

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Richard Young called to order in special 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; 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; items as approved by Board Chairperson with comment limited to three (3) minutes per individual; adjourn. Supervisors Bob Yoder, Marcus Fedler, Stan Stoops, and Jack Seward were also present.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Jerry Edwards, KCII Radio; Mary Zielinski, The News; Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Amber Armbruster, Deputy Auditor; John Gish, County Attorney; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bruce Murphy and Kristen Jones.

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

There was no public comment.

At 9:06 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to enter into 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".

At 10:53 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to return to open session and Seward read the statement that follows: "The Washington County Board of Supervisors has been made aware of personnel and management issues with the ambulance department leadership, and the Washington County Board of Supervisors has spent significant time and effort to take this seriously and investigate the issues. Based on the information received in closed sessions about ambulance operations, personnel matters are involved and we are not at liberty to release any further details."

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to place Washington County Ambulance Director Jeremy Peck on one-month administrative leave without pay beginning October 27, 2022.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to require the Washington County Ambulance Director to take further appropriate Human Resources training as recommended by a Human Resources consultant.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to authorize the Ambulance Liaison (Stoops and Seward) to recommend to the Washington County Board of Supervisors a Human Resources consultant to assist in handling Human Resources issues specifically for the Washington County Ambulance Services Department.

There was no comment from department heads.

At 9:50 a.m. on motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
October 20, 2022

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor