

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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; contract agreement between Public Consulting Group (PCG) and Washington County Ambulance Services; compensation for employees of Washington County Ambulance Services; personnel change requests – Secondary Roads; personnel change request – Sheriff; WEMIGA recycling report; application from Riverside VFW Post #6414 for renewal of Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial); Resolution 21-39 regarding Adoption of Policies and Procedures Regarding Municipal Securities Disclosure; Resolution 21-40 regarding Dissolution of the Washington County Public Health Advisory Board; Resolution 21-41 regarding Notice of Property Tax Suspension; open discussion; adjourn. Supervisors Jack Seward, Jr., Marcus Fedler, and Stan Stoops were also physically present while Supervisor Bob Yoder participated in the meeting via electronic means.

Other individuals in attendance included the following: Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Mary Audia, Washington Economic Development Director; and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. 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 Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

The Board continued discussion regarding a proposed three-year contract agreement between Public Consulting Group (PCG) and Washington County Ambulance Services (WCAS). Ambulance Director Jeremy Peck shared that WCAS provides ambulance and medical services of which some qualify for the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Program. The GEMT program provides for supplemental payments for allowable costs in excess of other Medicaid revenue received for Medicaid patients who receive emergency transportation services. According to the terms of the agreement, WCAS will provide PCG with all of the required data needed to complete the required cost report (claim) and PCG will be responsible for compiling, completing and submitting the information to GEMT. PCG shall be paid compensation for its services rendered at the rate of 9% of the federal share portion of payments received by WCAS. On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve a contract between Public Consulting Group and Washington County Ambulance Services and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

The Board next entered into a lengthy discussion regarding compensation for employees of Washington County Ambulance Services (WCAS). Peck shared a proposed list of WCAS employees along with suggested pay rate increases for each employee. He stated that he felt the recommended pay rate increases would help to retain current staff as well as to attract new staff and in particular Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT). Peck explained that WCAS was presently in need of five additional such employees in order to be fully staffed. Such a shortage of employees results in Peck having to work extra shifts. Peck is classified as an “exempt” employee which means, among other things, he does not receive additional compensation for working more than 40 hours per week. While the Board in general expressed overall support for Peck’s proposal for increased pay rates for WCAS employees, they were not entirely comfortable with the idea of increasing the pay rate for Peck. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to accept the recommendations (as is) for increased rates of compensation as requested by Washington County Ambulance Director Jeremy Peck and as discussed by the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for Maintenance Superintendent J P Vansickle whose final date of employment will occur October 29, 2021.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for John Wagner who will be promoted to the position of Maintenance Superintendent and whose rate of pay will increase to the bi-weekly rate of \$2,519.20 effective October 30, 2021.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Jailer Ted Leeper who will be promoted to Shift Supervisor and whose rate of pay will increase to \$24.93 per hour effective November 3, 2021.

Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems, presented a report detailing activities for the first nine months of calendar year 2021. During that period of time WEMIGA processed 703.52 landfill tons, 24.72 tons of paper, 21.66 tons of plastic, 46.71 tons of cardboard, 52.04 tons of tin and aluminum, 145.13 tons of recyclable material, 110 appliances, 125 televisions and other electronic devices, 138 tires, and 33 gallons of used oil. The Board took no formal action. The complete report is available for review in the Auditor's office.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve an application for renewal of a Class C Liquor License (LC) (Commercial), including outdoor services and Sunday sales, from Riverside VFW Post #6414, Riverside, for the period of November 10, 2021, through November 9, 2022. Sheriff Jared Schneider recommended approval of the renewal.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-39 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-39 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 21-39**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
REGARDING MUNICIPAL SECURITIES DISCLOSURE**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa, Washington County, Iowa (the "County"), has publicly offered, and likely will issue and publicly offer in the future, its notes, bonds or other obligations (the "Bonds"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County deems it necessary and desirable to adopt certain Policies and Procedures Regarding Municipal Securities Disclosure to be followed in connection with the issuance and on-going administration of publicly offered Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Policies and Procedures Regarding Municipal Securities Disclosure are attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Disclosure Policies and Procedures");

**NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved** by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Disclosure Policies and Procedures attached hereto as Exhibit A are hereby adopted and shall be dated as of the date hereof.

**Section 2.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-40 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-40 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 21-40**

**A RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE  
THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Conditions of Participation for the Medicare and Medicaid Program for Home Health Agencies, the duties previously assigned to the Public Health Advisory Board have been assigned to Washington County Public Health and as a result the need and the requirement for a Washington County Advisory Board no longer exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that Resolution 96-64 passed by the Washington County Board of Supervisors on September 10, 1996 and related to Washington County Public Health Trust By-Laws and Organization, is hereby vacated and superseded by this Resolution 21-40. The Washington County Public Health Trust Advisory Board shall be hereby dissolved and its duties shall be assumed by the Washington County Board of Health.

No action was taken with regard to proposed Resolution 21-41 regarding Notice of Property Tax Suspension.

There was no comment from County Department Heads.

At 10:18 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
October 26, 2021

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON  
Washington County Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor