

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

Chairperson Bob Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; Workplace Learning Connection presentation and FY20 funding request; Washington County Fair Board report and FY20 funding request; acknowledgment of bid for repair of Courthouse Bell Tower roof; FY20 Statement of Understanding for using staff from member counties to provide services to the SE Iowa Link (SEIL) Region; discussion and possible action regarding proposed Resolution 19-01 to prohibit the use of Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Alternative Nicotine Products, and Vapor Products on Washington County property; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, and Richard Young were also present. Supervisor Jack Seward Jr. participated in the meeting by way of telephone.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Gretchen Teske, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; John Gish, County Attorney; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Bobbie Wulf, County Mental Health/Disabilities Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder, Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; John Wagner, Dean Sieren, and Jarrod Horning, County Fair Board; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder, Mike Murphy, and Les Zickefoose.

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

Workplace Learning Connection (WLC) Director Laurie Worden provided background information about WLC and explained that WLC, working in partnership with Kirkwood Community College and Grant Wood Area Education, serves as an intermediary between all school districts and all employers in Washington County along with six other counties. She explained that her objective is to provide classroom speakers, workplace tours, job shadows, unpaid internships, and staff development for teachers. She distributed a report showing a total of 1,504 student career exploration experiences in FY 2017-18 for Washington County which consisted of 1,355 event participants, 39 internship participants, and 110 job shadow participants. WLC will again be seeking County financial support for the next fiscal year. Based on the 2010 census, the rate of funding for current fiscal year 2018-19 is \$.07 per capita for a total of \$1,668. For FY 2019-20 Worden asked the Board to consider increasing county funding to \$.10 per capita for a total of \$2,224.70 in order to partially compensate for various expected future funding cuts. Worden commented that WLC's diverse funding model depends on each of its partners supporting its work proportionately so that entities both large and small contribute at the same level and thus the burden does not fall on any one group of stakeholders but is shared throughout the system. In summary, Worden stated that WLC is a tool for career development, future workforce development, and economic development as well as serving as a model for other similar such organizations across the state. The Board took no formal action.

On behalf of the Washington County Fair Association, Dean Sieren, Jarrod Horning, and John Wagner highlighted capital improvements made to the fairgrounds during the Association's fiscal year that ended September 30, 2018. The list included \$4,500.00 for solar panels, \$5,400.00 for playground equipment, \$15,400.00 for a new mower, \$3,100.00 in repairs to the sheep barn, and \$1,540.00 for new windows for the schoolhouse. Future plans call for the construction of a new cattle barn, at a cost of approximately \$462,000, with work slated to begin shortly after the conclusion of the 2019 Washington County Fair which runs from Sunday, July 15 through Saturday, July 21, 2019. So far, approximately \$175,000 has been raised for the 138-foot by 150-foot building. Other projects planned for the future include a memorial garden and increasing the number of campsites to 100 from the present 60. During the 2018 County Fair there was a total of 2,170 exhibits. Receipts for the past fiscal year, including fair income, non-fair income, and county and state funding, totaled \$409,504.00. Fair expenses, non-fair expenses, and capital improvements totaled \$230,009.00. The end of year cash balance totaled \$345,897.00. Total attendance for the 2018 Washington County Fair was 13,196 which was the second highest in the last eight years. Washington County has the 8th largest 4-H program in the state while ranking 27th in county population. Appreciation was expressed for the Washington County Extension staff and also for the many volunteers who assisted not only during fair week but also in preparation and clean up. It was noted that for FY19 a total of \$23,600 in funding assistance was given to the Fair Association and \$16,800 given for 4-H support. The Board took no formal action. The entire report is available by contacting the Auditor's office.

Auditor Dan Widmer presented a quote from Pa's Construction, Hiawatha, for reroofing the Courthouse Clock Tower. The bid, in the amount of \$79,460.00, includes the removal of existing shingles, application of underlayment as needed, and the application of multi-colored shingles to match the existing shingles. The new shingles will be supplied by Brava Tile, Washington and will be made of recycled materials. Widmer added that Pa's Construction completed the reroofing of the rest of the Courthouse roof in 2016 and used Brava Tile shingles. On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge the quote from Pa's Construction in the amount \$79,460.00 for reroofing the Court House Clock Tower.

Mental Health/Disabilities Director Bobbie Wulf presented the Board with a Statement of Understanding for FY20 related to use of administrative staff of the member counties and/or SEIL region employees for certain functions and responsibilities. Salary, benefits, and other expenses will be paid using regional funds currently held by Louisa and/or Washington County. Wulf serves as Mental Health and Disability Director for both Washington and Louisa County. On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the Statement of Understanding for FY20 with the SEIL Region and Louisa County and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

The Board took up discussion of proposed Resolution 19-01 related to the use of all tobacco products on Washington County property. The proposed resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION 19-01
PROHIBITING THE USE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND
VAPOR PRODUCTS ON WASHINGTON COUNTY PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has custody or control of certain county property and currently falls under the jurisdiction of Iowa Code 142D, otherwise known as the “Smoke Free Air Act,” which does not cover e-cigarettes or vapor products; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa believes that since the Smoke Free Air Act was adopted the use of alternative nicotine products and vapor products has become more abundant and their use on Washington County properties would undermine the intent and Washington County’s effective enforcement of the Smoke Free Air Act on Washington County properties, along with Washington County’s longstanding prohibition of tobacco use on Washington County properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to prohibit the use of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products on or inside certain property owned by Washington County and under the care, custody, or control of the Washington County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Washington County is dedicated to providing a healthy, sanitary, comfortable, and productive work environment for county employees and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that, by this resolution, the use of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and/or vapor products shall be prohibited in any area controlled by the Board of Supervisors at or in which smoking would be prohibited by the Smoke Free Air Act, currently adopted as Iowa Code Chapter 142D.; and

WHEREAS, the terms cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products shall have the same meanings as the meanings of those terms found in Iowa Code Section 453A.1.; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 19-01 all previous resolutions related to smoking areas or tobacco use in or on all Washington County property, including buildings, facilities, and motor vehicles are hereby repealed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby prohibits the use of cigarettes, tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and/or vapor products in or on all Washington County property including, but not limited to, all Washington County public buildings, on the grounds of all Washington County public buildings, and in all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of Washington County.

County Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski spoke to the Board with regard to proposed Resolution 19-01 and stated that the proposed resolution is the culmination of conversations between members of the Washington County Public Health Board since February of 2018 in an effort to expand what is included in the Smoke Free Air Act of 2008. Pettit-Majewski informed the Board that there has been a large uptick in the use of e-cigarettes recently and added that the Smoke free Air Act does not presently address e-cigarettes which are becoming increasingly more popular among younger members of the population. She stated that in discussions with officials from the State of Iowa she has learned that the State would like to first see some action at the local level with regard to e-cigarettes prior to becoming more involved. Young suggested that additional development occur with regard to some of the language contained in the proposed resolution and specifically mentioned wording stating “vapor products on or inside certain property owned by Washington County” to which County Attorney John Gish agreed. Pettit-Majewski disagreed with Miller who stated that he was of the understanding that e-cigarettes do not have the secondary effects of regular cigarettes, etc., and responded that an insufficient amount of research has been completed with regard to any such effects. She stressed she did not expect the Board to pass Resolution 19-1 at this time but instead merely wanted to begin a conversation. Further discussion centered on some of the language contained in the draft resolution. Young moved to table further discussion with regard to proposed Resolution 19-1 until the next Board meeting scheduled for January 15, 2019. There was no second of Young’s motion and so the motion failed. Seward stated that much of the published research that Pettit-Majewski is relying on is national research and thus there is some uncertainty as to the impact of such research at the local level. Seward, like Pettit-Majewski, stressed that at this time Washington County Public Health merely wants to initiate conversation. Seward opined that it was the responsibility of parents, and not that of the government, to be the caretaker for their children and he expressed hesitation with making caretaker decisions resulting in the expansion of government power. In answer to Young, Pettit-Majewski expressed doubt that the Iowa Legislature will take action regarding e-cigarettes in the new session of the legislature. The Board took no formal action.

At 10:16 a.m. on motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

JANUARY 8, 2019

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor