

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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; hearing and acknowledgment of proposed animal confinement feeding operation – Prairie Pork, Inc (Kiwi Site) Sec. 23, Township 76N, Range 8W, Cedar Township; Proclamation designating May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week; Application for Class E Retail Alcohol License – Ainsworth Four Corners, LLC; Washington County Secondary Road Use Request Form – Richmond Shooters/Dennis Murray; Fireworks Permit application – Richmond Shooters/Dennis Murray; 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, Ambulance Services staff Elizabeth Duncan, Jamie Brame and Katrina Altenhofen; and Auditor’s Office staff Liz Torres-Potter. 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 Stoops, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding an application for construction permit for a confinement feeding operation. The applicant is Prairie Pork, Inc. c/o Matt Gent, 1880 170th St., Wellman, located in Section 23 of Cedar Township. The new animal unit capacity will total 1,920. Deputy Auditor Sue Meeks confirmed notice of the hearing had been properly published and the Auditor’s Office had received no public comment. There were no comments from those assembled. On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge a confinement feeding operation owned and operated by Prairie Pork, Inc. c/o Matt Gent, 1880 170th St., Wellman, located in Section 23 of Cedar Township.

On motion by Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adopt a proclamation designating the week of May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week. The proclamation is as follows:

EMS Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of May 21 - 27, 2023, as Emergency Medical Services Week

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I Bob Yoder, Board Chair-Washington County Board of Supervisor, Washington Iowa in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of

***May 21 - 27, 2023, as
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK***

With the EMS Strong theme, *EMS WEEK: Where Emergency Care Begins*, I encourage the community to

observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Jamie Brame made a presentation on behalf of the proclamation and was joined by fellow Ambulance Services employee Elizabeth Duncan and Interim Director Katrina Altenhofen. All members of the Board thanked them for their services and well-deserved recognition.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a Class E Retail Liquor License from Ainsworth Four Corners, LLC, located at 3112 Highway 92, Ainsworth. The license is for the period of June 29, 2023 to June 28, 2024. Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no objection to the application.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a request for a Secondary Road Use Permit from Richmond Shooters/Dennis Murray for July 3, 2023, from noon to 11:00 pm, with a rain date of July 8, 2023. This request is for Amvets Rd. and Jefferson St. in Richmond and is in conjunction with a fireworks display scheduled for the same date(s). Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no objection to the application.

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a request for a Fireworks Permit from Richmond Shooters/Dennis Murray for July 3, 2023, from noon to 11:00 pm, with a rain date of July 8, 2023. This event will be held at 402 Amvets Rd. in Richmond. Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no objection to the application.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 9:24 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
May 16, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

SUSAN J. MEEKS
Deputy Auditor