

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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; 28E Agreement with the City of Washington for pavement rehabilitation of West 18th Street; Proclamation to declare September as Voter Registration Month; Washington County Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council Bylaws; Resolution 21-35 related to the creation and implementation of the Washington County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council; Resolution 21-36 regarding Living Roadway Trust Fund Grant Application for a seed storage facility; 28E Agreement with the City of Washington for pavement overlay of Lexington Boulevard and West 5th Street; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, and Jack Seward, Jr. were also present. Supervisor Marcus Fedler was absent.

Others attending the meeting included Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Director; Mary Audia, WEDG Executive Director; and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. 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.

On August 31, 2021, the Board approved a 28E agreement with the City of Washington (City) addressing pavement rehabilitation of a portion of West 18th Street that is located both within and outside the City. County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared with the Board that upon review of the agreement City officials expressed some concern with language in the agreement related to “construction costs” and in turn proposed a change in order to provide clarification. Thorius continued by saying he did not object to the proposed change and recommended Board approval of the updated agreement. On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a modified 28E agreement with the City of Washington for pavement rehabilitation of West 18th Street and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the document on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve and adopt a Proclamation to recognize September 2021 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:

**PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 2021
AS
NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote; 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, the State of Iowa’s online voter registration system enables citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as National Voter Registration Month and Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, as National Voter Registration Day.

The Board took up discussion of proposed Washington County Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council (EMSAC) bylaws with Seward stating the main remaining point that is yet to be finalized is Section 3 of Article 3 dealing with membership of the Washington County EMSAC. Discussion centered on a request from the City of Kalona that advocated for Cities in Washington County to have representation on the Washington County EMSAC. Specifically, the letter requested that the Washington County EMSAC include one member from Cities in northern Washington County (Wellman, Kalona, and Riverside) as well as a member from Cities in southern Washington County (Brighton, Washington, Crawfordsville, Ainsworth, and West Chester). Young opined that such City representatives should be either the mayor or a member of the City council. He also suggested that if two City officials are included in the membership of the Washington County EMSAC then in turn no un-affiliated health care workers be included in order to prevent the membership of Washington County EMSAC from being too large to efficiently conduct business. The Board took no formal action.

The Board did not discuss nor take action regarding proposed Resolution 21-35.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-36 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-36 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 21-36

LIVING ROADWAY TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, a fiscal year 2022 Living Roadway Trust Fund (LRTF) grant application for a Seed Storage Facility has been approved.

WHEREAS, it is understood the total project cost reimbursed shall not exceed \$3,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Washington County Board of Supervisors in session this 7th day of September, 2021, that Jacob Thorius be authorized on behalf of the Washington County Secondary Roads Department to execute Agreement No. 90-92-LR22-224 with the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Thorius described a pavement overlay project for a part of Lexington Boulevard in rural Washington County and West 5th Street in the City of Washington. Per the agreement, the cost for all services charged by Washington County to the City of Washington shall be the actual costs to Washington County of providing such services in proportion to the work in the Washington city limits (82.6%) in accordance with the schedule of rates for each classification of employee or item of work performed with payment made as soon as possible by the City of Washington to Washington County. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder the Board voted to approve a 28E agreement with the City of Washington for paving overlay of Lexington Boulevard and West 5th Street, Washington, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the document on behalf of the Board.

There was no discussion from department heads.

At 9:35 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
September 7, 2021

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor