

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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: public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation – Brandon Bell, Section 8, Seventy-Six Township; acknowledgment of confinement feeding operation – Brandon Bell, Section 8, Seventy-Six Township; personnel change request – Communications; personnel change requests – Auditor; Washington County Recycling update – Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems. Supervisor Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., and Abe Miller were present.

Others attending were: Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Mary Zielinski, Kalona News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; John Gish, County Attorney; Shawn Ellingson and Jared Schneider, County Sheriff's Office; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bette Brant, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder, Les Zickefoose, Brandon Bell, Robert Bell, and Lu Harland.

All motions were passed unanimously by those supervisors in attendance unless noted otherwise.

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

On motion by Miller, seconded Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding expansion of an animal confinement feeding operation owned by Brandon Bell and located in Section 8 of Seventy-Six Township, 1140 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Keota. Upon completion of the planned expansion, the revised Animal Unit Capacity of the 51' 2" x 401' 4" x 8' deep structure will be 2,959.2. 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 Stoops, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge the expansion of a confinement feeding operation owned by Brandon Bell and located in Section 8 of Seventy-Six Township, 1140 180<sup>th</sup> Street, Keota.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Communications for the hiring of Scott Bell, effective February 21, 2017, as a full-time Dispatcher I at the rate of \$15.05 per hour for 1<sup>st</sup> shift, \$15.40 for 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, and \$15.55 for 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Auditor for a change in the compensation rate for Tim Hoyle, effective February 16, 2017, from \$15.34 per hour to \$16.34 per hour.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Auditor for a change in the compensation rate for Amber Day, effective February 16, 2017, from \$15.34 per hour to \$16.34 per hour.

Lynn Whaley, of WEMIGA Waste Systems, briefed the Board on activity at the Washington County Recycling Center for the month of January 2017. For the month, the facility processed 70.59 landfill tons, 22.50 recyclables tons, 9 appliances, 28 televisions and other electronic devices, 19 tires, and no used oil. Whaley informed the Board that gravel was applied to the front entrance as well as the back lot, and also that he had been working with Stoops to obtain and submit bids for various projects proposed for FY 2017-18. Whaley explained that handling ashes is still somewhat of a problem and that he was investigating the possibility of obtaining a separate container for the disposal of ashes. The Board took no formal action.

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

ATTEST:  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017

RICHARD L. YOUNG  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor