

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

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. The agenda included the following items: approval of agenda; public comment; Proclamation to declare September as National Voter Registration Month; acknowledge ambulance purchase; personnel change requests – Auditor; department head comment; closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session; adjourn. Supervisors Marcus Fedler, Jack Seward, Jr., Bob Yoder, and Stan Stoops were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; John Gish, County Attorney; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; 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 Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to delete the following agenda item: closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to add the following agenda item: discussion and possible action on a proposal from the County Attorney to engage a human relations consultant for an issue that emerged after the agenda was posted and which cannot be delayed until next week.

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

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the engagement of Jack Reed, with Iowa Negotiation & Consulting Services, Ottumwa. According to County Attorney John Gish Mr. Reed will provide input and an opinion on various personnel matters.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve and adopt a Proclamation Recognizing September 2022 as Voter Registration Month in Washington County, Iowa, and to authorize the chairperson to sign the proclamation on behalf of the Board. The complete proclamation is as follows:

**September 2022
National Voter Registration Month**

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers Iowans to make their voices heard by exercising their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and participation; and

WHEREAS, 17-year-olds are now eligible to register to vote in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's voter registration process is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness initiative to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as National Voter Registration Month and Tuesday, September 20, 2022, as National Voter Registration Day.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge the purchase of an ambulance with a scheduled delivery date of July 2024.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Auditor for Tammy Stewart who began duties as the Washington County Subdivision Coordinator effective September 1, 2022. Stewart will continue to serve as Real Estate Administrator and her rate of compensation will not change.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Auditor for Elizabeth Torres-Potter who will begin her duties as a full-time non-exempt Elections Administrator on September 12, 2022, at the rate of \$19.25 per hour. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

There was no comment from department heads.

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

ATTEST:
August 23, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor

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