

BOARD MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, May 8, 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 May 1, 2023 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. Jared Hershberger, Apex representative, was present to inquire of comments relating to the possible carbon project and give an update. Board consensus is to protect but not restrict our residents and informed are currently reviewing a sample ordinance, of which raised a question as to whether the height includes the blades or not. Jared responded height is without the blades. Jared stated the website for this project, www.dustyfoxwind.com, is now available for use.

9:00 a.m. – Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer, regarding Keokuk County Highway Department. Andy stated calls have been received regarding the shaping process of the roads that begins with cutting the edges, letting the grass die and rocking thereafter. Andy asks for all communication of issues to be directed to himself or the Board of Supervisors, not the blade operator.

1. Review and possible approval of quote for FY 2024 pavement markings was received from Vogel Traffic Services (VTS) in the amount of \$33,352.18. Annually, 1/3 of pavement markings are repainted in Keokuk County. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the VTS quote as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:30 a.m. - Review and possible approval of listing of Keokuk County residents that qualify for tax suspension pursuant to section 427.9 of the Code of Iowa was held. The Iowa Department of Human Services notified the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors by letter that those individuals listed were eligible and entitled to suspension of all property taxes and related costs thereof. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the tax suspension listing as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:35 a.m. – Review and possible appointment of Clifford (Eric) Coble as Keokuk County Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI) was held. An inquiry was made regarding possible conflict of interest since Eric serves on the Compensation Board. Consensus was there is no conflict. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve the MEI appointment as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

10:10 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports was held. Deke Wood attended Pathways, Pathfinders and Pathfinders/IDALS mine reclamation meetings. Fred Snakenberg participated in a Decat meeting. Mike Hadley had no scheduled meetings last week.

10:15 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Drew Sanders, Assessor/GIS, was present to give an update on HF 718 Iowa Property Tax Reform Bill that legislature

recently signed into law beginning in FY25, as well as changes regarding homestead and military exemptions. Also discussed was the prospect of interest regarding investigation and funding of removal of the acoustic ceiling in the courtroom. Although the idea of restoration is favorable, Board consensus was there is no available funds to put towards this project at this point in time.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, May 15, 2023.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates