

**BOARD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Fred Snakenberg, Daryl Wood and Christy Bates, County 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 minutes of previous board meeting was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8:40 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports was held. Deke Wood attended 1015 Transit and presented at the Kiwanis and Farm Bureau meetings. Fred Snakenberg attended Early Childhood and SADC meetings. Mike Hadley had no meetings to attend last week.

9:00 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Jared Hershberger, Apex field manager, entered to inform of interest in southern Keokuk County for a wind energy project. Apex is going to start door knocking tomorrow, February 28th, to inquire of landowner interest in said project. Participation is entirely voluntary, no eminent domain involvement. Apex is looking for placement of 70 to 100 towers over Jefferson, Keokuk and Wapello counties. A 30-year lease would be established with participating landowners. Apex will hold an information meeting for landowners on March 2, 2023 at Bridgeview Center in Ottumwa, Iowa. Christy Bates informed the revised valuation report, due to legislation reduction of residential rollback, reduced Keokuk County’s valuation by 8,406,943, of which equates to approximately a 9¢ overall increase to the total tax levy for proposed taxes levied.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, March 6, 2023.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates