

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

At 9:02 a.m. Chairperson Bob Yoder called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors which took place in the Washington County Courthouse. Items on the agenda included approval of agenda; public comment; public hearing regarding Washington County's interest in a abandoned Railroad between E. Harrison and E. Polk Streets in the City of Washington; Resolution 23-10 regarding the release of Washington County's interest in Abandoned Railroad between East Harrison and East Polk Streets in the City of Washington and approval of quit claim deeds; market analysis of County-owned property located at 302 West Main Street, Washington; personnel change requests – Ambulance Services; meal reimbursement rates; acknowledge purchase of equipment – County Engineer; department head comment; closed session pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property; possible action regarding matters discussed in closed session; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, Jr., Richard Young, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included Jennifer Wilkerson, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Amber Armbruster, Deputy Auditor; Anthony Janney, Acting County Attorney; and Mary Audia, WEDG Director. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by way of electronic means.

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

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve the agenda.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding Washington County's interest in abandoned Railroad between East Harrison and East Polk Streets in the City of Washington. Auditor Dan Widmer stated that notice of the public hearing was published as required and no public comment was received in the Auditor's office. There was no comment from those assembled. On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-10 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 23-10 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 23-10**

**Resolution Releasing Washington County's Interest in Abandoned Railroad between E. Harrison and E. Polk Streets, and Approving Quit Claim Deed.**

**WHEREAS**, the below legal description was contained on a Tax Sale Deed and acquired by Washington County (the "Property"):

**Irregular Part Abandoned Railroad Right-of-way through from Harrison to Polk Streets situated in the City of Washington, County of Washington, State of Iowa (Parcel Number 11-20-211-013) on Tax Sale Certificate FY88-043.**

**WHEREAS**, Washington County then recorded the Tax Sale Deed on August 21, 1990 at TLD 68, Page 92.

**WHEREAS**, the Property was returned to, remained on, private tax rolls for adjoining landowners.

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the matter was conducted on January 10, 2023, following the passage of Resolution 22-53, setting the public hearing, and publish of notice, as required by law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that Washington County, Iowa, disclaims any interest in the Property, and pursuant to the Quit Claim Deeds attached to this Resolution, transfers its interests in the Property to the adjoining landowners referenced therein.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa approve and adopt the Quit Claim Deed attached to this Resolution.

Fedler shared that he had met with Realtor Heather Marek with regard to a County-owned empty lot located at 302 West Main Street, Washington. Marek estimated the price for such a lot in the City of Washington at approximately \$35,000.00. However, based on the fact that the lot is approximately 50% smaller than the normal-sized lot Marek estimated that the selling price for the lot at 302 West Main Street to be in the range of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for non-exempt full-time EMT Trevor Viohl whose rate of pay will increase to \$23.19 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for non-exempt full-time Paramedic Scott Adkins whose rate of pay will increase to \$34.89 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for the hiring of Jamie Brame as a non-exempt regular part-time Level 3 Billing Coder/EMT at the rate of \$28.09 per hour effective January 31, 2023. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Jamie Brame whose employment classification will change to full-time non-exempt Level 3 Billing Coder/EMT effective February 21, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Aimee Buol whose rate of pay will increase to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Steve Ebersole whose rate of pay will increase to \$23.19 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt Paramedic Mike Freel whose rate of pay will increase to \$34.89 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt Paramedic Field Supervisor Toby Hancock whose rate of pay will increase to \$39.81 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt Paramedic Melissa Handy whose rate of pay will increase to \$34.89 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Travis Handy whose rate of pay will increase to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt EMT Mike Johnston whose rate of pay will increase to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt Paramedic Jeffrey Lavrenz whose rate of pay will increase to \$34.89 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Bruce Murphy whose rate of pay will increase to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt EMT Trent Olson whose rate of pay will increase to \$39.81 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt Field Supervisor Paramedic Carrie Ornduff whose rate of pay will increase to \$39.81 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt Paramedic Tonia Rebling whose rate of pay will increase to \$26.63 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Brianna Roose whose rate of pay will increase to \$24.19 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt EMT Craig Shetler whose rate of pay will increase to \$28.59 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt AEMT Dan Stigers whose rate of pay will increase to \$29.14 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for full-time non-exempt EMT Nicole Stout whose rate of pay will increase to \$26.19 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for part-time non-exempt EMT Lindsay Swailes whose rate of pay will increase to \$23.19 per hour effective February 8, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to establish meal reimbursement rates for County employees at a maximum of \$18.00 for breakfast, \$20.00 for lunch, and \$35.00 for dinner with such maximum amounts to include tips at a maximum of 15%. Such rates will take effect February 7, 2023. Employees will not be reimbursed for alcohol.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius addressed the Board to request Board acknowledgement of the future purchase of a new dump truck. Thorius had requested quotes from multiple dealers but multiple dealers requested an extension of the deadline to submit bids which Thorius rejected. Other dealers were unable to bid because their allocation of vehicles was already exhausted. As a result, Thorius stated only one bid was received which was from H & L Mack Truck Sales, Mediapolis, Iowa, in the amount of \$296,721.00 which included truck, chassis, dump body, and snow removal equipment. Thorius shared that the price of the vehicle will increase should input costs increase beyond the control of the dealer. Thorius estimated delivery of the chassis will likely occur during March or April of 2024 but after that the box and snow equipment will still need to be installed resulting in the vehicle ultimately being road-worthy in early summer of 2024. Thorius stated that he expects the cost of truck to come out of the FY25 Secondary Roads budget. The price of the truck will be offset by a \$99,000.00 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant which Thorius described to the Board previously at its meeting on January 17, 2023. On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge the purchase of a dump truck from H & L Mack Truck Sales, Mediapolis, Iowa.

During the department head comment portion of the meeting Thorius shared that he attended a meeting of the Iowa Concrete Pavers Association held during the prior week. At the meeting both Washington County and the City of Washington received an Award of Excellence for the joint concrete overlay project that took place during the past year on West 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Boulevard.

At 9:45 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted by roll call vote to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(i)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property.

At 10:41 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted by roll call vote to return to open session.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to authorize JCG Land Services to negotiate on behalf of the Washington County Board of Supervisors with regard to property discussed in closed session.

At 10:45 a.m. on motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
February 7, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor