

**BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, February 12, 2024, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, Auditor.

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. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

8:35 a.m. - Review and approval of previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes of February 5, 2024, as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. - Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding Keokuk County Highway Department was held. Discussion arose regarding valid budget concerns regarding HF718 issues that could prevent counties ability to meet Iowa Code 312.2 - Local Efforts Provision formula for Secondary Roads, that in turn affects local funding from the State of Iowa, and furthermore, if established levy rates set by the State per county are not at the maximum rate set forth in the Code of Iowa for General Basic and Rural Basic, a Supplemental levy shall not be allowed per Code. This fund is used for several purposes, disallowance of use would be detrimental to county budgets. Andy shared the following: a request from John Gent for a distance variance will be placed on next week's agenda for formal action; Doug Klett, Maintenance Superintendent, gave notice of his upcoming retirement; discussed whether to sell, or keep and utilize the two spare motor graders; the Lancaster road project will begin in summer and lastly informed the V45 / Keswick Road cross-road culvert replacement project, that spans 9 miles from Hwy 92 to Hwy 22, has begun by mailing easement access letters to landowners.

9:45 a.m. – Consideration and possible approval of Keokuk County Bowl Class C retail alcohol license application was held. All paperwork was in order. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve said application and authorize himself to sign as Board of Supervisor Chairman on behalf of Keokuk County. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:50 a.m. – Review and possible approval of HVAC maintenance agreement with Cunningham, Inc. was held. A preventative maintenance agreement was submitted by Cunningham, Inc. in the amount of \$8,245 (annually) for quarterly inspections of equipment as listed. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the agreement as submitted and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chairman to sign on behalf of Keokuk County. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:28 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended Pathfinders and Statewide Supervisors meetings. Fred Snakenberg participated a Decat meeting. Mike Hadley attended Statewide Supervisors and Dusty Fox meetings last week.

9:30 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held regarding the FY2025 county budget and hurdles thereof. Christy Bates informed of the appropriations resolution and proposed property tax resolution to be placed on next week's agenda.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates