

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

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. The agenda included the following items: approval of agenda; public comment; personnel change request – Ambulance; Quarterly Report – General Assistance; Quarterly Report – Veteran Affairs; Summary of FY23 Insurance Coverage; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, Jr., Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Sue Rich, County Veteran Affairs/General Assistance Director; Paul Horak, Horak Insurance; and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. Various other individuals participated by remote 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 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 Washington County Ambulance Services for Ben Campbell who will begin duties as a casual part-time non-exempt EMT at the rate of \$21.93 per hour effective July 13, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

Washington County General Assistance Director Sue Rich presented the 4th quarter Washington County General Assistance report for FY22. She reported that during the quarter there were eight benefit applications submitted with four of the applications approved, two of the applications denied, and two of the applications withdrawn. The four successful applications included one for rent assistance (\$200.00), two for utility assistance (\$336.88), and one for funeral expense assistance (\$2,000.00) for a total of \$2,536.88. Benefits for the entire FY22 totaled \$3,710.68 paid to 11 applicants. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY22 4th quarter General Assistance report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County General Assistance Director.

Washington County Veteran Services Officer Sue Rich presented the 4th Quarter Washington County Veteran Affairs report for FY22. She reported that during the quarter there were four benefit applications submitted with all four of the applications approved. The four successful applications included one for rent assistance (\$300.00), one for utility assistance (\$200.00), and two for provisions (\$578.29) for a total of \$1,078.29. Benefits for the entire FY22 totaled \$5,115.50 paid to 14 applicants. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY22 4th Quarter Veteran Affairs report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Veteran Affairs Director.

Paul Horak, with Horak Insurance, informed the Board that the cost of the County's property and casualty insurance is increasing by approximately 20% beginning with the new fiscal year which began July 1, 2022. Horak explained some of the reasons for the increase which include increased property values, a new \$10,000.00 surcharge for jails, a substantial increase in the occurrence of weather-related events, increased monetary amounts awarded by juries, increased vehicle repair costs, and an increase in the number of vehicle accidents of which a great number were attributed to distracted drivers. Meanwhile the County will receive a discount of approximately \$187,000.00 in the cost of its annual premium paid for workers compensation insurance in FY23 which is a result of the county's excellent loss history. The Board took no action.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 9:35 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
JULY 12, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor