

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

At 9:01 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 related to agenda items; WEMIGA Waste Systems monthly report; WEMIGA Waste Systems funding assistance; FY24 Law Contracts; Quarterly Report – County Engineer; approval of Agreement No. 2024-TS-004 for Traffic Safety Improvement Project Funding assistance for County Road G36 (220th Street) safety improvements including paved shoulders and rumble strips; 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 Jack Seward, Jr. and Richard Young were also present while Marcus Fedler participated by remote means. Supervisor Stan Stoops was absent.

Other individuals present at the meeting included: Jennifer Wilkerson, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jared Schneider and Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff's Office; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; citizens Barb Simon and Lynn Kubit. 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 Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda.

Lynn Whaley of WEMIGA Waste Systems (WEMIGA) presented a report that detailed WEMIGA activities for the month of January 2023. During the month WEMIGA processed 58.73 landfill tons, 2.47 tons of glass, 1.64 tons of paper, 0.00 tons of plastic, 11.68 tons of cardboard, 3.38 tons of tin and aluminum, 19.17 tons of recyclable material, 20 appliances, 50 televisions and other electronic devices, 27 batteries, 3 tires, and 3 gallons of used oil. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge the WEMIGA Waste System Report for the month of January 2023. The complete report is available for review in the Auditor's office.

Whaley shared with the Board that until recently WEMIGA received payment for cardboard that it transported to Quincy Recycle in Marion, Iowa, where the cardboard is in turn recycled. However, in January of 2023 WEMIGA was billed by Quincy Recycle in the amount of \$20.00 per ton for such cardboard. When Whaley questioned the charge, he was informed that the charge was a result of low market conditions for cardboard, the closing of a large pulp mill in Minnesota which utilized cardboard, and a decrease of over 50% in box orders over the past 12 months. Whaley in turn asked to be reimbursed by the County for the fees paid to Quincy Recycle prior to unloading cardboard. On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to reimburse WEMIGA for the fees paid for unloading cardboard.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Ainsworth at an annual cost of \$31,676.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Brighton at an annual cost of \$41,197.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Crawfordsville at an annual cost of \$15,620.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Kalona at an annual cost of \$239,417.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Riverside at an annual cost of \$220,401.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of Wellman at an annual cost of \$115,967.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve a law enforcement contract with the City of West Chester at an annual cost of \$10,334.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of Washington County.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius provided the Board with the Secondary Roads Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2022. During the quarter Secondary Roads staff hauled a total of 11,089 tons of road rock, replaced 130 feet of road pipe, and cleaned approximately 2,500 feet of roadway ditches. The report also provided a summary of various road construction projects that were undertaken and/or completed during the quarter. Thorius shared that during the quarter a combined total of \$110,838.60 was spent on salt, sand, employee hours, and equipment in response to five snow events. Other highlights of

the quarter included the grading and rocking of Elm Avenue from 250th Street to Iowa Highway 92, a review of calendar year 2022 bridge inspections which revealed no glaring issues, and the maintenance and servicing of 36 various non-department vehicles for a total of \$13,860.00. All of the work performed during the quarter was completed with a daily average of six staff members, out of a possible 33, absent from work due to vacation or illness. On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Secondary Roads Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2022. The complete report is available for viewing in the Auditor's office.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve Agreement No. 2024-TS-004 for Traffic Safety Improvement Project (TSIP) Funding assistance for County Road G36 (220th Street). The project will take place along an approximate three mile stretch of the road and will involve safety enhancements that will include paved shoulders and rumble strips. County Engineer Jacob Thorius expressed optimism that the \$500,000.00 in TSIP funding assistance will cover approximately 50% of the total cost of the project.

There was no department head comment.

At 9:27 a.m. on motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to enter into 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.

At 10:30 a.m. on motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to return to open session.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to authorize JCG Land Services to negotiate on behalf of the Board with regard to the terms of an agreement with affected landowners as discussed in closed session.

At 10:33 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor