

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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; proposed animal confinement feeding operation – Brenneman Pork, LLP, Section 35, English River Township; acknowledgment of proposed animal confinement feeding operation – Brenneman Pork, LLP, Section 35, English River Township; personnel change requests – Public Health; personnel change request – Engineer; personnel change request – Sheriff; relocation of various County offices; 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”; potential action on matters discussed during closed session; 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”; potential action on matters discussed during closed session; 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; Emily Tokhiem, County Public Health Administrator; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Shawn Ellingson, Chief Deputy Sheriff; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Cyndie Sinn, County Budget/IT Director; Amber Armbruster, Deputy Auditor; Mary Audia, Washington Economic Development Group; 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 Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve the agenda after it was amended by the removal of the following items:

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”

Potential action on matters discussed during closed session

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”

Potential action on matters discussed during closed session

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding an animal confinement feeding operation proposed by Brenneman Pork, LLP, to be located in Section 35 of English River Township. Plans include construction of the following:

one (1) 208’6” by 379’ OD x 12’ deep below grade pit covered by building and concrete slats
one (1) 100’9” by 297’6” OD 12’ deep below grade pit covered by building and concrete slats
one (1) 187’8” by 399’6” OD 12’ deep below grade pit covered by building and concrete slats
one (1) 398’8” by 201’ OD x 2’ deep below grade pit covered by building and concrete slats

The plan also calls for elimination of six existing buildings as well as remodeling of all remaining buildings. There was no public comment. Auditor Dan Widmer confirmed that notice of the hearing had been published according to Iowa Code and added that his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge an animal confinement feeding operation proposed by Brenneman Pork, LLP, to be located in Section 35 of English River Township.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Public Health for Carman Davis who will begin duties as a full-time non-exempt Home Health Registered Nurse at the rate of \$30.00 per hour effective September 27, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Public Health for Roberta Sloat whose final day of employment occurred September 16, 2022.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Secondary Roads for Cory Hogue whose final day of employment will occur September 30, 2022.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Jordan Allen who will begin duties as a casual part-time non-exempt Jailer at the rate of \$20.88 per hour effective September 28, 2022. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to direct Carl A. Nelson & Company to request Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for architects to facilitate the design for the relocation of various Washington County offices. Seward clarified that all architectural submissions will be reviewed by the entire Board of Supervisors.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 9:18 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
September 27, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor