

BOARD MINUTES

May 24, 2021

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, May 24, 2021 in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Fred Snakenberg and Christy Bates, County Auditor. Daryl Wood was absent.

8:30 a.m.-Meeting was called to order. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve the agenda. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried. RD Keep, News-Review, was present.

8:31 a.m.- Amber Thompson, County Attorney, presented a proposal to donate and transfer to the City of What Cheer, Iowa, the following certificates of purchase at tax sale, subject to payment of publication costs, transfer fees and token property taxes and to set the proposal for public hearing with publication of notice thereof:

Certificate numbered 2014242 dated 06/16/2014 for lots 1 & 2 block 3 & 11' E-W x 120' N-S E side, B. Casey's Addition to the City of What Cheer, in Keokuk County, Iowa, and locally known as 402 South Broad Street, What Cheer, Iowa;

Certificate numbered 2018194 dated 06/18/2018 for lot 1 block 8 J.M. Johnston's 2nd Addition to the City of What Cheer, in Keokuk County, Iowa, and locally known as 401 West Johnston Street, What Cheer, Iowa;

Certificate numbered 2018197 dated 06/18/2018 for lot 2 block 8 J.M. Johnston's 2nd Addition to the City of What Cheer, in Keokuk County, Iowa, and locally known as 403 West Johnston Street, What Cheer, Iowa;

Also present was Christine Edmundson, Treasurer. Amber informed the City of What Cheer passed a resolution to accept the above three properties as submitted. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the proposed transfer process as submitted and set the public hearing for June 14, 2021 at 8:31 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor of the Keokuk County Courthouse. Mike Hadley seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:36 a.m.-Amber Thompson, County Attorney, presented a proposal, and to set public hearing on the same, that Keokuk County compromise and cancel certificate of purchase at tax sale designated #2015210 pertaining to the west half of lot 5 in block 18 of the original plat of the city of Sigourney, in Keokuk County, Iowa, to Forrest Gibson and McKenzie Gibson in exchange for the payment of \$15,000 plus \$10 transfer fee and publication costs in full and complete satisfaction of any and all outstanding, unpaid property tax, special assessment, penalty, interest and costs thereon. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve the proposed transfer process as submitted and set the public hearing for June 14, 2021 at 8:40 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor of the Keokuk County Courthouse. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 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 17, 2021 as submitted. Mike Hadley seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m.-Met with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department. Mike Hadley informed he received an inquiry regarding dust control and suggested the policy be posted on the website. Andy reviewed the dust control procedure is by signing up, equipment

operators prepare the roads prior to application and two vendors are used to allow an option regarding type of application material and related cost thereof. Andy stated they are working on updating the roadside vegetation plan that is filed with the state and allows for roadside management grant application. The goal is to refine their spraying program and place a spraying rig in a truck to enhance productivity. The bridge replacement project north of Keswick is nearing complete removal and is making good progress. The Lacey pavement project is scheduled for the end of June.

9:15 a.m.-Discussion and possible approval regarding receipt of U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Christy Bates informed she completed the application process for the estimated \$1,987,149 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to be allocated to Keokuk County and submitted it for review and possible award. The US Department of the Treasury followed up with a document for the authorized recipient, Michael C. Hadley, to sign regarding coronavirus local fiscal recovery funds award terms and conditions thereof. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve the document regarding receipt of funds and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign on behalf of Keokuk County. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:20 a.m.-Various board and committee reports were held. Fred Snakenberg participated in Early Childhood of Iowa (ECI) and SADC meetings. Mike Hadley attended a Semco meeting last week.

9:25 a.m.-Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Tami Gilliland, Community Services Administrator, was present to discuss SF 619, new mental health legislation that included: reduction of FY22 maximum mental health levy from \$42.60 to \$21.14; counties will no longer receive commercial/industrial backfill; individuals in that position will no longer be county employees in FY23; the county will no longer have a mental health budget and commented a decrease in funding equates to less services. Mike Hadley commented we have matters to think about regarding Community Services that includes housing, General Assistance and HIPAA. Tami responded she thought payment could be made through a fiscal agent. Christy Bates noted the total mental health budget for FY22 is \$440,231.00 and the Keokuk County FY21 commercial/industrial replacement claim is \$40,755.32.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Christy reminded Monday, May 31st the Courthouse is closed to observe the Memorial Day holiday. The Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet June 1, 2021.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

absent

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates