

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

Chairperson Richard Young called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda were: discussion and possible action regarding Board of Health recommendations for future space needs; quarterly report – Veteran Affairs Executive Secretary; quarterly report – General Assistance Director; Resolution 17-02 related to General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., and Abe Miller were present.

Others attending were: Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Mary Zielinski, Kalona News; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Sue Rich, County Veteran Affairs/General Assistance Director; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Karri Fisher, Peggy Wood, and Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health; Michael Hurt, Northland Securities; Jennifer Lerner, Acting County Attorney; John Gish, Asst. County Attorney; Brent Hinson and Sandra Johnson, City of Washington; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bette Brant, Tom Duwa, Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder, Les Zickefoose, Tom Vittetoe, and Josh Vittetoe.

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.

The Board took up discussion regarding consideration of a permanent home for Washington County Public Health (WCPH). Under consideration at the present time is a site located at 628 East 3rd Street, Washington. Hobart Historic Restoration (HHR), Cedar Rapids, is planning to restore the building with the possibility of WCPH occupying all or part of the building when the restoration is complete. Options being explored include, among others, WCPH occupying the building on a straight rental basis, a rent-to-own basis, or by means of a straight purchase at some point in the future. Danielle Pettit-Majewski, Public Health Director, addressed the Board and offered assistance regarding unanswered questions. Seward responded that his main concern was related to cash flow and how the additional expenses would be addressed in terms of the WCPH budget. Pettit-Majewski replied that such questions would be answered during the budget work session with WCPH scheduled for later in the day. Seward stated that he had met personally with area property owners to hear their concerns and afterwards he felt various misconceptions had been displaced. He added that he is comfortable with the plans and analysis supplied by HHR. Pettit-Majewski stated she believes HHR would be willing to consider other alternatives and suggested a joint work session involving the Supervisors, Public Health, the City of Washington, and HHR. Young expressed concerns about the cost to rent as well as the cost of a potential purchase in the future and in turn voiced his preference to meet only with Pettit-Majewski and WCPH Fiscal Administrator Peggy Wood. Washington City Administrator Brent Hinson informed the Board that no formal discussions had been held by City officials with regard to the building, including discussion regarding tax increment financing. Citizen Tom Vittetoe requested a listing of the work that would be performed and expressed curiosity regarding what Washington County would be getting for the estimated \$3.5 million cost to renovate. Seward clarified that the county would not initially own the building nor pay for any renovation costs and thus the more pertinent question is whether the proposed price per square foot is affordable from the standpoint of Washington County. The Board took no formal action.

Veteran Affairs Executive Secretary Sue Rich presented the 2nd quarter Washington County Veterans Affairs report. She reported that during the recently concluded 2nd quarter of the current fiscal year, Veterans Affairs paid a total of \$3,260.96 in benefits to 9 successful applicants. So far in FY 2017-18 total benefits of \$4,213.41 have been paid. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the quarterly Veterans Affairs report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

General Assistance Director Sue Rich presented the 2nd quarter Washington County General Assistance report. She reported that during the recently concluded 2nd quarter of the current fiscal year, General Assistance paid \$4,004.42 in benefits to 17 successful applicants. So far in FY 2017-18 total benefits of \$4,824.48 have been paid. On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the quarterly General Assistance report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

The Board continued its discussion regarding refinancing General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A. Michael Hart of Northland Securities told the Board that proposed Resolution 17-02 would result in locking in the rate of the new bonds, resulting in a net savings of approximately \$37,000 over the remaining four year life of the bonds. He added that the effective rate of the new bonds would be 1.75%, the true interest cost which reflects refinancing costs would be 1.85%, and the annual payments would be approximately \$935,000. On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-02 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 17-02 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-02

Resolution approving Bond Purchase Agreement for General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Washington County, Iowa (the "County"), has heretofore proposed to enter into a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,600,000, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of refunding the outstanding balance of the County's General Obligation County Road Improvement Bonds, Series 2011A, and has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the County enter into the Loan Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Underwriter") and issue \$3,595,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A (the "Bonds") in evidence of its obligations under the Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a certain Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") has been prepared setting forth the terms of the Bonds and the understanding between the County and the Underwriter, and it is now necessary to make provision for the approval of the Bond Purchase Agreement;

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

Section 1. The Bond Purchase Agreement is hereby approved in substantially the form as presented to this Board. The Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement to the Underwriter.

Section 2. All resolutions and orders or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

At 10:55 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
JANUARY 24, 2017

RICHARD L. YOUNG
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor