

BOARD MINUTES
JULY 12, 2021

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, July 12, 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.

8:35 a.m.-Discussion was held with Dawn Goldman, Keokuk County Recorder, regarding renewal of Remote Access Agreement with Lynea Gehrking, Keokuk County Abstract Company. Dawn explained the fee increased minimally to reflect correlation of wage increase. Also present were: Drew Sanders, Co. Assessor; Amber Thompson, Co. Attorney; Charles Kent, IT and LuAnn Berger to serve as notary. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve renewal agreement. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:40 a.m.-Discussion was held with Dawn Goldman, Keokuk County Recorder, regarding renewal of Remote Access Agreement with Brett Pierson, Washington Title & Guaranty Company. Dawn explained the fee increased minimally to reflect correlation of wage increase. Also present were: Drew Sanders, Co. Assessor; Amber Thompson, Co. Attorney; Charles Kent, IT and LuAnn Berger to serve as notary. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve renewal agreement. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m.-Met with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department.as follows: the Iowa Department of Transportation approved Keokuk County's application for Iowa's Volkswagen Settlement Environment Mitigation Trust funding in the amount of \$60,000 of which will be used towards the purchase of a new dump truck and solar panels are being researched as an acceptable expenditure for covid funds.

9:00 a.m.-Meeting was held with adjacent land owners concerning low water crossing east of Keswick. Present were: Harold Steinhart, Chris Dietrich, Larry Mather, Terry Bair, Andy Harper, Ron and Kevin Collins and Wayne, Gary and Luke Morrison. Mike Hadley began the discussion by informing the Supervisors are tasked with maintenance of the entire system with nonsufficient funds to do so. Engineer McGuire stated he assesses each issue and presents the easiest and most economical fix to the Board for review. To summarize, included in discussion was the Secondary Roads 5-year plan regarding demand of construction need versus available resources for construction costs. Landowners shared their concerns regarding closure. Mike Hadley commented an option would be to close the road and the landowners could then do what they want to with it. Landowner maintenance and liability was voiced as a concern, as was the crown on the road. Board consensus was the road and crossing will remain closed due to liability and lack of funds to repair.

10:00 a.m.-Review and approval of minutes of previous board meeting was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

10:05 a.m.-Review and possible approval of homestead, military, & disabled Veterans' tax credit applications was held with Drew Sanders, County Assessor. A listing was distributed for review.

Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve said application as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

10:10 a.m.-Review and approval of monthly/quarterly reports of fees collected by the Auditor, Sheriff, Recorder, and Clerk of Court was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg, to approve reports of fees collected as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

10:15 a.m.-Various board and committee reports were held. Deke Wood attended a Pathfinders meeting and Rob Sands, State Auditor townhall meeting. Fred Snakenberg participated in a Decat meeting. Mike Hadley had no meetings to attend last week.

10:20 a.m.-Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Fred Snakenberg received an inquiry from SADC requesting allowance of car show attendees to use the Courthouse restrooms on Saturday, July 17th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Board consensus was to approve the request in the event that Fred is present for the entire timeframe and the north door is the only point of unlocked access. Deke Wood and Christy Bates shared information gathered from the townhall meeting with Rob Sands, State Auditor, regarding the American Rescue Plan.

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 July 19, 2021.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates