

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023**

At 9:01 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 23-36 regarding intent to enter into a 28E Agreement with Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa; discussion and action regarding approval of 28E Agreement with Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa; Professional Services Agreement with Washington County Hospital and Clinics; Business Associates Agreement with Washington County Hospital and Clinics; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Richard Young, Stan Stoops, and Marcus Fedler were also present.

Other individuals present at the meeting included Jennifer Wilkinson with KCII Radio and Kalen McCain with the SE Iowa Union along with County Attorney Nathan Repp, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams, County Engineer Jacob Thorius, and Riverside City Manager Cole Smith. 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 Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 23-36 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 23-36 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 23-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY APPROVING
MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY OF SOUTHEAST IOWA
REGION 28E AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331 expresses the intent of the Iowa Legislature that Mental Health and Disability Services shall be provided by counties operating together as Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has participated in the Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) 28E Agreement as a member county; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has been engaged in the development of the merged Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa Region 28E Agreement documents; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board representing the counties of Appanoose, Davis, Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Keokuk, Lee, Louisa, Mahaska, Monroe, Van Buren, Wapello, and Washington, have approved the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E Agreement by way of roll call vote at each of their respective Mental Health and Disability Services Regions Governing Board meetings, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County approves the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa 28E Agreement on this 6th day of June, 2023.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, a 28E Agreement between the Southeast Iowa Link Region and the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa. The Southeast Iowa Link (SEIL) Region is based in Burlington, Iowa, while the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa is based in Ottumwa, Iowa. The motivation for merging the two organizations, which provide mental health services, 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 merger will result in the SEIL Region gaining a critical access hospital located in Ottumwa while the Mental Health Agency of Southeast Iowa will gain some of the assets held by the SEIL Region. Monroe County, which presently is a member of the County Rural Offices of Social Services (CROSS) region, also plans to join the new region which will result in a total membership of 13 counties. The merger is set to take effect on July 1, 2023.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize Interim Washington County Ambulance Services Director Katrina Altenhofen to sign, a Professional Services Agreement with Washington County Hospital and Clinics. The agreement formalizes the duties and responsibilities of both parties with regard to providing medical care.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize Interim Washington County Ambulance Services Director Katrina Altenhofen to sign, a Business Associates Agreement with Washington County Hospital and Clinics. The agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which private health information will be accessed, used, maintained, transferred, disclosed, or otherwise handled.

There was no department head comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to include on the June 13, 2023, Washington County Board of Supervisor's agenda an agenda item related to discussion and possible action regarding having Iowa State Association of County Auditors Information Technology come to Washington County to survey Washington County's Information Technology. Yoder voiced his preference to hold a work session regarding Information Technology. The vote on the motion: Aye-Young, Seward, Stoops, Fedler; Nay-Yoder.

At 9:30 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor