

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021**

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. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; public comment related to agenda items; public hearing regarding proposed "Sojka Subdivision" to be located in Section 19 of Oregon Township; Resolution 21-32 regarding "Sojka Subdivision" to be located in Section 19 of Oregon Township; approval of contract with Eichelberger Milling, Inc. for reimbursement of the costs related to paving various entrances and portions of road shoulder along County Road W55 (Wayland Road); appointment of Veteran Affairs Commissioner; discussion regarding a formal Board of Supervisors resolution declaring Washington County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Others attending the meeting included Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Sue Rich, County General Assistance/Veteran Affairs Director; and citizens Tom Dayton, Linda Sturdevant, Susan Fisher, Gwen Ying, and Pat Hazel. 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 Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

During the public comment portion of the meeting citizens Linda Sturdevant, Susan Fisher, and Gwen Ying each voiced opposition to a proposed resolution appearing on the agenda related to declaring Washington County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. They voiced concern with what they called an "epidemic of gun violence" in the nation and opined the draft resolution would send the wrong type of message to visitors or individuals contemplating a move to Washington County.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding an application from Ronald L. Sojka for approval of a Minor Plat for subdivision of an existing parcel in an unincorporated area of Washington County. County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that the proposed subdivision, to be named Sojka Subdivision, would consist of two lots located along Highway 92 approximately three-quarter miles east of Spruce Avenue. Thorius stated all requirements of the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance had been met. Auditor Dan Widmer shared that notice of the public hearing had been published as required and the Auditor's office had received no public comment. There was no public comment from those in attendance nor from individuals participating by remote means. On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-32 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-32 behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 21-32
ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF MINOR PLAT FOR
SOJKA SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Sojka, owner of the property described herein, wish to voluntarily subdivide the same property and have filed for approval of the Minor Plat of Sojka Subdivision, a subdivision of real estate the part of which is described as follows, to wit:

"SOJKA SUBDIVISION

In part of Auditor's Parcel "F", of record in Book 21, Page 322, Office of the Recorder, in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 19, Township 75 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., all in Washington County, Iowa, described as follows:

Commencing at the SE corner of the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 19, thence South 89°35'13" West, along the south line of the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 19, a distance of 688.78 feet to the SE corner of Auditor's Parcel "F", said point being also the **POINT OF BEGINNING**;

thence, continuing, South 89°35'13" West, 289.51 feet; thence North 00°09'44" West, 650.91 feet; thence North 89°35'13" East, 289.51 feet to a point on the east line of Auditor's Parcel "F"; thence South 00°09'44" East, along the east line of Auditor's Parcel "F", 650.91 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**, containing 4.32 acres, of which, 1.06 acres are public road right-of-way.

The above bearings are based on Iowa State Plane South Coordinates and all distances are horizontal ground distances."

WHEREAS, Washington County, Iowa has adopted a Subdivision Ordinance, per Chapter 354 of the Code of Iowa, as amended; and

WHEREAS, said plat, application, and the submissions have been examined by the Washington County Board of Supervisors and the Washington County Subdivision Coordinator and have been found to conform to the requirements of the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance and County Standards, other ordinances, and with the laws of the State of Iowa governing such plats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the subdivision as it appears on the Plat known as Sojka Subdivision is hereby accepted and approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and the County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to certify this Resolution which shall be affixed to the plat.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a contract between Washington County and Eichelberger Milling, Inc. related to the costs of paving a portion of the entrances located at 3390 Wayland Road (W55) and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. The work will be performed during next year's construction season in conjunction with a shoulder paving project along the roadway. The cost of paving a portion of the entrances from the Eichelberger property to the roadway is estimated to be approximately \$55,000.00 with terms of the contract calling for the landowner to pay 100% of the cost of construction for all work undertaken and completed outside the six-foot concrete shoulder. Improvements to the entrances will be designed to provide a safe and reliable route for transportation of goods, raw product, and for traffic in general.

The Board took up discussion regarding a draft resolution that states opposition to the enactment of legislation, the issuance of executive orders, or the promulgation of any regulation after the date the resolution is passed that would infringe upon the constitutionally protected natural rights of the people of Washington County, Iowa, to keep and bear arms. Wording also included in the draft resolution states that legislation of the United States Congress or Iowa legislature or any order promulgated by the federal or state executives that infringes upon the second amendment right shall not be enforced by any Washington County Sheriff's Office or other county employee. Seward expressed the draft document has nothing to do with the enforcement of current law nor with expanding the rights of individuals. Instead the document attempts to communicate respect for the U.S. Constitution and for the Bill of Rights. Seward continued by stating the document expresses that laws should be passed via the regular legislative process and not by way of executive order. The Board took no formal action.

There was no discussion from department heads.

At 9:45 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
August 10, 2021

RICHARD L. YOUNG
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor