

**BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, December 11, 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 December 4, 2023 as submitted. Deke Wood seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

8:45 a.m.- Meeting with Andy McGuire, Engineer regarding Keokuk County Highway Department was held. The Keokuk County Highway Department application submitted for two single tandem diesel engine trucks was once again selected as a recipient for the DARA grant and is currently awaiting the federal funding agreement. A lengthy discussion occurred regarding purchasing of equipment funding. Andy informed he will be attending the Engineer's Conference in Des Moines later this week.

9:15 a.m. – Discussion and possible approval of proposal for the County Attorney's office to move to the old Public Health office and Veteran's Affairs office move to the current County Attorney's office and costs thereof was held with Amber Thompson, County Attorney and Michelle Herman, VA Coordinator. Amber began the conversation by inquiring about replacement of carpet and either installation of new door security system or move installed system to relocated office. Deke Wood inquired of Michelle's opinion regarding use or removal of the system since she will be utilizing the back office. Michelle responded she has never felt threatened, thought it could possibly be advantageous, but was unsure. Amber stated she felt her budget could pay for the associated costs to update said office but noted increased prosecution costs could reduce excess funds. Board consensus was for Amber to price carpet and investigate the security system further and report back. Motion was made by Deke Wood for approval to move forward with relocation of offices and investigation of related costs thereof. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:32 a.m. – Review and possible approval of resolution re-appointing Richard Bond to serve on the Keokuk County Veteran's Affairs Commission was held. Motion was made by Mike Hadley to approve said resolution as submitted. Fred Snakenberg seconded the motion. All ayes and motion carried.

9:35 a.m. – Various Board and Committee reports was held. Fred Snakenberg participated in a Decat meeting. Deke Wood nor Mike Hadley had scheduled meetings to attend last week.

9:40 a.m. – Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Deke Wood inquired about the holiday resolution for calendar year 2024. Christy Bates responded she has updated the 2024 resolutions and are ready for review.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hadley. All ayes and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet Monday, December 18, 2023.

Michael C. Hadley, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Daryl Wood

Fred Snakenberg

Christy Bates