

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Jack Seward Jr. 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; review bids and award contract for Bridge Replacement Project – PPCB Project BROSCHBP-C092(109)--NC-92 on 130<sup>th</sup> Street over Smith Creek east of Wellman; Resolution 20-50 to authorize the County Engineer to sign Doc Express contract documents related to Bridge Replacement – PPCB Project BROSCHBP-C092(109)--NC-92 on 130<sup>th</sup> Street over Smith Creek east of Wellman; Communications Project Radio Change Order; response to petition received in support of re-surfacing County Road W64 south of Crawfordsville; Iowa Economic Development Authority Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Contract; Resolution 20-51 to request reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund; COVID-19 update; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Richard Young and Bob Yoder were also in attendance. Supervisor Abe Miller was absent.

Others attending were: Jim Johnson, SE Iowa Union; Mary Zielinski, The News; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Shawn Ellingson, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Anthony Janney, Asst. Washington County Attorney; Jim Lester, City of Washington Police Chief. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by way of electronic means.

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

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

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius presented the board with the following three bids for Bridge Replacement Project – PPCB Project BROSCHBP-C092(109)--NC-92 on 130<sup>th</sup> Street over Smith Creek east of Wellman. The bids were as follows:

Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC, Washington, IA	\$526,549.01
Peterson Construction Inc., Webster City, IA	\$559,534.98
Brandt Construction Co. & Subsidiary, Milan, IL	\$564,310.15

The Engineer's estimated cost for the project was \$523,000.00. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to award the contract for Bridge Replacement Project – PPCB Project BROSCHBP-C092(109)--NC-92 on 130<sup>th</sup> Street over Smith Creek east of Wellman to Iowa Bridge & Culvert, LC, Washington, IA in the amount of \$526,549.01.

On motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-50 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-50 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 20-50**

**APPROVAL OF 130<sup>TH</sup> STREET PPCB BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT OVER SMITH CREEK and  
COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENTS IN DOC EXPRESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the 130<sup>th</sup> Street PPCB Bridge Replacement Project over Smith Creek, BROSCHBP-C092(109)--NC-92, hereafter referred to as "the project", is in the best interest of Washington County, Iowa, and the residents there of. The project is defined as a Bridge Replacement – PPCB Project on 130<sup>th</sup> Street over Smith Creek east of Wellman; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Washington County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** by the Board to accept the bid from Iowa Bridge and Culvert, LC, in the amount of \$2,290,145.98, with \$526,549.01 attributed to the project and the remainder to projects in Keokuk and Louisa Counties per a 28E Agreement signed and Recorded in March 2020, and awards the associated contract to the same;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance Jacob Thorius, the County Engineer for Washington County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve Washington County Change Order #4 BOM V2+UHF in the amount of \$249,159.64 and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the document on behalf of the Board. The change order is related to radio equipment associated with the Communications/Emergency Operation project.

The Board next responded to a petition signed by approximately 150 citizens in favor of resurfacing a portion of road from 107 North Main Street to 400 South Main Street in Crawfordsville as well as Vine Avenue south of Crawfordsville for approximately two miles. The petition called for work to take place during the 2021 calendar year. Seward shared that he, along with Miller, had drafted a letter of response to the petition which stated the expectation of a 2020 or 2021 completion was not unreasonable. Young voiced that after traveling the road by motorcycle he felt as though the worst portion of the road was inside the Crawfordsville city limits and in turn he wondered about the City's responsibility for road repairs. Thorius responded by saying that the County's responsibility was limited to the center 24 feet of roadway and added that some of the current problems with the road were caused by utility work done under the direction of the City of Crawfordsville and for which the City is responsible. Seward referenced a 28E agreement between the City and the County outlining the responsibilities of both parties with regard to road repairs. On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a letter, as presented, to the mayor of Crawfordsville regarding a road resurfacing project for a portion of road from 107 North Main Street to 400 south Main Street in Crawfordsville as well as Vine Avenue south of Crawfordsville for approximately 2 miles.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Miller, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-51 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-51 on behalf of the Board.

#### **RESOLUTION 20-51**

#### **REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND**

A resolution by Washington County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Washington County requests reimbursement of \$278,472.43 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

Washington County Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski shared to date in Washington County there have been 3,654 tests conducted to detect for COVID-19 and such tests have yielded 340 positive results. Of the positive tests there have been 304 recoveries. A total of 11 deaths in Washington County have been attributed to COVID-19. At present Story County and Johnson County rank #1 and #2 respectively in per capita cases in the world. The Board took no formal action.

There was no comment from County Department Heads.

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

ATTEST:  
September 1, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor