

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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; Resolution 23-35 regarding adjustments to FY23 Washington County Budget Appropriations – Public Health; Resolution 23-36 regarding intent to enter into a 28E Agreement with Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa; discussion and action regarding 28E Agreement with Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa; Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement No. 2023-C-087 related to the paving of eight granular secondary road approaches along Iowa Highway 1; Iowa DOT Preconstruction Agreement No. 2023-C-108 related to the paving of eight granular secondary road approaches along Iowa 92; Secondary Roads Quarterly Report; FY24 Secondary Roads Fuel Contract; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward Jr., Stan Stoops, and Marcus Fedler were also present. Supervisor Richard Young was absent.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkinson with KCII Radio and Kalen McCain with the SE Iowa Union, County Attorney Nathan Repp, County Engineer Jacob Thorius, and Mental Health and Disability Director Bobbi Wulf. 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 Young, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the amended agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-35 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 23-35 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 23-35
Adjustments to FY23 Budget Appropriations - Public Health**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that the following adjustments of appropriations for the purpose of expending funds by the Board of Supervisors are approved:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>SERVICE AREA</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
INCREASES:			
23 Public Health	0004	3000	14,200
REDUCTIONS:			
23 Public Health	0001	3040	14,200

Seward provided background information regarding proposed Resolution 23-36 and stated that approval of Resolution 23-36 is a part of an overall process designed to ultimately lead to the adoption of a 28E Agreement that will result in the merging of the Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) Mental Health Region based in Burlington, Iowa, Mahaska County, and the South-Central Behavioral Health Region based in Ottumwa, Iowa. While Seward encouraged discussion and consideration of proposed Resolution 23-36 and the proposed 28E Agreement he also shared that the proposed 28E Agreement was still a work in process and that revisions are still likely to occur. It is proposed that the new agency would be named the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa. The motivation for merging the two organizations is to take advantage of the unique and varied programs currently offered by both organizations as well as to enable both groups to merge voluntarily rather than at the direction of the State of Iowa at some point in the future. The Board took no formal action with regard to proposed Resolution 23-36.

The Board took no action with regard to a potential 28E Agreement with Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) is planning a pavement overlay project for Highway 1 between Washington and Brighton and in turn has reached out to gauge Washington County’s level of interest in paving approximately 50 feet of county gravel roads at eight various intersections along the route on Highway 1 slated for the IDOT overlay project. Thorius stated that by working jointly on the two projects the county and the state will realize a savings due to economies of scale. Thorius estimated the cost to pave the various portions of gravel roads to be \$217,700.00 stretched out equally over three years with funding for the project coming from local funds in the amount of \$81,000.00 and \$136,000.00 coming from local farm to market funds. The project will likely take place during the summer of 2024 and will require an amendment to the Washington County Five-Year Road Plan. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, Preconstruction Agreement No. 2023-C-087 with the Iowa Department of Transportation related to the paving of eight granular secondary road approaches along Highway 1 between Washington and Brighton.

Thorius shared that IDOT is also planning an overlay project for Highway 92 extending from the intersection of State Highways 92 and 1 west to the intersection of Elm Street and Highway 92 and Elm Street. In conjunction with its resurfacing plans for Highway 92 the Iowa DOT has reached out to gauge the level of interest of Washington County with regard to paving approximately 50 feet of county gravel roads at eight intersections with Highway 92 along the route slated for pavement overlay. Doing so will achieve the benefit of increased economies of scale for both the state and the county. Thorius estimated the cost to pave the various portions of gravel roads to be \$210,900.00 stretched out equally over three years with funding for the project coming from local funds in the amount of \$79,100.00 and \$131,800.00 coming from local farm to market funds. The project will likely take place during the summer of 2024 and will require an amendment to the Washington County Five-Year Road Plan. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, Preconstruction Agreement No. 2023-C-108 with the Iowa Department of Transportation related to the paving of eight granular secondary road approaches along Iowa Highway 92 west of the intersection of Highways 1 and 92 to the intersection of Elm Street and Highway 92.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius provided the Board with the Secondary Roads Quarterly Report for the 1st quarter of calendar year 2023. During the quarter Secondary Roads staff hauled a total of 24,965 tons of road rock. During the quarter there were 10 snow events which resulted in costs of \$51,354.86 for 577.80 tons of salt, \$58,332.68 for 1,296.50 hours of regular labor costs, \$3,684.42 for 55.75 overtime hours, \$18,026.49 for 409 hours of compensation time, and \$121,879.85 for 1,608 equipment hours which resulted in a total cost of \$253,278.40 for the quarter. Thorius reminded that the total cost for five snow events for the 4th quarter of calendar year 2022 totaled \$364,117.00 which results in a total cost of \$364,117.00 for the winter of 2022-23. Thorius also provided cost figures for cleanup efforts related to the March 31, 2023, tornado which included \$4,238.85 for the cost of 40 replacement signs, \$21,134.21 for the cost of debris removal and temporary road closures, and \$2,922.82 for 42.75 hours of overtime which resulted in a total of \$28,295.88. All of the work performed during the quarter was completed with a daily average of 3.5 staff members, out of a total work force of 31 individuals, absent from work due to vacation or illness. Thorius remarked that members of the Secondary Roads Department staff are dedicated to their jobs and they choose to limit their time off during the winter months in order to ensure that sufficient staff is available to respond to snow events. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge the Secondary Roads Report for the first quarter of calendar year 2023 as presented by County Engineer Jacob Thorius. The complete report is available for viewing in the Auditor's office.

With regard to the FY24 fuel contract Thorius recommended that the County exercise an option with FY23 fuel supplier Cobb Oil, Brighton, Iowa, which allows the County to renew its FY23 existing fuel contract for FY24. By renewing the present FY23 contract the County would pay a margin of 2.48 cents per gallon for gasoline and 4.98 cents per gallon for diesel. Such margins are for the delivery cost only with the cost of the fuel itself based on the "rack" price from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Thorius projected total delivery costs for FY24 to be approximately \$7,338.00. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the Board, a FY24 fuel contract with Cobb Oil, Brighton, Iowa, that include delivery rates of 2.48 cents per gallon for gasoline and 4.98 cents per gallon for diesel.

There was no department head comment.

At 9:52 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
May 23, 2023

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor