

BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2023

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 13, 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 Jarnes, 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 March 6, 2023 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Andy and Ben Striegel, A&B Construction, were present to discuss the salt storage structure bidding procedure. They were asked to wait for the Engineer to arrive to proceed with discussion.

8:45 a.m. - Met with Engineer Andy McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Ben gave an overview of the matter as follows: Andy Striegel read the February 21, 2023 board minutes and became aware of the bid notice published in the February 22nd News-Review, stating salt storage structure bid due date as March 2nd. Ben noted this as being a 9-day span, further commenting on 2016 construction rule changes and competitive bid threshold of \$100,000. Ben also noted Iowa Code 26.3(1) posting requirements of not less than 13 days, or more than 45 days regarding bidding requirements. Andy McGuire responded the construction rules doesn't necessarily apply to this matter. McGuire stated he did reach out directly to the building supplier, Hawkeye Steel, for pricing and was given Miles Wellman Construction, not A&B Construction, as the area builder, therefore the reason for A&B not being contacted. McGuire explained the time frame was expedited to meet deadlines. Deke Wood informed the funding for the building was in the current budget. Ben inquired if the process could be stopped. Mike Hadley responded the bids are now public and the project was awarded and contract signed. Striegel's expressed their disappointment and exited the room. (effective January 1, 2023, county thresholds for vertical infrastructure increased to \$145,000 for competitive quotes - Greenfield Contractors was awarded the project with low bid of \$107,943 on March 6, 2023). McGuire informed of a letter from What Cheer fair board requesting restriction of parking along the Lacey Highway. County Attorney Thompson recommended this matter to go through the ordinance process. McGuire also informed of notice received from Douds Stone regarding tonnage increase from \$15.15 to \$16.50 per ton.

9:18 a.m. – Setting of time, date and place for proposed max levy public hearing was held. Motion was made by Deke Wood to set the max levy public hearing as March 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Keokuk County Boardroom. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:20 a.m. – Official Canvass of March 7, 2023 Sigourney Special School Election was held. Also present was LuAnn Berger, Auditor's Designee. Those present canvassed the election – no changes were made – the public measure passed as follows: Yes – 99 to No – 5. No absentee ballots were cast.

9:25 a.m. – Certification of expenses for March 7, 2023 Keokuk County Sigourney Special School Election was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the election expenses of

\$2,175.05 to be reimbursed to Keokuk County Auditor as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9:28 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports was held. Deke Wood attended a RUSS meeting. Fred Snakenberg participated in Decat and SEIL meetings. Mike Hadley attended Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), County Engineer Service Agency and Department of Transportation (DOT) Freight Council meetings last week.

9:30 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was not held due to no additional topics.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, March 20, 2023.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates