

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

At 9:00 a.m., Chairperson Jack Seward, Jr. called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors which took place at Orchard Hill. Items on the agenda included the following: Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda, public comment related to agenda items, personnel change requests – Conservation, approval of liquor license renewal for Wooden Wheel Vineyards, approval of new liquor license for Vine Avenue Operating Company L.L.C., authorization for County Engineer to transfer 2024 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) award to Iowa DOT to serve as pass-through entity for BIP grant funding, acknowledgement of FHWA BIP Grant Agreement for Building Bridges Today Helping Feed America Tomorrow agreement, Department Head comment, adjourn.

Supervisors Bob Yoder and Richard Young were also present. Stan Stoops and Marcus Fedler were absent.

Other individuals in attendance included County Engineer Jacob Thorius, Public Health Fiscal Administrator Peggy Wood, and Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via Zoom.

Seward led the individuals assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for the hiring of Carrie Septer as a part-time Center Coordinator at the rate of \$17.00 hourly effective February 19, 2026.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for the termination of Ava Wulf as a Naturalist Intern effective August 6, 2025.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a liquor license renewal for Wooden Wheel Vineyards, L.L.C., with an expiration date of February 14, 2027.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a liquor license application for Vine Avenue Operating Company, L.L.C. with an expiration date of February 9, 2027.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius presented a draft regarding a request to transfer 2024 Bridge Investment Program Award to Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Thorius informed the Board that this is in regard to the Skunk River Bridge at McKains Access and allows the IDOT to act as a pass-through entity. The IDOT has confirmed its willingness to receive and administer the award on behalf of Washington County and to carry out all associated federal requirements in accordance with program guidance. On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board authorized Thorius to make any necessary amendments and sign the transfer request accordingly.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board acknowledged the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Agreement. Thorius informed the Board that this is a standard agreement which specifies how the funds are being used upon pass-through to IDOT.

There was no Department Head comment.

Chairperson Seward made note of the next Legislative Briefing at Washington City Hall to be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at noon.

At 9:13 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:



TAMERA S. STEWART
Washington County Auditor



JACK SEWARD, JR., CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors