

## KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 29, 2021 in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Fred Snakenberg, Daryl Wood and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Keokuk County Courtyard Use for Easter Egg Hunt/Activities. All ayes and motion carried. Also present was RD Keep, The News-Review and Jon Roop.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded approval of Keokuk County Courtyard Use for Easter Egg Hunt/Activities on Saturday, April 3, 2021 with certificate of liability provision from Holly Van Voltenburg. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department happenings as follows:

Discussion of 200<sup>th</sup> Street Class B Roadway between 200<sup>th</sup> Ave and 208<sup>th</sup> Ave in Van Buren Township was held regarding requesting for the dirt road to be graveled up to the low water crossing. The Iowa Highway Research Board relating to low water crossings states low water crossing should only be placed on Class B or C roads, of which do not receive rock surfacing. Board consensus was it is not appropriate to approve said request and to send a letter informing of said decision.

Discussion regarding fence placement on 228<sup>th</sup> Ave Section 6, Township 74N, Range 11W Jackson township was held. Jon Roop, adjacent landowner, was present. This road was established in the late 1800's and no right-of-way width is stated, therefore the statutory width of 66' applies and the fence appears to be located within this width. Iowa Code sections, specifically 318.1(2); 318.3(4); 318.4 and 318.10, were provided for guidance. Board consensus was this is an established road to be used for public purpose, the fence is an obstruction of the right-of-way and therefore needs to be removed, if the county is certain where the right-of-way is. Fence code section 318.10(1) states notice of removal must be provided to the landowner in writing of not less than 30 days. A letter will be sent to the landowner on behalf of the Supervisors.

Snakenberg moved, Wood seconded to acknowledge the part-time hire of Jessica Buehnehan, effective March 29, 2021, with an hourly pay rate of \$15 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Snakenberg seconded to approve Michelle Herman as the part-time hire, effective April 14, 2021 with an hourly pay rate of \$17 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried. VA Director Blair informed eight applications were submitted, of which three were interviewed by the VA Commissioners.

Official Canvas of March 23, 2021 English Valleys Special School Election was held. Also present were LuAnn Berger and Nikki Talbert, Auditor's Designees. No changes were made to the unofficial results.

Various board and committee reports were held. Wood attended a 1015 Transit meeting. Hadley attended Sieda, Board of Health and Area 15 meetings. Snakenberg had no meetings to attend last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. A card was received from Carla Burdock thanking the Board for keeping the recycling center open and complimented the Cox employees on job performance. Jeff Kiebel, Courthouse Custodian, provided a quote from Walsh for automatic door opener that includes installation of \$2050, and a quote for a John Deere Z345R ZTrak mower with 42" deck of \$2,699. Board consensus was to proceed with both purchases and instructed Jeff to make contact with both vendors. Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS, informed assessment notices will be sent out soon and presented documentation of county-wide increases for residential; commercial, multi-residential and agricultural as per Department of Revenue guidelines.

Met with Kiwanis representatives, Stuart Grossman and Jerry Wohler, regarding proposal to lead the effort on placement and funding of an era designed user friendly bandstand to preferably be located in the southeast corner of the courtyard. Discussion included a grander plan for the entire courtyard, maintenance responsibility and utility line location may determine designation of placement. Kiwanis representatives will return with plans and further discussion.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:20 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.keokukcountyia.com](http://www.keokukcountyia.com).