

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

At 9:03 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; personnel change request – Ambulance; Quarterly Report – Sheriff; personnel change request – Engineer; acknowledgement of 2021 Recycle Center Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan; COVID-19 update; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Bob Yoder, Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Others attending were: Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Bill Fiordelise, Civil Deputy; Marissa Reisen, Emergency Management Coordinator; Mary Audia, WEDG Director. 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 Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for the hiring of Melissa Kern as a non-exempt regular part-time Paramedic beginning May 3, 2021, at the rate of \$21.55 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY21. The report, presented by Civil Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of \$4,726.96, receipt of \$1.39 bank interest, total receipts including unallocated funds in the amount of \$54,015.90, total disbursements of \$51,803.92, and an ending balance of \$6,940.33. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Engineer's Office for the hiring of Michael Fritz as a non-exempt temporary Summer Intern beginning May 10, 2021, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the 2021 Washington County Recycling Station Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

Public Health Administrator Danielle Pettit-Majewski reported that in Washington County as of 8:15 a.m. on May 4, 2021, tests had been conducted on 12,207 individuals to detect for COVID-19 yielding 2,520 positive results. Positive test results in the previous 7 days totaled 11 while positive test results in the previous 14 days totaled 27. Meanwhile, in Washington County a total of 2,421 individuals have recovered from COVID-19 according to Pettit-Majewski. At the present time in Washington County there are a total of 49 active cases. A total of 654 serology tests have been conducted in the County with such tests yielding 135 reactive cases. The Return to Learn percent positivity rate for Johnson and Jefferson County is 4.5% and 1.9% respectively while the Washington County rate is 2.3%. A total of 5,959 deaths in Iowa have been attributed to COVID-19 which includes 50 in Washington County. A total of 195 Iowa residents are presently hospitalized due to COVID-19 including one Washington County resident. The statewide number of vaccines administered is 2,390,239 which includes 15,928 vaccines administered in Washington County. According to Pettit-Majewski 33.2% of Iowans are fully immunized. Pettit-Majewski said that in order to reduce the spread of more resistant mutations like the U.K. and Brazilian variants which have been confirmed in Iowa, individuals should continue precautions such as maintaining a distance of at least six feet from individuals when outside the home, wearing a face mask, and frequent hand washing. The Board took no formal action.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that seal coat work will soon occur in Richmond and that paving work is scheduled to begin this week on the Premier 1 Supplies project with completion of the project taking place in mid-June.

At 9:35 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
May 4, 2021

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor

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RICHARD L. YOUNG,  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors