

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020**

Chairperson Robert C. Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; appointment of 2020 Board of Supervisors Chairperson; appointment of 2020 Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairperson; appointment of various commission, board, and committee members; review bids and act on contract for Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-C092(103)--SE-92; review bids and act on contract for Triple Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Project BROS-SWAP-C092(104)--SE-92; Resolution 20-01 pertaining to the authorization of the County Engineer to sign Doc Express contract documents; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Richard Young, and Jack Seward, Jr., were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bill Miller and Tom Dayton.

All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

Young nominated Seward for the position of Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2020 and Stoops seconded the motion. There was no discussion and hearing no other nominations the Board voted to appoint Jack Seward, Jr. as Board of Supervisors Chairperson for calendar year 2020. The vote on the motion was as follows: Aye-Stoops, Young, Seward, Yoder; Abstain-Miller.

Stoops nominated Miller for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2020 and Young seconded the nomination. Miller declined the nomination.

Stoops nominated Young for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2020 and Seward seconded the nomination. There was no discussion and hearing no further nominations the Board voted to appoint Richard Young as Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2020. The motion passed as follows: Aye-Stoops, Miller, Seward, Yoder; Abstain-Young.

At this point in the meeting Seward assumed the duties of Chairperson.

On motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to appoint Bob Yoder to a one-year term ending December 31, 2020 as the Washington County representative on the 8th Judicial District Correction Board and to appoint Abe Miller to a one-year term ending December 31, 2020 as the alternate Washington County representative on the 8th Judicial District Correction Board.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to appoint Jack Seward, Jr. to a one-year term ending December 31, 2020 as the Washington County representative on the South Iowa Area Crime Commission Board and to appoint Stan Stoops to a one-year term ending December 31, 2020 as the alternate Washington County representative on the South Iowa Area Crime Commission.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius presented the Board with two bids for Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-C092(103)--SE-92. The proposed project would involve the replacement of a bridge originally constructed in 1928 and located on Birch Avenue 1.25 miles south of Highway 22 near the unincorporated town of Nira. Thorius provided a bid for the project from Iowa Bridge and Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$619,973.70 as well as a bid from Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, Iowa, in the amount of \$691,301.75. The Engineer's estimate for the project was just shy of \$500,000.00 and Thorius expressed concern regarding the amount of the two bids compared to the estimate and he recommended that both bids be rejected. In turn Thorius stated his plan to speak with both bidders in an effort to ascertain why the bids received were so much higher (approximately 126%) than the Engineer's estimate. Thorius stated that such discussion will aid in determining whether to rebid the project at a later date. On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to reject all bids received with regard to Bridge Replacement Project BROS-SWAP-C092(103)--SE-92 on Birch Avenue.

Thorius next presented the Board with three bids for Triple Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Project BROS-SWAP-C092(104)--SE-92. The proposed project would involve the replacement of an aged bridge on 130th Street east of Hickory Avenue and east of Wellman with a box culvert. Thorius provided a bid for the project from Iowa Bridge and Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$393,547.90, a bid from Boomerang Corporation, Anamosa, Iowa, for \$428,054.25, and a bid from Tschiffgrie Excavating, Dubuque, Iowa, in the amount of \$620,374.60. The Engineer's estimate for the project was \$453,000.00. On motion by Miller, second by Young, the Board voted to award the contract for Triple Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert Project BROS-SWAP-C092(104)--SE-92 to Iowa Bridge and Culvert, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$393,547.90 and to authorize the County Engineer to sign pertinent documents.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-01 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-01 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 20-01

APPROVAL OF LIME CREEK TRIPLE REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX CULVERT PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as “the Board”, believes the Lime Creek Triple Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert project, BROS-SWAP-C092(104)--SE-92, hereafter referred to as “the project” is in the best interest of Washington County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as a triple box reinforced concrete box culvert replacement on 130th Street over Lime Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Washington County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. in the amount of \$393,547.90 and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the dated of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor’s bond and certificate of insurance Jacob Thorius, the County Engineer for Washington County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

There was no public comment from those assembled.

At 9:38 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
January 2, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor