

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, February 26, 2024, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, Auditor.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was Casey Jarmes, News-Review.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024, as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding Keokuk County Highway Department was held as follows: plow trucks are being stripping down and start removal of wings this week; notice was received informing rock has increased from \$16.50 to \$17.50 per ton and noted employees maxed out on comp time during the big snowstorm.

Public hearing with Keokuk County Conference Board regarding FY 2025 Keokuk County Assessor budget was held with Assessor/GIS Sanders; Mayors: Bryan Lee (Webster), Chris Gammack (Hayesville), Jim Morlan (Sigourney); School Board: Cody Branstad (Sigourney), Michael Sieren (Pekin). Sanders informed no oral or written objections were received. Morlan moved, Sieren seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting as submitted and close the public hearing. A roll call vote was held: Mayors – aye; School Board – aye; Board of Supervisors – abstained due to lack of a quorum at budget meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion of the FY2025 Keokuk County Assessor Budget was held. Hadley addressed two issues as follows: decrease 5% wage increase for Assessor employees to 3% to equal that of county employees and secondly disallow part-time employee hire due to budget restraints. Sanders reminded the Assessor’s budget/levy is not restricted like the county’s. Hadley moved to approve the budget with a 3% wage increase and denial of part-time employee hire. Motion died for lack of a second. Lee moved, Sieren seconded to reduce the wage increase to 3% and approve the part-time hire. A roll call vote was held: Mayors – aye; School Board – aye; Board of Supervisors – nay. Motion carried.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded approval of setback variance for John Gent located at 30501 125th Street, Kinross, IA as requested. All ayes and motion carried.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended Farm Bureau and 1015 meetings. Hadley attended a Semco meeting. Snakenberg had no meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held regarding generator upgrade and process thereof.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor’s Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Michael C. Hadley

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg