

BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2021

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, June 14, 2021 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 RD Keep, News-Review.

8:31 a.m.-A public hearing on proposal to donate and transfer to the City of What Cheer, Iowa, the following certificates of purchase at tax sale was held:

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;

subject to payment of publication costs, transfer fees and token property taxes. Also present was Amber Thompson, County Attorney. No oral or written objections were received. Motion was made by Deke Wood and seconded by Fred Snakenberg to close the public hearing at 8:34 a.m. All ayes and motion carried.

8:35 a.m.-Decision on proposal to donate and transfer to the City of What Cheer was held with County Attorney Thompson. Amber reminded What Cheer City Council passed a resolution in January 2021 to pay related costs, fees and token property taxes. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the donation and transfer process of certificates #2014242, #2018194, & #2018197 to the City of What Cheer as requested and submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 a.m.-A public hearing was held on proposal 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 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. Also present were Amber Thompson, County Attorney and Forrest and McKenzie Gibson. No oral or written objections were received. Motion was made by Deke Wood and seconded by Fred Snakenberg to close the public hearing at 8:44 a.m. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m.-Decision on proposal that Keokuk County compromise and cancel certification of purchase at tax sale #2015210 was held with County Attorney Thompson and Forrest and McKenzie Gibson. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve the compromise and cancelation of certificate of purchase #2015210 as requested and submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:50 a.m.- Met with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department.

1. Discussion was held regarding the low water crossing on 200th Avenue over the English River. Various options were discussed regarding the estimated 30-year-old crossing northeast of Keswick with Board consensus directing Andy to send a letter to adjacent landowners requesting them to attend a board meeting to discuss the future of said low water crossing.

2. Discussion regarding road maintenance on apparent remnants of road #245 in S26 T76 12W was held. Andy informed he received an inquiry from Derek Albert regarding road maintenance of property he recently purchased. Andy stated the Board minutes of September, 1961 states a segment of road was vacated, although it appears there would be a remnant of road segment remaining from the Keswick pavement south-westerly to this lot. This segment does not and has not shown on the official Keokuk County road inventory that the DOT uses to allocate road use tax funding. Consensus was to proceed with road vacation procedures.

9:54 a.m.- Review and approval of minutes of previous board meeting was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:55 a.m.-Various board and committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended Pathfinders and RUSS meetings. Fred Snakenberg attended the 8th Judicial District meeting. Mike Hadley attended E911 and Department of Transportation meetings last week.

10:10 a.m.-Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Chuck Kent, IT, was present to inform he will be attending CISA security and ICIT meetings all week. Chuck, along with Jeff Kiebel, Custodian, discussed the cooling issue in the IT office and server room. Consensus was to purchase a portable air conditioning unit for the interim and proceed with contacting the current and fill-in maintenance men to look over the system, report on findings and possibly submit a bid for costs related to rectify issue. Drew Sanders, Assessor, requested prior notification regarding demolition of old Secondary Roads shop to ensure vehicles are moved, informed they started review of Prairie township and discussed extending the timeframe of current temporary part-time employee by up to three months and not hire and additional temporary employee. Board consensus was to allow this request, although it must go before the Conference Board. Drew responded they will be meeting soon.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet June 21, 2021.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates

