

**BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, November 13, 2023, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Fred Snakenberg 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 previous board meeting minutes was held. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:36 a.m. – Board consensus was to amend the agenda and move the meeting with Jimmy Morlan regarding the Veteran’s Memorial located on the northwest side of the courtyard from 9:10 a.m. to 8:36 a.m. due to the time lapse in agenda items. Also present was Michelle Herman, Veteran Affairs Director. Jimmy is the Commander of the American Legion Post 19 of Sigourney and is in attendance to inquire about enlarging the Veterans area, possibly 6-8’ on each side of the current area to allow placement of two marble stones that would list periods and dates of specific conflicts, of which the post has been discussing for the last 2-3 years. Michelle interjected the Veteran’s Affairs Commissioners plan to add greenery to the white gravel in spring of 2024 and hadn’t thus far due to last summer’s drought. The Board of Supervisors wishes for the VA Commission and American Legion to work together on a plan and bring it to the Board for review and possible approval. Noted was Keokuk County will become responsible for said area once completed due to residing on county property.

8:45 a.m.- Met with Andy McGuire, Keokuk County Engineer, regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department as follows: Uretek is working near Hayesville; finishing up pavement patching; the flare off of Hwy 92 will be approximately a two-week process; preparing equipment for winter; held a safety meeting last Friday training on first aid, chainsaw use and appropriate load weight. Andy noted that ditching has now been stretched to visiting roads each 3-4 years due to the equipment the county now owns.

9:00 a.m. – Consideration and approval/denial of Family Farm Tax Credit applications for assessment year 2023 as submitted by Drew Sanders, Keokuk County Assessor’s Office was held. Drew recommended approval of assessment year 2023 Family Farm Tax Credit application listing, noting one single denial, Bell Family Farm 68 LLC, due to a nonfamily member farming said land. Motion was made by Deke Wood to approve Assessor Sander’s recommendations for approval of assessment year 2023 Family Farm Tax Credit application listing, noting one single denial as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:05 a.m. – Setting the date, time and place of public hearing for the FY2024 Keokuk County budget amendment was held. Christy Bates informed the balance of the ARPA funds will be brought into FY2024 budget due to the original HVAC upgrade projected timeframe was not met in FY2023, therefore unspent funds must be brought into FY2024. Motion was made by Fred Snakenberg to set December 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom, 1st floor of the Keokuk County Courthouse for the budget amendment. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:15 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports was held. Deke Wood attended Pathfinders and RUSS meeting. Fred Snakenberg participated in Decat and SEIL meetings. Mike Hadley had no scheduled meetings to attend last week.

9:25 a.m.- Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. As stated on the agenda, first tier of the official city/school election held on November 7, 2023 will be held tomorrow morning, November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, November 14, 2023.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates