

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021**

At 9:02 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; Resolution 21-22 to fix a date for public hearing on a proposal to enter into one or more loan agreements and to issue General Obligation bonds in one or more series in a principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000; appointment of Noah Schlabaugh to the position of Deputy Sheriff; discussion and action regarding State of Iowa COVID Relief Funds; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Bob Yoder, Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Others attending the meeting included Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer and Mary Audia, WEDG Director. 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 Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

Auditor Dan Widmer explained to the Board that due to the current low interest rates, Washington County Hospital and Clinics (WCHC) wishes to take steps to refinance its outstanding General Obligation bonds which would result in a savings of approximately \$600,000.00 for WCHC over the remaining nine-year life of the bonds. Widmer provided a handout describing the time frame for completing the process including a date of July 6, 2021, for a public hearing. According to the proposal the County would issue General Obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$11 million and then loan the funds to WCHC to be used to pay off existing WCHC bond debt related to the cost of additions and renovations to WCHC facilities. Widmer emphasized that the process is virtually identical to the bond refinancing process followed in 2016 and 2017 which resulted in a significant savings for WCHC. Widmer also stressed that there will be no change in bond structure or payment terms and added that WCHC will reimburse the County for its efforts and assistance in the refinancing process. There was no further discussion and on motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-22 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-22 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 21-22**

**Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into one or more loan agreements and to issue general obligation bonds in one or more series in a principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa (the "County"), proposes to enter into one or more loan agreements (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder and issue its General Obligation Bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 in one or more series, pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code section 331.402 and Section 331.441(2)(b)(6) for the purpose of refunding the outstanding principal amount of the County's General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2015 and General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2016, issued for the purposes of carrying out an urban renewal project in the Washington County Hospital Urban Renewal Area consisting of providing an economic development loan to Washington County Hospital and Clinics (the "Hospital") to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Hospital, and the County desires to institute proceedings to enter into the Loan Agreement by causing a notice of such proposal to be published; and it is now necessary to fix a date of meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which it is proposed to take action to enter into the Loan Agreement and to give notice thereof as required by such law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board of Supervisors shall meet on the 6th day of July, 2021, at the Washington County Courthouse, 222 West Main Street, Washington, Iowa, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to enter into the Loan Agreement. The County Auditor, with the advice of Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized to select a different date for the public hearing, should it be necessary to meet the notice publication requirements set forth in Section 2 of this resolution.

**Section 2.** The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Loan Agreement setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held by publication at least once and not less than 4 and not more than 20 days before the date selected for the meeting, in a legal newspaper which has a general circulation in the County. The notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO LOAN AGREEMENTS AND BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER AND ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,000,000**

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, will meet on the 6th day of July, 2021, at the Washington County Courthouse, 222 West Main Street, Washington, Iowa, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into one or more loan agreements (the "Loan Agreement") and borrow money thereunder and to correspondingly issue General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series, in a principal amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the purposes of refunding the outstanding principal amount of the County's General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2015 and General Obligation Hospital Bonds, Series 2016, issued for the purposes of paying the costs, to that extent, of carrying out an urban renewal project in the Washington County Hospital Urban Renewal Area consisting of providing an economic development loan to Washington County Hospital and Clinics (the "Hospital") to finance and refinance capital improvements to the Hospital.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into, and Bonds will be issued thereunder, pursuant to authority contained in Section 331.402 and Section 331.441 subsection 2(b)(6) of the Code of Iowa. The Loan Agreement and the Bonds will constitute general obligations of the County.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement and issue the Bonds, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa.

Daniel L. Widmer  
Washington County Auditor

**Section 3.** All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, the appointment of Noah Schlabaugh to a term as Deputy Sheriff ending December 31, 2024.

The Board held a brief discussion regarding potential uses of \$4.2 million in State of Iowa COVID Relief Funds allocated to the county. However, at the present time final guidelines for use of the funds are not complete. The Board took no formal action

There was no discussion from department heads.

At 9:26 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
June 15, 2021

RICHARD L. YOUNG  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor