

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 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; personnel change request – Conservation; personnel change request – Office of Sheriff; WEMIGA Waste Management report; Natel, Inc. Broadband Iowa Grant Project presentation; Letter of Intent regarding potential agreement with Natel, Inc. related to matching funds in the amount of \$152,197.76 for investments in broadband infrastructure; department head comment; official canvass of June 7, 2022, Primary Election; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, and Bob Yoder were also present. Supervisor Stan Stoops was absent.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Shawn Ellingson, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Sue Meeks, Deputy Auditor; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Management; Michael Schill, Natel Broadband; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and Citizens Bill Poch and Dianne Poch. Various other individuals participated remotely.

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 related to agenda items.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for Jade Gilchrist-Brock who will begin duties as a temporary non-exempt Naturalist Intern at the rate of \$10.50 per hour effective June 9, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Office of Sheriff for Shaienne McGlaughlin who will begin duties as a full-time non-exempt Jailer at the rate of \$18.64 per hour effective June 16, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Office of Sheriff for Ted Leeper whose final day of employment will occur June 14, 2022.

Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems, presented a report that detailed WEMIGA activities for the months of January through May of 2022. During the five-month period WEMIGA processed 324.65 landfill tons, 89.93 tons of paper, 8.53 tons of plastic, 41.35 tons of cardboard, 26.28 tons of tin and aluminum, 81.14 tons of recyclable material, 51 appliances, 186 televisions and other electronic devices, 49 tires, and 19 gallons of used oil. Whaley also provided a recap of landfill tonnage and recycling tonnage for several past calendar years. The Board took no formal action. Both reports are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Michael Schill, President of Natel, Inc. based in Fairfield, Iowa, presented to the Board a non-binding letter of intent regarding his firm's interest in providing broadband services to an area that includes a portion of southern Washington County. The document calls for Washington County to provide matching funds in the amount of \$152,197.76 to assist Natel with the completion of necessary broadband infrastructure. Subscribers to the Natel service would have the choice of 100Mbps/100Mbps of available internet service at a cost of \$79.00 per month for 100/100M or \$59.00 per month for 50/50M. Schill also shared that Natel plans to facilitate the Affordable Broadband Program subsidy of \$30.00 per month for low-income households. The requested county funding would serve to leverage funding from the State of Iowa to provide critical matching dollars under the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds (SLFRF). Discussion followed with Seward noting that the Board has also been presented with opportunities for broadband expansion from providers that are more local than Natel. Schill responded by stating that Natel is a smaller, family-owned business and opined that competition often results in efficiencies that lead to lower prices and better value for consumers. The Board took no formal action.

The Board held no discussion and took no action with regard to a proposed Letter of Intent with Natel, Inc. related to matching funds in the amount of \$152,197.76 for investments in broadband infrastructure.

There was no department head comment.

The Board canvassed the results of the June 7, 2022 Primary Election. On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to accept, as official, the results of the June 7, 2022, Primary Election as canvassed. Said results are available on the Washington County website.

At 12:10 p.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
JUNE 14, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON  
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor