

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

At 9:03 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; special Class C Retail Alcohol License application from The Kalona Golf Club; personnel change request – Sheriff; Discussion and action regarding proposed contract between Washington County and Encite Architecture & Design; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, Jr. and Richard Young were also present. Supervisor Stan Stoops was absent.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkerson, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; citizen Karen Bates Chabal. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via electronic means.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

Citizen Karen Bates Chabal, a downtown business owner and merchant in Washington, addressed the Board to comment on the potential relocation of various County offices to the Orchard Hill complex located at the west edge of the City of Washington. Chabal expressed concern regarding the relocation of various county offices away from downtown Washington and explained that such a move would result in a decrease in visitors to downtown Washington which in turn would be detrimental to the success of downtown businesses in Washington.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the renewal of a Special Class C Retail Alcohol License, including Outdoor Service, for The Kalona Golf Club for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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 Jailer Jacob Baughman whose final date of employment will occur March 20, 2023.

The Board took up discussion regarding a draft contract with Encite Architecture & Design to provide architectural services related to the remodeling of various structures at the Orchard Hill complex. Fedler noted that there had been a delay in forwarding the draft to Interim County Attorney Anthony Janney and Janney's review was not yet completed. Fedler also noted that he was the only Supervisor listed as a contact person for the county and suggested another name should be listed. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to add the name of Supervisor Richard Young to the proposed contract with Encite Architecture & Design to provide architectural services.

There was no department head comment.

At 9:27 a.m. on motion on motion by Fedler, seconded Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
March 14, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor