

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Jack Seward Jr. 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; lease agreement for ambulance facility; personnel change requests – Ambulance Services; Washington County Recycling update – Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; approval of Tower Lease Agreement between Washington County and Interstate Power and Light Company for Washington County Secondary Roads; appointment of Washington County Weed Commissioner; Coronavirus update; discussion of items as approved by Board Chairperson. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Richard Young and Bob Yoder were also in attendance. Supervisor Abe Miller was absent.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Marissa Reisen, Emergency Management Director; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by electronic means.

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

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment related to items on the Board agenda.

The Board took no formal action regarding a rental agreement between Washington County Ambulance Inc. (Lessor) and Washington County, Iowa (Lessee) for property located at 1120 N. 8th Avenue in Washington.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Jordan Wright as a full-time non-exempt paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and 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 Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Chris Gerling as a full-time non-exempt Paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and 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, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Branden Chiles as a full-time non-exempt Paramedic with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and 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 Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Trent Olson as a full-time non-exempt EMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$18.55 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, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Tanner Mingo as a full-time non-exempt EMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$18.55 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Hogan Miller as a full-time non-exempt EMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$18.55 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, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Tonia Rebling as a full-time non-exempt EMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020, and at the rate of \$18.55 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Jamie Brame as a full-time non-exempt EMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020 and at the rate of \$18.55 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, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Washington County Ambulance Services for the hiring of Daniel Stigers as a full-time non-exempt AEMT with an effective date of July 1, 2020 and at the rate of \$19.00 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

The Board reviewed various reports presented by Lynn Whaley of WEMIGA Waste Systems (WEMIGA) that detailed activity at the Washington County Recycling Center (WCRC). The first report, which encompassed activity for the month of March 2020, showed that during the month WEMIGA processed 72.21 landfill tons, no paper, 4.98 tons of plastic, 58.25 tons of cardboard, 4.45 tons of tin and aluminum, 14.68 recyclable tons, 20 appliances, 12 televisions and other electronic devices, 8 tires, and no used oil. Recyclable landfill tons processed during the month of March 2019 totaled 85.57. The second report encompassed activity for the month of April and showed that WEMIGA processed 86.95 landfill tons, 9.28 tons of paper, no plastic, 8.25 tons of cardboard, 8.33 tons of tin and aluminum, 25.86 recyclable tons, 19 appliances, 27 televisions and other electronic devices, 35 tires, and 10 gallons of used oil. Recyclable landfill tons processed during the month of April 2019 totaled 84.83. The third report showed monthly landfill tons for calendar years 2015 through 2019 as well as the first four months of the current calendar year. Whaley pointed out that landfill tons for the first four months of 2020 were 26.09 less than the first four months of 2019. Whaley remarked however that he had seen an overall increase in trash beginning approximately mid-March which he attributed to individuals being at home and unable to work at their place of employment due to COVID-19. The Board took no formal action. The reports are available for review in the Auditor's office.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius addressed the Board to request approval of a tower lease agreement with Interstate Power and Light Company. Terms of the agreement call for Interstate Power and Light Company (Landlord) to lease space on its the Landlord's tower, located at 220 East 3rd Street in the City of Washington, to Washington County (Tenant) as well as space on the ground. Thorius stated that the Secondary Roads Department has utilized the tower space for departmental radio communication for a number of years and the proposed lease formalizes the agreement in writing. The 5-year lease, which will commence on June 1, 2020, calls for monthly payments of \$110.00 for the tower space and monthly payments of \$10.00 for electricity. On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a tower lease agreement between Washington County and Interstate Power and Light Company for Washington County Secondary Roads radio communication and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Washington County Board of Supervisors for the appointment of Aaron Wulf as temporary Washington County Weed Commissioner for the period of May 16, 2020 through September 15, 2020 at the rate of \$475.00 per month. Wulf will serve as Washington County Weed Commissioner in addition to his full-time duties as an employee of the Washington County Building and Grounds Department.

With regard to the Coronavirus update the Board heard from Emergency Management Director Marissa Reisen who stated that in general the number of new cases each day was decreasing. She also stressed that even though Governor Kim Reynolds may loosen closure requirements it does not mean establishments are required to be open. Public Health Administrator Danielle Pettit-Majewski shared that community meetings have taken place regarding how various entities will re-open to the public. She added that efforts are underway to identify and follow up with individuals who have had close contact with other individuals with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Seward stated that discussions continue among county officials with regard to the re-opening of public spaces at some point in the future. The Board took no formal action.

There was no public comment.

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

ATTEST:
May 12, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor