

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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; public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation - Bret Kron, Section 22, English River Township; acknowledgment of animal confinement feeding operation - Bret Kron, Section 22, English River Township; proposed employee benefit changes; approval of final acceptance and payment to CellSite Solutions, LLC for Communication Project radio equipment shelters; acknowledgement of BUILD grant application; review bids and award contract for RCB Culvert Extension - Single Box Project FM-C092(111)--55-92 on Vine Avenue north of Highway 22; discussion and action regarding Resolution 20-54 to authorize the County Engineer to sign Doc Express contract documents related to Single Box Project FM-C092(111)--55-92 on Vine Avenue north of Hwy 22; COVID-19 update; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young and Bob Yoder were also in attendance.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Amber Day, Deputy Auditor; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizen Brett Kron. 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 Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing related to an application for a confined feeding operation from Bret Kron, Riverside, to be located in Section 22 of English River Township. The completed project will add an additional capacity of 2,499 head of swine to the existing 2,400 head capacity at the location and will include construction of a 71'2" x 285'4" swine confinement building with an 8' below-ground pit. There was no public comment. Auditor Daniel Widmer stated that notice of the public hearing had been published as required and added that his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge an animal confinement feeding operation for Bret Kron, Riverside, to be located in Section 22 of English River Township.

Due to a potential schedule conflict the order of the meeting was changed in order to allow Washington County Public Health Administrator Danielle Pettit-Majewski to provide a COVID-19 update. Pettit-Majewski, who participated in the meeting by remote means, shared that to date in Washington County there have been 4,633 tests conducted to detect for COVID-19 with such tests yielding 434 positive results. A total of 329 individuals have recovered leaving 105 active cases at the present time compared to 78 active cases reported by Pettit-Majewski to the Board on September 15, 2020. She added that since September 1, 2020 there had been an uptick in the number of COVID-19 cases, especially in individuals in the 17 and under age group. Also, a total of 366 serology tests have been conducted resulting in 27 individuals with reactive results. A serological test, which is conducted on a sample of blood serum, indicates whether various disease conditions, including COVID-19, are present. A total of 11 deaths in Washington County have been attributed to COVID-19. The Board took no formal action.

Deputy Auditor Amber Day outlined the proposed changes in employee benefits as recommended by the Employee Insurance Committee. The recommendations included an 8% increase in premiums, due in large part to an increase in claims and prescription drug costs, as well as the inclusion of CBC testing as a covered service related to employee physicals. A \$16.00 monthly decrease for family dental insurance coverage was also recommended. On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the proposed employee benefit changes as outlined by Deputy Auditor Amber Day. Seward expressed gratitude to Day for her efforts regarding employee benefits.

With regard to the tower site equipment shelters that are a part of the overall Communications/Emergency Operations Project, the Board reviewed a Certificate of Completion submitted and signed by Arlen J. Ostreng, P.E., of Edge Consulting Engineers. The Board also reviewed an invoice in the amount of \$10,090.53 for the final amount due for the radio equipment tower shelters. Seward noted that Ostreng had completed a review of the project and recommended acceptance of the project which in turn initiates the warranty period for the work performed as well as materials. On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to authorize payment in the amount of \$10,090.53 as final payment to Cellsite Solutions, LLC for Communication Project site radio equipment tower shelters.

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program provides an opportunity for the Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. County Engineer Jacob Thorius articulated his intention to submit an application for funding for a bridge project that would involve the replacement of an existing 653' bridge that spans the Skunk River in order to complete Route W-21 (Dogwood Avenue) in Section 10 of Clay Township. Route W-21 presently is 90% complete with only one small portion

remaining which includes the Skunk River Bridge. According to Thorius the only issue holding up replacing the bridge and completing the route is funding. The estimated project cost is estimated at \$3,543,000 which is approximately 10 times the annual \$350,000.00 that is typically received by Washington County in Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding. Thorius plans to apply for the BUILD Grant to cover as much of the eligible project costs as possible which he estimated to be approximately 75%, or \$2,657,250. In turn either HBP funds, Farm-to-Market funds, or a combination of the two funds will be used to cover the remaining project costs. Once the project is completed W-21 will become a major route for economic and emergency response services in the southwest quadrant of Washington County. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge the application to be submitted by County Engineer Jacob Thorius for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant for funding of a project that would involve the replacement of an existing bridge that spans the Skunk River in Section 10 of Clay Township.

The Board next took up consideration of bids for a project referenced as RCB Culvert Extension - Single Box Project FM-C092(111)--55-92 on Vine Avenue north of Hwy 22. Thorius stated that 3 bids for the project were received as follows:

Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC	Washington, IA	\$256,509.72
J & L Construction LLC	Washington, IA	\$278,529.00
Boomerang Corporation	Anamosa, IA	\$316,209.00

The Engineer's bid for the project was \$264,000.00. Farm-to-Market funds will be used to finance the project which will involve the extension of three culverts on Vine Avenue north of Highway 22 in Iowa Township. Thorius recommended acceptance of the bid received from Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC in the amount of \$256,509.72. The late start date for the project is September 13, 2021 and Thorius stated the project is included in the Washington County Five-Year Road Plan. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to award the bid for completion of a project referenced as RCB Culvert Extension - Single Box Project FM-C092(111)--55-92 on Vine Avenue north of Hwy 22 to Iowa Bridge & Culvert LC, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$256,509.72.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-54 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-54 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 20-54

APPROVAL OF VINE AVENUE RCB CULVERT EXTENSION PROJECT and COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Vine Avenue RCB Culvert Extension Project, FM-C092(111)--55-92, 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 RCB Culvert Extension – Single Box Project on Vine Avenue north of Hwy 22; 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, L.C. in the amount of \$256,509.72 and awards the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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 dated 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.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 9:38 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
September 22, 2020

JACK SEWARD
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
Auditor