

**KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 14, 2020**

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael Berg, Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

Berg moved, Wood seconded to approve the agenda. All ayes and motion carried. Also present were Fred Snakenberg and Eric Coble.

Wood moved, Berg seconded to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding the Keokuk County Highway Department.

Berg moved, Wood seconded to approve the Personnel Report for Milo Greiner, equipment operator, Highway Department, effective January 4, 2021 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Hadley moved, Berg seconded, Wood abstained, to approve the Personnel Report for Steven Seeley, classification change from Engineer Tech II to Roadside Manager, and wage increase from \$23.08 to \$23.62 per hour, effective December 14, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

Wood moved, Berg seconded acknowledgement of Personnel Report – job classification change for Jacque Palmer, HCA, Public Health Department from part-time to full time effective December 28, 2020 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Berg moved, Wood seconded to acknowledge the Personnel Report for Margaret Kempf, HCA, Public Health Department, with retirement date of December 25, 2020 as submitted. All ayes and motion carried.

Wood moved, Berg seconded to table discussion and possible approval of resolution regarding increase of autopsy transport fees to allow further research to establish uniform service fees for county liable autopsy transports. All ayes and motion carried.

The Keokuk County Compensation Board recommended a 6% salary increase for elected officials for FY 2022, as well as a \$1,000 stipend for Auditor Bates to help offset election hours worked. Present were Comp Board members: Eric Coble, Tony Pitsch, Dixie Shipley and Cathy Fry, as well as, Treasurer Edmundson, Assessor Sanders, Sheriff Hinnah, Chief Deputy Pence, and Conservation Director Reighard. Those present shared a consensus to see wages trend up. County finances, fund balances and valuation were discussed as well. Hadley moved to approve a 3% wage increase for all elected officials for FY22. The motion died for lack of a second. Wood moved, Berg seconded to approve a 2 ½% increase for all elected officials, except the Board of Supervisors to receive 0%, for FY22. Hadley voted nay. Motion carried. Bates is to receive the \$1,000 stipend as approved by the Compensation Board to help offset election hours worked.

Various board and committee reports were held. Wood attended a RUSS meeting. Berg participated in zoom Mental Health Coalition, Criminal Justice and SEIL-MH Region meetings. Hadley attended the What Cheer City Council meeting to discuss waste management and law enforcement patrol last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Assessor Sanders stated Keokuk County ranks 78th in county valuation within the state, noting that is very close to our 72nd population ranking, and it looks like valuation will be up around 5% this year - agland remains the same. Bates

is working on the valuation report and readying for budget preparation but continues to receive information inquiries/requests regarding the US Representative District 2 race regarding Hart and Miller-Meeks.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcountyia.com.