

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Bob Yoder called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors that took place in the Washington County Courthouse. Items on the agenda included recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance; approval of agenda; public comment related to agenda items; Employee Years of Service Recognition; personnel change request – Conservation; application for Secondary Road Use Permit – Golden Hawk Shooting Club; discussion and possible action regarding Washington County Wind Energy Ordinance; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward Jr., Richard Young, Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals present at the meeting included County Attorney Nathan Repp, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams, Deputy Sheriff Shawn Ellingson, Sheriff Jared Schneider, County Engineer Jacob Thorius, Deputy Auditor Amber Armbruster, Conservation Director Zach Rozmus, Deputy Treasurer Alecia Pacha, Treasurer Jeff Garrett, Mental Health & Disabilities Services Director Bobbi Wulf, and Jennifer Wilkinson with KCII Radio, Kalen McCain with the SE Iowa Union, and Rich Miller with Alliant Energy. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by way of electronic means.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

Fedler led those individuals assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

While it took no formal action the Board informally recognized and thanked the following individuals for their many years of service to the citizens of Washington County.

Years of	Employee	Department	Service
	Cara Sorrells	Communications	35
	Bobbi Wulf	Mental Health/Disabilities	25
	Alicia Pacha	Treasurer	<u>20</u>
	Total Years of Service		80

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign on behalf of the Board, a personnel change request from Conservation for the hiring of Lydia Davis as a non-exempt Seasonal Naturalist Intern, effective August 1, 2023, at the rate of \$13.00 per hour.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to deny a Secondary Road Use Request from the Golden Hawk Shooting Club. Prior to the vote Auditor Dan Widmer explained that he had been in communication with the group and learned that the group had been unable to secure the required liability insurance coverage for the event.

With regard to potential Board approval of a Washington County Wind Ordinance, on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to establish 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the Board's chambers located in the Washington County Courthouse, 222 West Main, Washington, Iowa, as the time, date, and location of a public hearing regarding Assessment of Wind Energy Conversion Property.

There was no department head comment.

Prior to adjourning the meeting Auditor Dan Widmer noted a problem with the date that was approved by the Board earlier in the meeting for a public hearing regarding the Assessment of Wind Energy Conversion Property in Washington County. Widmer expressed that there would not be sufficient time to publish the notice of public hearing in order to effectively notify the public. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to amend the earlier motion by establishing the date of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in the Board's chambers located in the Washington County Courthouse, 222 West Main, Washington, Iowa, as the time, date, and location of a public hearing regarding the Assessment of Wind Energy Conversion Property in Washington County.

At 9:23 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST
August 1, 2023

DANIEL L. WIDMER
Auditor

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors