

BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2022

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 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.

Keya Cox was present to discuss proper use of the Keokuk County recycling and waste center. Consensus of all present was the facility is to serve rural residents for their residential household waste and recycling only. Nonhousehold items may be taken to the landfill near Richland, Iowa or personal dumpster service is available as well.

8:31 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 7, 2022 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m. – Met with Engineer Andy McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Also present was Cale Lyle, Civil Engineering student, job shadowing for the day. Update: bridge inspection report was received from Calhoun & Burns that noted the 42’ wooden bridge on 150th Avenue, south of the Poweshiek County line, is in failure and therefore the road leading to the bridge and bridge itself has been closed (no decision will be made regarding course of action at this point in time); the motor grader brought \$77,000, of which is better than the trade-in value offered; an older tandem truck is leaking oil and the box needs replaced; the mud jacking and concrete grinding projects are estimated to take place in April; and discussed the IJA infrastructure bill.

9:30 a.m. – Public hearing regarding proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 Keokuk County budget was held. Also present were Dawn Goldman, Recorder and Drew Sanders, Assessor. Christy Bates reported no oral or written objections were received. Deke Wood moved, Fred Snakenberg seconded to close the public hearing at 9:33 a.m. Motion carried.

9:35 a.m. – Possible approval of resolution regarding fiscal year 2022-2023 Keokuk County budget and certification of taxes was held. Bates reviewed the levy rates. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the FY23 budget resolution and certification of taxes as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:40 a.m. – Possible approval of resolution regarding Keokuk County Compensation Board’s salary recommendations for fiscal year 2023 was held. The Compensation Board met on December 20, 2021 and made the following recommendations for elected officials: Auditor, Recorder, Supervisors, Treasurer – 15% salary increase, with Auditor receiving a \$3500 stipend; County Attorney and Sheriff – 50% salary increase. The Board of Supervisors decreased the FY23 salary recommendations by half to 7½% (+\$3500 Auditor’s stipend) and 25% salary increases for elected officials. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the FY23 salary resolution as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:45 a.m. – Various board and committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended Pathfinders, RUSS audit and interview meetings. Fred Snakenberg participated in Mental Health and Regional SEIL meetings. Mike Hadley attended the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) meetings last week.

9:50 a.m. - Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Mike Hadley shared a conversation regarding state contracted broadband. Dawn Goldman, Recorder, discussed the possibility of hiring a part-time employee, for an average of 20 hours per week at \$12 per hour, to begin July, 2022 and reasons for necessity thereof. Christy Bates explained funds could be moved within the service area, therefore eliminating the need for an amendment. Board consensus was to proceed with the hiring process. Deke Wood reminded he will be absent for the March 21st Board meeting.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet March 21 ,2022.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates