

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

At 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Bob Yoder 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; WEMIGA recycling report; personnel change request – Public Health; personnel change request – Ambulance; FY21 Annual Report – Ambulance; approval of application for Class C Beer Permit (BC) from Four Corners Fuel, Ainsworth; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr. and Stan Stoops were also present. Richard Young participated remotely via telephone. Supervisor Marcus Fedler was absent.

Others attending the meeting included Jeff Johnson, SE Iowa Union; Jeremy Peck, Washington County Ambulance Service Director; Marissa Reisen, Emergency Management Coordinator; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; and Mary Audia, WEDG Director. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via electronic means.

All motions were passed unanimously by those Supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

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

There was no public comment.

Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems, presented a report detailing activities for the first six months of calendar year 2021. During that period of time WEMIGA processed 540.16 landfill tons, 21.17 tons of paper, 17.08 tons of plastic, 34.07 tons of cardboard, 43.31 tons of tin and aluminum, 115.63 tons of recyclable material, 91 appliances, 117 televisions and other electronic devices, 123 tires, and 24 gallons of used oil. Landfill tons for the first six months of calendar years 2015 through 2020 averaged 826.64 which continues the trend of decreasing landfill tonnage. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge the WEMIGA report for the first six months of calendar year 2021 as presented by Lynn Whaley of WEMIGA Waste Systems. The complete report is available for review in the Auditor's office.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Public Health for Sarah Smith who will begin duties as a non-exempt regular part-time Maternal Child Adolescent Health Coordinator at the rate of \$22.65 per hour effective September 9, 2021. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head. The vote on the motion: Aye-Yoder, Young, Stoops; Absent-Fedler; Abstain-Seward.

At 9:12 a.m. Fedler joined the meeting via telephone.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Craig Shetler whose employee classification status will change from non-exempt regular part-time to non-exempt full-time effective August 11, 2021. The change in employee status will not result in a change to Shetler's rate of compensation.

Ambulance Services Director Jeremy Peck provided the FY21 Ambulance Annual Report. Highlights of the report included a breakdown of the 2,792 calls for service which resulted in 1,961 (70.24%) billable transports, establishment of second base of operations located in the northern part of Washington County, providing assistance to the City of Washington with its development of a new first responder service, successful validation with insurance providers including Medicare, Wellmark BC/BS, Tri-care, and Medicaid, as well as successful grant applications to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation and from CIVCO Medical Solutions resulting in funding for four new ventilators, an oxygen tank refill station, and an oxygen tank lift. All of the preceding was accomplished with a staff of 16 full-time and 13 part-time employees. Overall response time for all locations averaged 10.93 minutes during the year. Peck shared that as of June 30 the ambulance fleet totaled six vehicles. On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge the FY21 Ambulance Services Annual Report. The complete report is available in the office of the Auditor.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a Special Class C Beer Permit (BC) application, including Class B Native Wine Permit and Sunday Sales, from Four Corners Fuel, located at 3112 Highway 92, Ainsworth. The license is for the period of August 14, 2021 to August 13, 2022. Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no objection to the application.

Emergency Management Coordinator Marissa Reisen noted the existence of African Swine Fever (ASF) had been confirmed in the Western Hemisphere. ASF is a highly contagious and deadly viral disease affecting both domestic and feral swine of all ages. ASF is not a threat to human health and cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans. Although not a food safety issue ASF can potentially have a devastating economic effect. Also, Reisen thanked those individuals who have completed and returned a public survey regarding effects of the Coronavirus in Washington County and stated there is still time to complete and return the survey. She shared the survey will provide valuable feedback that will be useful for future emergency and pandemic planning. The survey is available by contacting Reisen or

Washington County Public Health staff. Outgoing Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski announced that Jefferson County Public Health Director Chris Estle had agreed to serve as the Interim Public Health Director for Washington County until the position is filled with a new full-time individual. Estle will work a maximum of 12 hours per week. Ambulance Services Director Jeremy Peck acknowledged and expressed gratitude to members of the Washington County Fair Board for their hard work and dedication to ensure a quality 2021 Washington Fair.

At 9:41 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
August 3, 2021

ROBERT C. YODER  
Vice-Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor