

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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; potential Secondary Road Assessment Districts on a portion of 135th Street located west of US Highway 218 and a portion of 140th Street located east of Vine Avenue – Secondary Roads; personnel change request – Secondary Roads; approval of Amendment Number One to Grant Agreement PDMC-PF-07-IA-2019-008, Washington County Dogwood Avenue Flood Mitigation Project – Secondary Roads; acknowledgement of Motor Grader Rebuilds – Secondary Roads; proposal from HR One Source to provide various services related to Human Resources; department head comment; 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; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County Budget/IT Director; and citizens Larry Simon, Mary Ann Parton, Tasha Beghtol, Grant Sojka, Susan Thomann, and Abby Sojka. Various other individuals participated by remote means.

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

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

Grant Sojka voiced concerns over the possible paving of portions of 135th Street west of US Highway 218 and on 140th Street east of Vine Avenue. Sojka opined that paving 135th Street would create a “bypass” for travelers around the City of Riverside which would in turn impact Riverside business owners in a negative manner. He encouraged the Board to seek input from Riverside residents and business owners prior to taking formal action regarding the paving projects presently being contemplated. He also encouraged the Board to be cognizant and respectful of the efforts of the City of Riverside that are currently underway in the northern part of Riverside to create building lots and in turn be cognizant of how such development will be affected if the proposed development south of Riverside becomes a reality. Citizen Susan Thomann expressed concern with the possible loss of trees along her property located on the north side of 135th Street if the paving project becomes a reality.

The Board next continued a discussion regarding potential Secondary Road Assessment Districts as a means of funding all, or at least 50%, of the cost of paving projects on a portion of 135th Street located west of US Highway 218 and a portion of 140th Street located east of Vine Avenue. Such discussion centered on the advantages and disadvantages of various methods of paving roads which included concrete, asphalt, seal coat, and Otta seal. Thorius explained that Otta seal is formed by adding graded aggregate to a soft bituminous binding agent with such agent typically being emulsified asphalt. Seward stated that presently he was in favor of local residents paying for a portion of the paving cost. Young and Stoops expressed agreement with Seward. Thorius expressed that both the seal coat and Otta seal options would result in the County being responsible for long-term maintenance. Thorius recommended that a work session be scheduled to include representatives of Dorsey and Whitney as well as Northland Securities for the purpose of gaining a better understanding of the assessment and certificate aspect of financing. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Roberto Gaytan who will begin duties as a full-time non-exempt Mechanic at the rate of \$25.08 per hour effective September 21, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve Amendment Number One to Grant Agreement PDMC-PF-07-IA-2019-008, Washington County Dogwood Avenue Flood Mitigation Project and for the County Engineer to sign applicable documents.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge the plans of County Engineer Jacob Thorius to rebuild two Caterpillar motor graders.

The Board held no discussion nor took any formal action with regard to a proposal from HR One Source to provide various services related to Human Resources.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 10:05 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
September 20, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor