

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 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 Resolution 17-06 related to vacating a portion of Nutmeg Avenue; discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 17-11 related to revision of the Washington County 2017 Five Year Road Program; discussion and possible action regarding enforcement of obstructions in Washington County road right-of-way; quarterly report – Mental Health and Disability Services Director; establish bid letting date for road grading and surfacing project on Kiwi Avenue and 130th Street; establish bid letting date for RCB culvert extensions on Riverside Road; appointment of various commission, board, and committee members; personnel change requests – Sheriff; personnel change request – Conservation; CBM Managed Services contract – Sheriff. Supervisor Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Abe Miller, and Jack Seward, Jr., were present.

Others attending were: Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Mary Zielinski, Kalona News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; John Gish, County Attorney; Bobbie Wulf, County Mental Health/Disability Services Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Jared Schneider, County Sheriff; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; and citizens Bette Brant, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder, Les Zickefoose, Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Tom Dayton, Richard Long, John Canady, Laurie Canady, Lu Harland, Kurt Hanson, Chris Grier, Christina Grier, William Grier, Travis Yeggy, and Tom Duwa.

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

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

The Board took up discussion with regard to proposed Resolution 17-06 related to the vacation and closing of Nutmeg Avenue in Sections 17 and 20 of English River Township. County Engineer Jacob Thorius recapped the required steps to properly and legally vacate a county road. Seward stated he had received much public comment and feedback from the public, for which he was appreciative. He added that he was still receiving input from the public, with such input coming not only from the Kalona area but from all of Washington County. Seward told those assembled that he wants to remain consistent in his approach to County matters, he values personal rights, and that his decisions were based on the good of the entire County. Miller stated he listens to the public and strives to make decisions based upon public comment, as well as moral and legal reasoning, and he is still listening to public comment on the matter of road vacation currently under discussion. Stoops stated he tends to follow Miller’s line of thought with regard to the importance of listening to constituents while Yoder voiced his opposition to vacating the road due to public comment and his skepticism that closing the road would deter public access. Seward agreed with Thorius in that the County bears no responsibility regarding any existing easements related to the south end of the bridge. County Attorney John Gish expressed that while there are no legal barriers to making a decision as to whether to vacate the road, he still recommended caution in order to see what course the pending civil action takes with regard to ownership of the Bunker Mill Bridge. Thorius encouraged a timely decision on whether to vacate. On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to table action on the matter of the vacation and closing of Nutmeg Avenue in Sections 17 and 20 of English River Township until April 4, 2017.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 17-11 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 17-11 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 17-11

**REVISION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
2017 FIVE YEAR ROAD PROGRAM**

Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Construction Program, and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding and timing of the proposed work plan,

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2017), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050.

The following approved Priority Year projects shall be **ADVANCED** to the Program's Accomplishment year:

Project Number Local ID TPMS #	Project Location Description of work	AADT Length NBIS #	Type Work Fund basis	Prior FY	Accomplishment Year (\$1000's of dollars)		
					New amount	Net change	
FM-C092(95)--55-92 Coppock Rd Grinding TPMS ID: 29263	On Coppock Road (W47)	740 7.464	Other FM	2018	\$800	\$800	
Totals						\$800	\$800

The following approved Priority Year projects shall be **ADDED** to the Program's Accomplishment year:

Project Number Local ID TPMS #	Project Location Description of work	AADT Length NBIS #	Type Work Fund basis	Accomplishment Year (\$1000's of dollars)	
				New amount	
L-B-234--73-92 Kiwi Ave Reshaping TPMS ID: 36070	On KIWI AVE, from 140th Street North to 125th Street	25 1.809 MI	Granular LOCAL	\$225	
L-B-223--73-92 130th St Reshaping TPMS ID: 36071	On 130TH ST, from Juniper Ave East to Kiwi Ave	40 0.72 MI	Granular LOCAL	\$125	
LFM-A-202--7X-92	On W61 at 135th St and 1370 feet north of 135th St	980	Box Culverts	\$250	

RCB Culvert Extensions TPMS ID: 36072		0	LOCAL				
L-J-088--73-92 Nutmeg Ave Reshaping TPMS ID: 36099	On Nutmeg Avenue, from 18th Street north to 200th Street	10 3.543 MI	Granular LOCAL			\$400	
Totals							\$1000

Fund ID	Accomplishment year (\$1000's of dollars)		
	Previous Amount	New Amount	Net Change
Local Funds	\$680	\$1,680	\$1,000
Farm to Market Funds	\$2,320	\$3,120	\$800
Special Funds	\$500	\$500	\$0
Federal Aid Funds	\$2,380	\$2,380	\$0
Total construction cost (All funds)	\$5,880	\$7,680	\$1,800
Local 020 Construction cost totals (Local Funds + BROS-8J FA funds)	\$680	\$1,680	\$1,000

On December 20, 2016 the Board voted to approve a letter to be sent to landowners who are in violation of Washington County road Right-Of-Way (ROW), including cultivation obstruction of the ROW, with the requirement that any such letter must specifically describe the nature of the violation and also with the stipulation that any such letter meet with the approval of the Board Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson or with the approval of a majority vote of the entire Board of Supervisors prior to mailing. Thorius stated he had prepared, and was ready to send, such letters. Young and Miller both stated that they had reviewed such letters and while Young was comfortable with sending all the letters, Miller was uncomfortable with two of the letters and wished more time to investigate and speak with the landowners. Thus, with the exception of these two instances, letters will be sent to landowners considered to be in violation of Washington County ROW.

Mental Health and Disability Services Director Bobbie Wulf presented the FY 2016-17 2nd quarter Mental Health/Disability Services report. Wulf stated that with regard to the Choices drop in center, a total of 151 participants used the facility during the quarter for a total of 674 visits. Wulf also stated that crisis homes, operated by Hope Haven Area Development Corp, Burlington, and Tenco Industries, Ottumwa, accommodated two individuals who didn't meet acute care criteria but nonetheless needed non-acute care. Such individuals may stay at a crisis home for a maximum of 42 days on a voluntary basis. Other totals for the quarter included 11 individuals who received jail transition coordination services and 45 individuals who received crisis services through Hillcrest Community Mental Health. Expenses for the quarter totaled \$212,970.93. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Mental Health and Disability Services quarterly report for the 2nd quarter of FY 2016-17.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to establish April 4, 2017 as the bid letting date for road projects located at Kiwi Avenue, 130th Street, and the intersection of 135th Street and Nutmeg Avenue.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment to the position of Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Brett Johnson with such term scheduled to end December 31, 2020.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment to the position of Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Charles Shelman with such term scheduled to end December 31, 2020.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment to the position of Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Shannon McCain with such term scheduled to end December 31, 2020.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment to the position of Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Travis Hartley with such term scheduled to end December 31, 2020.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment to the position of Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Douglas Conrad with such term scheduled to end December 31, 2020.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign, separate personnel change requests from the Sheriff for both Brad Merchel and Jared Eichelberger who each terminated employment effective July 27, 2015. Both individuals served as members of Washington County Rescue.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Jopancia Albright who moved from casual part-time status to full-time status effective February 22, 2017. Albright serves as a Jailer.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for a change in pay rate from \$18.50 per hour to \$19.00 per hour for Jayse Horning, effective March 2, 2017. Horning serves as a Ranger-Technician.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to approve a contract extension with CBM for the period of January 8, 2017 to June 30, 2018 that includes a 0.00% increase from the previous year and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract extension on behalf of the Board. CBM provides meals for jail inmates as well as the necessary labor to prepare and serve the meals. The contract with CBM is a five-year contract with annual renewals upon agreement of both parties. The contract extension calls for a minimum price of \$1.61 per meal to a maximum of \$4.91 per meal with the actual price determined by the number of inmates served. The contract calls for any increase to be based on the Consumer Price Index for the previous twelve months.

At 10:41 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
MARCH 7, 2017

RICHARD L. YOUNG
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor