

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**

Chairperson Abe Miller called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda were: approval of agenda; public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation – Allen Kos, Section 27, English River Township; acknowledgment of animal confinement feeding operation – Allen Kos, Section 27, English River Township; Washington County Fair Board report and funding request; Washington County Recycling Update – Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA; quarterly report – Recorder; discussion and action regarding proposed bridge inspection contract with Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc.; appointment of Washington County Title VI Coordinator; discussion and action regarding Washington County Title VI non-discrimination agreement; discussion and action regarding The United States Department of Transportation Standard Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances; discussion and action regarding proposed Resolution 18-02 related to General Obligation Loan Agreement for Emergency Services Communication Equipment, public comment, and adjournment. Supervisor Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., and Richard Young were also present.

Others attending were: Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; John Gish, County Attorney; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Dean Sieren, Jarrod Horning, and John Wagner, Washington County Fair Board; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions, LLC; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Denny Stalder, Charlotte Stalder, Tom Dayton, Karyl Miller, Bill Miller, and Alvin C. Miller.

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.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding expansion of an animal confinement feeding operation owned by Allen Kos and located in Section 27 of English River Township. Upon completion of the planned expansion the revised Animal Unit Capacity of the 51' 2" x 371' x 8' deep structure will be 2,999.6. Auditor Dan Widmer confirmed that notice had been properly published and added that the Auditor's office had received no public comment. There were no comments from those assembled. On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge the expansion of a confinement feeding operation owned by Allen Kos and located in Section 27 of English River Township.

On behalf of the Washington County Fair Association, Dean Sieren, Jarrod Horning, and John Wagner provided highlights of capital improvements made to the fairgrounds during the Association's fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. The list included improvements to rabbit cages, horse barn, and sewer, as well as construction of a retaining wall on the east side of Dallmeyer Hall, hog barn upgrades, construction of perimeter fencing, paving the Dallmeyer Hall parking lot, addition of playground equipment, electrical upgrades, and solar panels. Such improvements totaled slightly over \$220,000 with such costs offset by \$159,000 in donations. Future plans call for the construction of new cattle barns at a cost of approximately \$400,000 with work to begin shortly after the conclusion of the 2018 Washington County Fair which runs from Sunday, July 15 through Saturday, July 21. During the 2017 County Fair there was a total of 2,495 exhibits. Receipts for the past fiscal year, including fair income, non-fair income, and county and state funding totaled \$457,657.31 while fair expenses, non-fair expenses, and capital improvements totaled \$456,764.92. Attendance for the 2017 Washington County fair was 13,159 which was the second highest in the last eight years. 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. New attractions for the 2018 Washington County Fair include a windmill display, pig races, and a traveling exhibit related to the events of September 11, 2001. The Board took no formal action. The entire report is available by contacting the Auditor's office.

Lynn Whaley, of WEMIGA Waste Systems, briefed the Board on recent activity at the Washington County Recycling Center. During the month of December 2017 WEMIGA processed 73.8 landfill tons, 36 recyclable tons, 10 appliances, 25 televisions and other electronic devices, 0 tires, and 31 gallons of used oil. In comparison, for the month of December 2016 WEMIGA processed a total of 74.65 landfill tons. The report also indicated that landfill tons in 2015 totaled 2,296.8 while in 2017 the total was 903.29. The Board took no formal action. The entire report is available by contacting the Auditor's office.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Recorder's quarterly report for the 2nd quarter of FY 2017-18 and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the report on behalf of the Board. The report, presented by County Recorder Jo Greiner, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$109,033.50 with the county retaining \$43,811.79. During the quarter the Recorder's office recorded a total of 1,241 documents. Greiner shared that her office handled 26 marriage applications, 126 passport applications, 138 passport photos, and 187 boat, ATV and snowmobile renewals and new registrations. The Recorder's office provided a total of 415 certified copies of birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses to the public. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius presented the Board with documents related to annual inspections of various county bridges. Thorius stated that his department lacks the staffing and expertise to perform state-required inspections and thus the services of Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. are used to complete the inspections. He added that Washington County has relied on Calhoun-Burns, Inc. to perform such inspections for approximately 25 years and Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. performs a majority of the required inspections for counties throughout Iowa. The bridges will be inspected for safety and useful life expectancy. Terms of the contract include a fee of \$2,610 for 12 inspections

scheduled for completion during calendar year 2018 and 144 inspections scheduled for completion during calendar year 2019 at a cost of \$23,774.90. On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a two year contract with Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. for bridge inspection services and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract on behalf of the Board.

County Auditor Dan Widmer shared that every application for federal financial assistance or continuing federal financial assistance must provide a statement of assurance and give reasonable guarantee that the program is conducted in compliance with all the requirements imposed by, or pursuant to, 49 C.F.R. Part 21 (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation – Effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights act of 1964). The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will not process any new Federal-aid funding agreements with Washington County until a copy of the DOT Title VI Agreement is forwarded to the Iowa DOT. One element of the Title VI Agreement is that a Title VI coordinator be designated with that individual being responsible for implementing and monitoring the county’s Title VI program and to be the representative for issues and actions pertaining to the Title VI agreement.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to appoint Auditor Daniel L. Widmer as Washington as Washington County Title VI Coordinator and Board Chairperson Abe C. Miller as Washington County Title VI Administrative Head.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve an agreement regarding Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve an agreement with the United States Department of Transportation regarding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 18-02 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 18-02 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02

Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a General Obligation Loan Agreement for Emergency Services Communication Equipment

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa (the “County”), proposes to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,500,000, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 331.402 and 331.441 of the Code of Iowa, for the essential county purpose of acquiring emergency services communication equipment; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to fix a date of meeting of the Board at which it is proposed to hold a hearing and take action to enter into the Loan Agreement and to give notice thereof as required by law;

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

Section 1. This Board shall meet on the 30th day of January, 2018, at the Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa, at 9:30 o’clock a.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held and proceedings will be instituted and action taken to enter into the Loan Agreement.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby directed to give notice of the proposed action on the Loan Agreement, setting forth the amount and purpose thereof, the time when and place where the said meeting will be held, by publication at least once and not less than 4 nor more than 20 days before the meeting, in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the County, in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO HOLD HEARING ON A LOAN AGREEMENT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,500,000

(General Obligation Emergency Services Communication Equipment)

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, will meet on the 30th day of January, 2018, at the Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa, at 9:30 o’clock a.m., for the purpose of holding a hearing and taking action to enter into a loan agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) in a principal amount not to exceed \$10,500,000 for the essential county purpose of acquiring emergency services communication equipment.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Sections 331.402 and 331.441 of the Code of Iowa. The Loan Agreement will constitute a general obligation of the County.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the County may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa.

Daniel L. Widmer

County Auditor

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

There was no public comment.

At 10:26 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
JANUARY 16, 2018

ABE C. MILLER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor