stop & Start” was discussed. Motion was made by Deke Wood to amend/extend said plan as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 a.m.-Review and possible approval of resolution to abate the unpaid real estate taxes for years 2016, 2017, and 2018 pursuant to Iowa Code 445.63 to Keokuk County parcel ID DLCOS-018500 now owned by the City of Delta was held with Amber Thompson, County Attorney. The City of Delta has paid the token taxes. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve said resolution as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m.-Met with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Andy gave an overview of the practice of brush/tree removal from county road right of way. He provided handouts highlighting Iowa Code sections dealing with obstructions in road right of way and Iowa DOT clear zones. Andy stated the Board of Supervisors is the Highway Authority per Code. Andy also emphasized that safety is first in the balancing act. Andy stated the County did receive grant monies relating to reducing fuel emissions that will be used to purchase new dump trucks, to replace the older ones, which will be a beneficial fleet improvement.

9:00 a.m.-Various board and committee reports were held. Deke Wood had no meetings to attend. Fred Snakenberg missed two meetings due to no timely notifications. Mike Hadley attended a REDI meeting and also met with the Keswick City council regarding garbage services.

9:05 a.m.-Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held.

9:10 a.m.-Meeting was held with Dustin MacDonald, SADC Executive Director, regarding SADC updates and 2021 priorities. Dustin shared they are working on several administrative issues including branding and member benefits. SADC has printed new brochures. Dustin has been meeting with Keokuk County city councils/clerks to promote SADC as a whole-county-benefit organization and to increase the lines of communication. SADC can provide letters of support and matching funds to

assist new businesses. They are starting their new membership campaign in March and will be contacting the 500 (m/l) businesses in Keokuk County.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet January 18, 2021.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Pam Gretter