

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Jack Seward, Jr. called to order, in regular session, a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors. The meeting took place in the Washington County Board of Supervisors chambers located in the Washington County Courthouse. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; public hearing regarding proposed FY2020-21 Washington County Budget; Resolution 20-14 regarding FY2020-21 maximum property tax dollars; Resolution 20-13 regarding the appointment of township clerks and township trustees for Brighton Township and for Clay Township; Identification Badge policy; Ambulance Services Department issues, including, but not limited to, organization and staffing, job postings, pay scales, and oversight; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliance update - Roger Shindell, Carosh Compliance Solutions; public comment; official canvass of March 3, 2020 Washington Community School Special Election; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young, and Bob Yoder were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Bill Monroe, The SE Iowa Union; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Amber Day, Deputy Auditor; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; Roger Shindell, Carosh Compliance Solutions; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Dwight Miller, Aaron W. Olson, Dan Stigers, Hogan Miller, Charlotte Stalder, Dennis Stalder, Karyl Miller, Bill Miller, and Bruce Murphy.

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

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve the agenda after it was amended to include the following items: 1) public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation – Dwight Miller Farms – South Site, Ainsworth, IA, and 2) acknowledgment of animal confinement feeding operation – Dwight Miller Farms – South Site, Ainsworth, IA.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing related to a proposed animal confinement feeding operation known as Dwight Miller Farms – South Site, Ainsworth, to be located in Section 12 of Oregon Township. The project will be designed for a maximum of 4,960 head of swine and will include construction of a 71’2” x 281’ building with an 8’ below-ground pit. There was no public comment. Auditor Daniel Widmer stated that his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing and he also stated that notice of the public hearing had been published as required. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to open a public hearing related to the proposed FY2020-21 Washington County budget. County IT/Budget Director Cyndie Sinn shared that as a result of new state legislation passed in the previous year today’s public hearing was the first of two required public hearings that must take place prior to budget approval. She continued by saying that the new legislation also added the requirement that a super-majority vote by the Board is required to approve a budget that calls for a 2% or more increase in tax asking from that of the previous year. She concluded her remarks by informing the Board that the proposed general services levy for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 is a 0.49% increase over the general services levy for the current fiscal year while the rural services levy for the coming fiscal beginning July 1, 2020 is a 8.2% reduction from the rural services levy for the current fiscal year. On motion by Yoder, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge an animal confinement feeding operation known as Dwight Miller Farms – South Site, Ainsworth, IA and located in Section 12 of Oregon Township.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-14 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-14 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 20-14  
FY2020-21 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY2020-21 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

**WHEREAS**, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 10, 2020,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services shall not exceed the following:

General County Services \$8,673,281

Rural County Services \$2,061,490

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY2020-21 does not represent an increase of 2% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2019-20.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-13 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-13 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 20-13  
APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES AND CLERKS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 39.22 of the Code of Iowa authorizes the county Boards of Supervisors to pass a resolution in favor of filling the offices of trustee and clerk within a township by appointment by the board, and may direct the county Commissioner of Elections to submit the question to the registered voters of the township at the next General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, terms of elected township officers appear on every General Election ballot, even though there are often no candidates who come forward to have their names placed on the ballot for township office terms or vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, election expenses, including programming and ballot costs, are significantly increased when township offices are required on the ballots; and

**WHEREAS**, of the fifteen townships located in Washington County, at a previous General Election thirteen townships approved having the Board of Supervisors appoint officers, with only Brighton Township and Clay Township currently electing their officers;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Washington Commissioner of Elections to submit the question of filling the offices of trustee and clerk by appointment by the Board of Supervisors to the registered voters in both Brighton and Clay Townships at the next General Election to be held November 3, 2020.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adopt a Washington County Employee Identification Badge Policy and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the policy on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to establish an Ambulance Services Organizational Committee consisting of Emergency Management Director Marissa Reisen, Chief Deputy Shawn Ellingson, and Supervisor Richard Young, as well as Deputy Auditor Amber Day as appropriate. It is anticipated that the group will provide input and assistance with regard to organization of the ambulance department, jobs and duties, and hiring priorities.

Roger Shindell, with Carosh Compliance Solutions, provided the board with an update as to the County's compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The complete report is available in the Auditor's office.

There was no public comment.

The Board canvassed the results of the March 3, 2020 Washington Community School District Special Election as follows:

**STATE OF IOWA  
ABSTRACT OF VOTES**

**Washington County, Iowa**

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio County Board of Canvassers for this County, do hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in this County at the Washington Community School District Election held on the 3rd day of March, 2020, as shown by the tally lists returned from the several election precincts.

**For the public measure  
Public Measure A**

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Washington Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the Washington Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Washington Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted.

To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under a district-to-community college as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District.

To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2).

To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4.

To provide funds for property tax relief; and

To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Washington Community School District.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be

construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Washington Community School District.

**For the question, there were:** One hundred ten (110) votes

**Against the question, there were:** Thirty-two (32) votes

**TOTAL** One hundred forty-two (142) votes

**We therefore declare Public Measure A as recited above to be adopted.**

**For the public measure  
Public Measure B**

Shall the Board of Directors of the Washington Community School District, in the Counties of Washington and Jefferson, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, to levy annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment property tax not to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, or each year thereafter?

**For the question, there were:** One hundred five (105) votes

**Against the question, there were:** Thirty-five (35) votes

**TOTAL** One hundred forty (140) votes

**We therefore declare Public Measure B as recited above to be adopted.**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the seal of this county by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Done at Washington, Iowa, the county seat of Washington County, Iowa, this 10th day of March, 2020.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to accept as official the results of the March 3, 2020 Washington Community School District Special Election as canvassed.

At 10:31 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
MARCH 10, 2020

JACK SEWARD, JR.  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor