

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 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. Agenda items included the following: approval of agenda; public comment; public hearing regarding proposed Washington County Floodplain Management Ordinance; first reading of proposed Ordinance 22-2 related to Washington County Flood Plain Management; appointment to Washington County Commission of Veteran Affairs; Resolution 22-21 regarding changes to Veteran Affairs Manual; Resolution 22-22 regarding changes to General Assistance Manual; personnel change request – Sheriff; application for Secondary Road Use Permit from Crawfordsville Fire Department; application for Secondary Road Use Permit from Richmond AmVets; application for Fireworks Permit from Richmond AmVets; Washington County Ambulance Services Fee Schedule; county employee business mileage reimbursement rate; acknowledgement of Right-of-Way Services Agreement for McCains Access Grading Project; request from Auditor to conduct an Administrative Recount of absentee votes cast in the June 7, 2022, Washington County Primary Election; department head comment. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Stan Stoops, Jack Seward, Jr., and Bob Yoder were present.

Other individuals in attendance included the following individuals: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Shawn Ellingson, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Sue Meeks, Deputy Auditor; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jason Taylor, County Environmental Health Director; Sue Rich, County Veteran Affairs/General Assistance Director; Steve Rich and Casey Peck, Kalona Cooperative Technology Company; 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 Yoder, the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended and published.

During the public comment portion of the meeting Kalona Cooperative Technology Company employee Casey Peck addressed the Board regarding broadband expansion in Washington County. Specifically, Peck took exception with various comments made by Mike Schill of Natel Broadband (Natel) at the June 14, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting. Peck described Schill’s statement that there would be no interference with a Natel wireless plan as untrue and added that the Natel system is still untested and thus its integrity is unknown. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding a proposed Washington County Floodplain Management Ordinance. Auditor Dan Widmer stated that notice of the public hearing had been published as required and added that no public comment had been received in the Auditor’s office prior to the public hearing. Environmental Health Director Jason Taylor gave a summary of the proposed ordinance. Fedler expressed frustration with the proposed ordinance due to language that stipulates individuals who wish to purchase flood insurance may only purchase such insurance from the federal government. He also described the proposed ordinance as containing regulations that are expensive, arbitrary, overly restrictive, vague, and difficult to enforce. Despite this, Fedler voiced that ultimately passage of the proposed ordinance appeared to be fore-gone conclusion. Seward described the proposed ordinance as illogical and nearly impossible to enforce. On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to adopt proposed Washington County Ordinance 22-2 regarding Washington County Flood Plain Management and to identify the motion as the first reading of Ordinance 22-2.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to appoint Carrie Rich to a 3-year term on the Veteran Affairs Commission that ends June 30, 2025.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-21 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-21 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 22-21

AMENDMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERAN AFFAIRS MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has adopted the Washington County Veteran Affairs Ordinance and Manual; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission requests the following be changed to the Veteran Affairs Ordinance and Manual:

Section VI(C) “Grocery – All persons requesting assistance with groceries must apply with the Department of Human Services, for the food stamp program. If said application for food stamps has been completed and food stamps have not been received or have been reduced based on prior income, grocery assistance as follows may be given:”

<u>Persons</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	\$ 35.00
2	\$ 45.00
3	\$ 60.00
4	\$ 70.00
5	\$ 85.00
6	\$100.00

Add \$ 20.00 per week for each additional household person

Food does not include pop, alcohol, can deposits, tobacco, candy or pet food/supplies but does include laundry soap, household cleaners and non-food items used for personal hygiene. Purchasing of items not listed will result in future denial of benefits.

The effective date of this change is July 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors adopt, as part of the Veteran Affairs Ordinance and Manual, the above policy and enter it in the manual, with the above policy to be effective July 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopt, as part of the **Washington County Veteran Affairs Manual**, the above policies and enter it in the manual, with the above policies to be effective July 1, 2022.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-22 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-22 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 22-22

AMENDMENT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as "Board") has adopted the Washington County General Assistance Manual; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, in consideration with the Washington County General Assistance Director desires that the following Section of the Washington County General Assistance Manual be amended.

Section VI(A)(1) Food All persons requesting assistance with food must apply with the Department of Human Services for the food stamp program. If said application for food stamps has been completed and food stamps have not been received or have been reduced on prior income, food assistance as follows may be given.

<u>Persons</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	\$ 35.00
2	\$ 45.00
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Add \$20.00 per week for each additional household person

Food does not include pop, alcohol, can deposits, tobacco, candy or pet food/supplies but does include laundry soap, household cleaners and non-food items used for personal hygiene. Purchasing of items not listed will result in future denial of benefits.

Section VI(A)(6) Burial expense is limited to a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). If the deceased has a burial contract and/or any resources (including memorial monies) those amounts will be deducted from the two thousand (\$2,000.00) maximum amount allowed. Burial assistance must be applied for within thirty (30) days of the date of death and household income of the deceased will be used in determining eligibility.

Section VII(A) An applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age and be a lawful resident in the county. Exceptions to this policy are married individuals under the age of 18, those emancipated through the legal process of the court system. An applicant must be eighteen (18) years of age and a lawful resident of another county if applying for burial assistance on behalf a deceased individual who resided in Washington County.

This policy is to be effective July 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopt, as part of the **Washington County General Assistance Manual**, the above policies and enter it in the manual, with the above policies to be effective July 1, 2022.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Jordan Layne Ulin who will begin duties as a full-time non-exempt Patrol Officer at the biweekly rate of \$2,314.03 effective July 1, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from GIS for Clayton Morrison who will begin duties as a temporary non-exempt GIS Summer Intern at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective June 20, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a request for a Secondary Road Use permit received from the Crawfordsville Fire Department for July 9, 2022, from 6:00 a.m. until noon. The permit is related to the closing of a one block portion of Vine Avenue (Old Highway 218) in conjunction with a town celebration.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, an application for a Secondary Road Use Permit received from Richmond Sons of AmVets. The permit is related to a fireworks display scheduled to take place on July 3, 2022, sometime between noon and 11:00 p.m. and which will affect traffic on Amvets Road and Jefferson Street in Richmond. The rain date for the event is July 9, 2022.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, an application for a fireworks permit received from J & M Displays, Inc., Yarmouth. The permit is related to a fireworks display scheduled to take place at some point on July 3, 2022, between noon and 11:00 p.m. at 402 Amvets Road in Richmond. The rain date for the event is July 9, 2022. Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues with the application.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve an updated Washington County Ambulance Services Fee Schedule. The new fee schedule will take effect on July 1, 2022 and is as follows:

TYPE OF SERVICE	FEE
Basic Life Support Non-Emergent	\$ 1,031.00
Basic Life Support Emergent	\$ 1,547.00
Advanced Life Support Non-Emergent	\$ 1,650.00
Advanced Life Support Emergent	\$ 1,959.00
Advanced Life Support Level 2	\$ 2,835.00
Advanced Life Support Intercept	\$ 1,804.00
Mileage Rate	\$ 32.00/mile
Basic Life Support Treat w/ no Transport	\$ 275.00
Advanced Life Support Treat w/no Transport	\$ 525.00
Lift Assist	\$ 275.00
Event Stand By	\$ 226.00

Washington County Ambulance Services Director Jeremy Peck also presented to the Board a Payer Analysis Report for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The Board took no action regarding the report which is as follows:

PRIMARY PAYOR	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CALL	COLLECTION PERCENTAGE
Medicare	\$431.43	37.16%
Wellmark/Blue Cross-Blue Shield	\$680.76	52.26%
Medicaid	\$245.08	21.50%
Amerigroup	\$173.25	13.75%
Iowa Total Care	\$167.62	21.71%
Self-Pay	\$245.05	41.65%
Other	\$529.08	49.71%
Total All Payers	\$409.32	39.48%

On motion by Seward, second by Fedler, the Board voted to increase the county employee business mileage reimbursement rate from 58.5¢/mile to 62.5¢/mile effective July 1, 2022.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a Right of Way Services Agreement with JCG Land Services, Inc., Nevada, Iowa. The agreement spells out the responsibilities of JCG Land Services, Inc., with regard to a project involving a bridge replacement at McCain's Access. Such responsibilities include, among other things, property acquisition plans and process, estimate of the number of parcels affected by the project, title research requirements, compensation valuation, drafting all necessary transfer documents necessary for negotiations related to the acquisition of real estate and/or easement rights, scheduling and conducting public hearings, responsibility for land acquisition closing process, and general project management oversight.

On motion by Seward, seconded Stoops, the Board voted to approve a request from Auditor Dan Widmer to conduct an administrative recount of the absentee votes cast in the June 7, 2022, Primary Election. Prior to the vote Widmer explained that a small issue occurred which resulted in absentee votes not being included in the unofficial results that were released after the polls closed. Widmer added that the issue was discovered and corrected which led to the correct number of votes cast being included in the official results presented to the Board of Supervisors for canvassing. While regretful for the initial incorrect totals, Widmer opined that a recount would serve to confirm that the various checks and balances built into the election software were indeed effective in ensuring accurate and correct election results.

There was no department head comment.

At 10:25 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
JUNE 21, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor