

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

At 9:00 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; presentation from Kalona Cooperative Technology Company regarding expansion of rural broadband service in Washington County; personnel change requests – County Engineer; acknowledgement of equipment purchase – Secondary Roads; revision to Washington County Ambulance Services Policy Manual; Safety Committee update; discussion and action regarding Acknowledgement of Settlement Agreement for Tobacco Violation; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present. Supervisor Jack Seward participated remotely.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Sam McIntosh, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; John Gish, County Attorney; Cyndie Sinn, IT and Budget Director; Jeff Garrett, Treasurer; Casey Peck and Jeremy Gugel, Kalona Cooperative Technology Company; and Amber Armbruster, Deputy Auditor. Various other individuals participated remotely.

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

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company (KCTC) employees Jeremy Gugel and Casey Peck provided the Board with a summary report of KCTC's accomplishments over the years in the areas of communications. KCTC is nearing completion of a new fiber network in Washington with Peck pointing out that recent research conducted by Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Council indicates that access to a fiber network adds 3.1 percent to the value of a home. A brief discussion took place with regard to the Board's desire to add fiber capabilities to areas of Washington County that are presently lacking such capabilities. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for Summer Intern Michael Fritz whose final day of employment occurred during the month of August, 2021.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for Summer Intern Benjamin Berhow whose final day of employment occurred during the month of August, 2020.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for Yahir Jimenez who will begin duties as a temporary Summer Intern on May 23, 2022, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Jimenez's final day of employment will occur no later than August 31, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared plans with the Board for replacing a 2003 Schulte mower that is used for roadside vegetation management. The quote for a new Schulte mower is \$36,777.28 with delivery of the mower scheduled for September 2022. The means for getting rid of the 2003 model have not been determined. On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge a quote for a Schulte XH1000 Series 4 mower in the amount of \$36,777.28.

Action was tabled regarding the Washington County Ambulance Services Policy Manual.

Deputy Auditor Amber Armbruster provided a Safety Committee report to the Board and stated that the Committee has played a major role in improving the safety record for Washington County which in turn has resulted in a reduction in workers compensation insurance premiums. Armbruster stated that the committee reviews accidents, makes recommendations regarding the prevention of such accidents, conducts safety training, and in general promotes safety in the workplace. The Board took no action.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge an agreement between Washington County and Four Corners LLC d/b/a Four Corners Fuel, Ainsworth, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. Per the agreement Four Corners LLC waives its right to a hearing pursuant to Iowa Code section 453A.22 related to the sale of tobacco to a minor on February 10, 2022, and agrees to pay \$300.00 in order to settle the matter.

There was no department head comment.

At 9:57 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
May 27, 2022

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON  
Washington County Board of Supervisors