

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

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 the following: approval of agenda; public comment; presentation from Atwood Energy Services regarding a potential solar array at Orchard Hill Complex; personnel change requests – Ambulance; personnel change request – Communications; appointment of Franklin Township Trustee; appointment of civil process servers; United States Geological Ground Water Model Study; department head comment; official canvass of February 14, 2023, Special Election; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler and Richard Young were also present. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr. and Stan Stoops were absent.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkerson, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; T.J. Klith, Atwood Energy Services Business Development Manager; and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. 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 as published.

There was no public comment.

T.J. Klith, on behalf of Atwood Energy Services (AES) which is a full-service electrical contractor that specializes in solar and energy storage solutions and is based in Coralville, addressed the Board and presented multiple options related to solar energy production at multiple Orchard Hill locations. The Board took no formal action.

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 the termination of Brianna Roose whose final date of employment occurred February 13, 2023.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Paramedic Scott Adkins whose employment classification changed to full-time non-exempt effective March 1, 2023.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Communications for the hiring of Aspen Bromell as a casual part-time non-exempt Dispatcher, effective February 28, 2023, at the rate of \$22.60/hour for 1st shift, \$22.95/hour for 2nd shift, and \$23.10/hour for 3rd shift, and effective August 28, 2023, an increase in compensation to \$25.73/hour for 1st shift, \$26.08/hour for 2nd shift, and \$26.23/hour for 3rd shift, and finally, effective February 28, 2024, an increase in compensation to \$26.78/hour for 1st shift, \$27.13/hour for 2nd shift, and \$27.28/hour for 3rd shift. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to appoint Matt Moeller to fill an unexpired term as Franklin Township Trustee that ends December 31, 2024.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to appoint Jaime Love, Shaienne McLaughlin, Dustin Stuelke, Barry Schaley, Keaton Zear, and Aaron McPherson to separate terms as civil process servers effective February 13, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted no to a request from the Johnson County Board of Supervisors for funding assistance from the Washington County Board of Supervisors, in the amount of \$7,657.00, for a study of water withdrawals from the Silurian Aquifer. Specifically, the funding would be used to offset a portion of the costs of follow-up research related to a 2005 United States Geological Survey Ground Water Model Study of the adequacy of the Silurian Aquifer for ground water supply through 2025 based upon current growth trends. The 2005 study was a joint effort between the University of Iowa, Johnson County, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the cities of Coralville, Iowa City, and North Liberty. The new research, at a total estimated cost of \$463,700.00, will not only provide data about the adequacy of the Silurian Aquifer for ground water supply through 2045 but will also provide data on climate change and water quality threats.

There was no department head comment.

The Board canvassed the results of the February 14, 2023 Special Election as follows:

City of Washington Council Member – Ward 2 – TFV

Richard Conrad	Received seventeen (17) votes
Ivan Rangel	Received thirty-two (32) votes
Jennine Wolf	Received twenty-four (24) votes
Candidate Total	Seventy-three (73) votes
SCATTERING	Zero (0) votes
TOTAL	Seventy-three (73) votes

We therefore declare:

Ivan Rangel duly elected for the office of City of Washington Council Member – Ward 2 – TFV
for the term of 2 years.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to accept as official the results of the canvass
of the February 14, 2023, City of Washington Special Election.

At 9:55 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor