

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Richard Young 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 related to agenda items; public hearing regarding proposed FY23 Washington County budget; public hearing regarding proposed animal confinement feeding operation - Casey Sieren, Section 33, Seventy-Six Township; Resolution 22-11 regarding FY23 maximum property tax dollars; acknowledgment of proposed animal confinement feeding operation - Casey Sieren, Section 33, Seventy-Six Township; discussion with representative of Carl A. Nelson & Company regarding facility needs and proposal fees; presentation from Natel Broadband Inc. regarding broadband expansion opportunities; personnel change request – Ambulance; Resolution 22-09 regarding Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant application – Sheriff; Resolution 22-10 regarding revision of Washington County 2022 Five Year Road Plan; proposed Washington County lodging policy; appointment to various commissions, board, and/or committees; Amended Election Precincts Agreement between Washington County Temporary Redistricting Commission and the City of Kalona; Letter of Agreement between City of Kalona and the Washington County Board of Supervisors; State of Iowa County Reprecincting Worksheets #1 and #2; First reading of Ordinance 22-01 which amends previously signed, but not recorded, Ordinance 22-01; department head comment; 1st Tier Canvass of the March 1, 2022, Mid-Prairie Community School Special Election; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Marcus Fedler, Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included Sam McIntosh, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Sue Meeks, Deputy Auditor; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County Budget Director; Zach Rozmus, County Conservation Director; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Mike Schill, Natel, Inc.; Dan Culp, Carl A Nelson & Co.; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Casey Sieren and Kenny Sieren. Various other individuals participated remotely.

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

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing related to the proposed FY23 Washington County budget. Budget Director Cyndie Sinn reminded that today's public hearing was the first of two required public hearings that must take place prior to final approval of the FY23 Washington County budget. The purpose of today's hearing is to establish the maximum amount of property tax dollars to be levied for the general county services fund, which is comprised of both general basic and general supplemental funds, as well as the maximum amount of property dollars to be levied for the rural county services fund. Sinn further explained a super-majority vote by the Board is required to approve a budget that calls for a 2% or more increase in tax asking from that of the previous year. For FY23, which begins July 1, 2022, the proposed maximum general service property tax of \$10,388,526.00 would result in a 16.85% increase from that of current FY22. Meanwhile, the proposed rural services property tax for FY23 of \$1,351,840.00 is an 11.29% reduction from that of current FY22. There was no public comment. Sinn informed the Board notice of the public hearing had been published as required and Auditor Dan Widmer added his office had received no public comment. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding an animal confinement feeding facility proposed by Casey Sieren to be located in Section 33 of Seventy-Six Township. Plans call for construction of a 71'2" x 297'4" hog confinement building with 8' deep below building pit. There was no public comment. Widmer confirmed notice of the hearing had been published according to Iowa Code and his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-11 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-11 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 22-11
FY23 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 8, 2022,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services shall not exceed the following:

General County Services \$10,388,526.00
Rural County Services \$1,351,840.00

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY23 do represent an increase of 2% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY22.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge an animal confinement feeding operation proposed by Casey Sieren to be located in Section 33 of Seventy-Six Township.

Dan Culp, of Carl A. Nelson and Company, Burlington, Iowa, presented a fee proposal for construction management services related to the possible renovation and relocation of county offices. Culp outlined the various stages of the proposal which include Needs Assessment/Master Planning at a cost of \$6,500.00, Pre-Construction services at a cost of \$25,000.00, and the cost of Construction Management fees which includes, among other things, 5% of the cost of the work, 3rd party consultant costs, gravel costs, vehicle mileage reimbursement costs, and 59% of the cost of premiums for liability insurance costs. The Board held discussion but ultimately took no formal action.

Mike Schill, President of Natel, Inc., based in Fairfield, Iowa, shared that Natel, Inc. has been in business since 1996 providing rural communities with high-speed internet service. Presently Natel, Inc. serves 12 counties in southern Iowa and was recently awarded a part of the Empower Rural Iowa Grant Fund which will be used to assist in providing high speed internet service to areas that Natel, Inc. currently is unable to reach. Schill stated that while he is thrilled to have access to such state funding the award will not defray the full cost of the project. The Board held discussion but ultimately 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 Washington County Ambulance Services for EMT Tanner Mingo whose final date of employment occurred on March 4, 2022.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-09 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-09 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 22-09

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 10, 2022, 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 10, 2022, 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 10, 2022 application cycle:

Washington County Office of Sheriff/Emergency Management Agency Drone Project

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-10 regarding a revision of the Washington County 2022 Five Year Road Program as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-10 on behalf of the Board.

Resolution 22-10

Revision of Washington County

2022 Five Year Road Program

Washington County Secondary Roads

Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Five Year Program and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding, and timing of the proposed workplan.

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2022), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050.

The following projects shall be ADDED to the Program's Accomplishment year:

Project Number Name Project ID	Project Location Description of Work	AADT Length Bridge ID	Type of Work Fund	Total
L-K-123--73 -92 230th St Grading 35092	On 230TH ST, from DeLong's east to Highway 1	50 1.360 miles	361 Granular Local	\$275,000
Accomplishment Year				
Fund	Previous Amount	New Amount	Net Change	
Local	\$1,010,000	\$1,285,000	\$275,000	
Farm-to-Market	\$2,075,000	\$2,075,000	\$0	
Special	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	
SWAP	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0	
Federal Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Totals	\$3,735,000	\$4,010,000	\$275,000	

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve a policy requiring that in order for county employees to be reimbursed for lodging expenses they must stay in a lodging facility certified as having successfully completed human trafficking training.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to appoint Kurt Hora to fill an unexpired term as a Jackson County Township trustee that ends December 31, 2024.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve an amended election precincts agreement between the Washington County Temporary Redistricting Commission and the City of Kalona. The agreement was necessary due to the City of Kalona's annexation of the former Shiloh property after January 1, 2020, and the timing of the annexation with regard to the redistricting process.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a Letter of Agreement between the City of Kalona and the Washington County Board of Supervisors. The agreement addresses various parcels known as the Shiloh property which were annexed by the City of Kalona and will be included in the City of Kalona population for purposes of redistricting.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, State of Iowa County Reprecincting Worksheets #1 and #2.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to consider adopting proposed Washington County Ordinance 22-01 related to the reprecincting of Washington County per the 2020 Federal Decennial Census and to identify this motion as the first reading of Ordinance 22-01.

There was no department head comment.

The Board conducted a 1st Tier Canvass of the March 1, 2022, Mid-Prairie Community School Special Election as follows:

STATE OF IOWA
ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Washington County, Iowa

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio County Board of Canvassers for this County, do hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in Washington County at the 2022 SPECIAL MID-PRAIRIE SCHOOL ELECTION held on the 1st day of March, 2022, as shown by the tally lists returned from the Washington County election precincts.

Public Measure A

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District in the Counties of Iowa, Washington and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26,300,000 to provide funds to be used together with sales tax bond proceeds to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip additions to existing school facilities, including classrooms, a high school auditorium, a middle school gym and locker rooms, including related site improvements; to remodel, repair and improve existing facilities, including improvements to parking lots; to build, furnish, and equip athletic facilities, including a wrestling and weight room addition to the indoor practice facility; and to remodel, repair and improve the existing athletic facilities, including the high school track and lighting at the softball complex?

For the question, there were: Five hundred two (502) votes

Against the question, there were: Three hundred seventy-two (372) votes

TOTAL Eight hundred seventy-four (874) votes

Public Measure B

Shall the following public measure be adopted?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Mid-Prairie Community School District in the Counties of Iowa, Washington and Johnson, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

For the question, there were: Four hundred ninety-four (494) votes

Against the question, there were: Three hundred seventy-eight (378) votes

TOTAL Eight hundred seventy-two (872) votes

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the seal of this county by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Done at Washington, Iowa, the county seat of Washington County, Iowa, this 8th day of March, 2022.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to accept as official the 1st Tier results of the March 1, 2022, Mid-Prairie Community School Special Election as canvassed.

At 10:40 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
MARCH 8, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor