

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022**

At 9:03 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; Resolution 22-36 related to Naming Depositories for Washington County; personnel change request – Auditor; personnel change requests – Engineer; Engineer Quarterly Reports; Resolution 22-37 regarding Joint Bridge Investment Program Grant Agreement and Letter of Support; 28E Cooperative County Agreement for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Project; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; 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 Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda after the deletion of the following: personnel change request – Auditor.

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Jacob Thorius who will discontinue his duties as Subdivision Coordinator effective September 1, 2022. Thorius will continue to hold the position of Washington County Engineer.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Kathy Dolan who will discontinue her duties as Asst. Subdivision Coordinator effective September 1, 2022. Dolan will continue to hold the position of Secondary Roads Office Manager.

Thorius provided the Board with a summary of the Secondary Roads Quarterly Report for both the 1st and 2nd quarters of calendar year 2022. A combined total of approximately 71,000 tons of road rock was hauled during the quarters and a total of 92 non-department vehicles were maintained resulting in revenue of nearly \$22,000.00. The report also contained summaries of construction projects that were either completed or underway. Thorius stated that a total of 34 subdivision applications were reviewed during the two quarters of which four were for property line adjustments, 48 were for plats of survey, and one was for a major subdivision. During the 1st quarter there were 11 occasions when a combination of sleet, snow, ice, and/or wind necessitated a response. Such occasions resulted in a total expense of \$274,200.29 consisting of \$58,893.92 in salt expenditures, labor costs of \$107,073.74, and \$108,233.05 for equipment hours. The 2nd quarter report listed the various projects that were begun and/or completed during the quarter. Both reports in their complete form are available for public viewing in the Washington County Engineer's Office.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 22-37 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 22-37 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 22-37

**IN SUPPORT OF THE JOINT BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT
&
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE 2022 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Washington County, Iowa bridge FHWA number 336060, has been identified as being a part of a joint Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Project Application, and

WHEREAS, this bridge crosses the Skunk River in southwest Washington County and is estimated to cost \$8,500,000 to replace, which is more than nineteen times Washington County's estimated annual allocation of Highway Bridge Program funds, and

WHEREAS, Washington County desires to support and participate in the BIP Grant application, and

WHEREAS, it is desired by and in the best interest of Washington County to participate fully in the BIP project activities and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

WHEREAS, Washington County is willing and supportive of providing Lead-recipient roles and duties for the grant application as defined in the "28E Cooperative County Agreement for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Project."

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the 2022 Bridge Investment Program Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative County Agreement for a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to:

Attn: Jacob Thorius, P.E.
Washington County Engineer
210 W Main St., Ste. 2
Washington, IA 52353-1723
(319) 653-7731

Thorius presented the Board with a formal 28E Agreement related to an application for Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funds in the amount of \$49,300,000.00, for the counties of Buchanan, Cedar, Delaware, Hamilton, Jones, Monroe, Scott, and Washington. The federal funds are available for replacement or rehabilitation of specific bridges. If the grant request is approved Washington County would receive \$8.5 million in grant funds and use the funds to cover a portion of the costs to replace a bridge on Dogwood Avenue that spans the Skunk River. Thorius stated it was the opinion of the eight counties that the chances of a successful grant application would be enhanced by joining together to present one request. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to enter into a 28E Agreement with Buchanan, Cedar, Delaware, Hamilton, Jones, Monroe, and Scott County for a total of \$49,300,000 in Bridge Investment Program grant funding and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 10:33 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
August 30, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor