

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023**

At 1:00 p.m. Chairperson Bob Yoder called to order in special 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; discussion and possible action regarding letter of support for broadband project; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were also present. Supervisor Stan Stoops was absent.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkerson with KCII Radio, Kalen McCain with the SE Iowa Union, Washington Economic Development Group Director Mary Audia, Liberty Communications Director of Network Operations Andy Meader, and Jeremy Gugel and Casey Peck with Kalona Cooperative Technology Company. 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.

During the public comment portion of the meeting Casey Peck, with Kalona Cooperative Technology Company, explained that approval of a proposed letter of support to the Office of Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa would result in additional credit points in the overall application for state funding assistance related to broadband expansion.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve a letter of support to the Office of Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa and authorize to the Chairperson to sign the letter on behalf of the Board. The letter is as follows:

To the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) of the State of Iowa:

Washington County Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The community of Washington County Iowa, representing local businesses and residents, has been identified as a specific area of geographic concern with regard to existing broadband availability.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around the community of West Chester in western Washington County. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not meet the target requirement 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity.

It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate western Washington County as a geographic area of concern/Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

There was no department head comment.

At 1:06 p.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
March 29, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor