

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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; Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation; proposed employee benefit changes; acknowledgment of donation to K-9 fund; appointment of Civil Process Servers; 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Washington County, and Washington County Environmental Health Department with respect to private water well construction and reconstruction; department head comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Marcus Fedler, and Jack Seward, Jr. were also present.

Others attending the meeting included Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Cyndie Sinn, County IT Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jason Taylor, County Environmental Health Director; and Mary Audia, WEDG Director. 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 Yoder, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve a proclamation related to Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2021 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the proclamation on behalf of the Board:

**Proclamation  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
October 2021**

**Whereas**, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking affects women, children, and men of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds, causing long-term physical, psychological, and emotional harm; and

**Whereas**, one in three Americans has witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

**Whereas** may, children who experience domestic violence are at a higher risk for failure in school, mental illness, substance abuse, suicide, and choose violence as a way to solve problems later in life; and

**Whereas**, domestic violence in rural communities exists as a hidden, silent, and often unrecognized crime that is often underreported; and

**Whereas**, through the inspiration, courage, and persistence of victims of domestic violence, their children, and advocates, our communities are learning to recognize the impact of violence in the home and within intimate relationships; and

**Whereas**, the Domestic Violence Intervention Program has worked to end violence in intimate relationships for more than 40 years through the collaborative partnerships of advocates, volunteers, local municipalities, criminal justice, health and human services, faith communities, business leaders, and private citizens; and

**Whereas**, our community's achievements should be commended and we must continue our commitment to respect and support victims of domestic violence and to prevent future violence in our community.

**Now therefore**, be it resolved that we, the Washington County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2021 to be:

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

in Washington County, Iowa, and urge all people to work together to eliminate domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking from our community.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve calendar year 2022 health insurance rates for county insurance participants. The new rates will reflect a seven percent increase from present rates as well as an increase from the present stop loss limit of \$50,000.00 to a new limit of \$60,000.00.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge a donation to the Washington County Sheriff's K-9 fund in the amount of \$40.00 from Jefferey and Sylvia Bernard, Wellman, Iowa.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to appoint Stephanie Patterson to a term as Civil Process Server with such term ending December 31, 2024.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to appoint Jacob Baughman to a term as Civil Process Server with such term ending December 31, 2024.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Washington County, and Washington County Environmental Health Department with respect to private water well construction and reconstruction and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. Prior to the vote Environmental Health Director Jason Taylor explained the purpose of the agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for delegation to designated county permitting agencies of the Department's permit-issuing authority with respect to private well construction and reconstruction as provided and specified in Iowa Code subsections 455B and in Chapters 38 and 49 of the Iowa Administrative Code applicable to county

delegation. The agreement specifies the extent and manner of cooperation between the two agencies in conducting programs for the evaluation and issuance of private well construction and reconstruction permits. The agreement places emphasis on assuring the Washington County well program meets or exceeds the minimum standards required by the Department. The complete document is available for public viewing by contacting the Auditor's office. The vote on the motion: Aye-Young, Yoder, Stoops, Fedler; Abstain-Seward.

There was no discussion from department heads.

At 9:42 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
September 28, 2021

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON  
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor