

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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; personnel change request – Sheriff; Resolution 23-11 related to approval of agreement for Traffic Safety Improvement Program funding for Safety Improvements to County Road G36 including paved shoulders and rumble strips; Resolution 23-12 related to Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant application from Washington County Emergency Management Agency; discussion and possible action regarding the open position of Washington County Attorney; discussion and possible action regarding Washington County space needs and possible solutions to such space needs; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler and Richard Young were also present while Jack Seward, Jr. 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; Shawn Ellingson, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Anthony Janney, Interim County Attorney; Mary Audia, Washington Economic Development Group Director; and Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by way of electronic means.

All motions were passed unanimously by Yoder, Fedler, Young, and Seward unless noted otherwise.

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

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Dryson Cameron Robe who will begin duties as a full-time non-exempt Patrol Deputy at the bi-weekly rate of \$2,464.44 on March 9, 2023 with an increase to a full-time bi-weekly rate of \$2,561.63 effective April 22, 2023.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-11 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 23-11 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 23-11

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROAD G36 INCLUDING PAVED SHOULDERS AND RUMBLE STRIPS

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has adopted Administrative Rule 761 – Chapter 164, which created the Traffic Safety Improvement Program (TSIP) to allow for funding to be provided to local jurisdictions for eligible traffic safety improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, past traffic data shows the existing G36 corridor from Redwood Avenue to Hwy 218 has an accident history and safety for the traveling public could be improved by incorporating safety improvements such as paved shoulders and rumble strips; and

WHEREAS, the paved shoulders of G36 (220th Street) from Redwood Avenue to Hwy 218 is included in the Washington County Five (5) Year Construction Program; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation Commission approved \$500,000 in Transportation Safety Improvement Program funding for this project in Washington County by Commission Order No. S)-2023-38 on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, an agreement between the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Washington County is necessary for the expenditure of these TSIP funds.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors to approve Agreement Number 2024-TS-004;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Washington County Board of Supervisors be authorized to sign said funding agreement and authorize the County Engineer to finalize the project development and use of these TSIP funds.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-12 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 23-12 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 23-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has grant funds available that target Community Development and Beautification, Economic Development, Art and Education, Human and Social Needs, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has a grant application cycle that ends March 12, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is supportive of these targets for improvements to the community and County, and

WHEREAS, one or more applications from Washington County and/or from organizations with projects that will take place on County property, will be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation by the March 12, 2023, deadline,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that Washington County acknowledges the following grant application will be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the March 12, 2023, application cycle:

Stop the Bleed Kits

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to hold a Special Board meeting on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Washington County Courthouse to discuss and take action to appoint an individual to the position of Washington County Attorney.

The Board took up discussion on the means of addressing physical space needs and possible solutions to such space needs which include remodeling buildings at Orchard Hill and/or the purchase and remodeling property located at 102 E. Main in Washington (Federation Bank Building). Fedler stated that a recent space study of the Federation Bank Building performed by Washington-based Encite Architecture & Design indicated approximately 15,000 square feet of space which compares to approximately 18,000 square feet at the Orchard Hill complex. Fedler also shared that the informal Washington County building committee favored remodeling the Orchard Hill buildings instead of remodeling the Federation Bank building. Board discussion continued and ultimately on motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to proceed with renovation plans for Buildings 1, 2, and 3 at Orchard Hill. The vote on the motion was: Aye Seward, Fedler, Young; Nay-Yoder; Absent-Stoops.

There was no department head comment.

At 9:31 a.m. on motion on motion by Fedler, seconded Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
March 7, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor