

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

At 9:00 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; National Association of County Engineers (NACE) award presentation; Washington County Secondary Road Use Request Form – American Legion Post 29; personnel change request – County Attorney; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were also present.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkerson with KCII Radio, Kalen McCain with SE Iowa Union, County Attorney Nathan Repp, Secondary Roads Office Manager Kathy Dolan; Clinton County Engineer Todd Kinney, Washington County Engineer Jacob Thorius, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams, and citizens Karen Bates Chabal, Erin Thorius, Jayse Thorius, Jordan Thorius, and Heather Kinney. 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 Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

Clinton County Engineer Todd Kinney, on behalf of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE), presented Washington County Engineer Jacob Thorius with the 2022 NACE Rural County Engineer of the Year award which is one of only four such awards presented nationally each year. Thorius was recognized for his efforts in reshaping and stabilizing gravel roads in Washington County along with other achievements. Thorius presently serves as the 2023-2024 Secretary-Treasurer of NACE. Thorius has served as Washington County Engineer since January of 2012 and during that time has been very involved with the Iowa County Engineers Association in roles which include membership on the Association's Executive Board as well as Safety Committee. Thorius has been a member of the Iowa Highway Research Board and since 2019 has served as NACE's South-Central Region Vice-President. Thorius is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board at the University of Iowa. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the Board, a Secondary Road Use Request Form from American Legion Post 29, Washington, for May 29, 2023. On that date American Legion Post 29 will hold a Navy/Marines Memorial Day tribute. The event will take place at the Crooked Creek Bridge on Old Highway 92 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the Board, a personnel change request from the County Attorney's Office for Interim County Attorney Anthony Janney whose final date of employment occurred May 5, 2023.

During the time for department head comment Thorius shared that the recent rain was a benefit to gravel roads in the County and he expressed optimism that annual treatments for dust control on gravel roads could commence sometime during the coming week.

At 9:19 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
May 9, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSED
SESSION TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

At 10:30 a.m. Chairperson Bob Yoder called to order 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; closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session; possible action regarding matters discussed in closed session; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Stan Stoops, Marcus Fedler, and Richard Young were also present.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkerson with KCII Radio, Kalen McCain with SE Iowa Union, Brent Hinders with Hopkins and Huebner PC, and County Attorney Nathan Repp. 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 Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

At 10:32 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session,

At 10:42 a.m. the Board returned to open session and took no formal action.

There was no comment from Department Heads.

At 10:43 p.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
May 9, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

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