

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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 proposed FY 2018-19 Washington County budget; public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation – Delmar Bontrager, Section 21, Lime Creek Township; discussion and action regarding proposed Resolution 18-14 related to adoption of Washington County budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019; discussion and action regarding proposed Resolution 18-15 related to compensation for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019; acknowledgment of animal confinement feeding operation – Delmar Bontrager, Section 21, Lime Creek Township; personnel change request – Sheriff; appointment of Dan Luers as Dutch Creek Township Trustee; appointment of Tim Kleese as Franklin Township Clerk. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Jack Seward, Jr., and Richard Young were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; John Gish, County Attorney; Shawn Ellingson, Deputy Sheriff; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Steve Anderson, County Conservation Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; and citizens Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder, Les Zickefoose, David Bontrager, Delmar Bontrager, Jon Bontrager, Karyl Miller, and Bill Miller.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding the FY18-19 Washington County budget. Cyndie Sinn, IT and Budget Director, highlighted the FY18-19 Washington County budget as follows: for FY18-19 the proposed general basic tax rate per \$1,000 of taxable value is 3.85, the proposed urban levy is 7.55160, and the proposed rural levy is 10.95461. For FY17-18 the general basic levy rate per \$1,000 of taxable value is 3.85, the urban levy is 6.84035, and the rural levy is 10.3271. The total property tax asking for FY18-19 is \$11,493,779 while the total property tax asking for FY17-18 is \$9,989,919. Auditor Dan Widmer verified that the appropriate official publications had occurred and stated that his office had received no public comment. There were no comments from those assembled. On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing. The complete FY18-19 budget is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding an addition to an animal confinement feeding operation owned by Delmar Bontrager and located in Section 21 of Lime Creek Township at 1905 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wellman. Plans call for the construction of one new 2499 head deep pit swine finisher confinement building at an existing swine confinement facility resulting in a total animal unit capacity of the confinement operation after construction of 1479.60 animal units (3699 head of swine finishers). Dimensions of the planned structure are 71'2" x 285' x 8'0" belowground concrete pit covered by a swine finisher. Auditor Dan Widmer confirmed that notice of the hearing had been properly published on February 23, 2018 and added that the Auditor's office had received no public comment. There were no comments from those assembled. On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 18-14 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 18-14 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 18-14**

**Resolution for the Adoption of Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 per IA Code 331.434.**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code 331.434 requires that after a budget hearing, the Washington County Board of Supervisors shall adopt by resolution a budget, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has met the budget publication requirements in Iowa Code 331.434 through publication in the Washington Evening Journal and The News, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has met the budget hearing requirements in IA Code 331.434 through the public hearing held on March 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018, the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by resolution the County Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 18-15 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 18-15 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION 18-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Compensation Board met on December 21, 2017 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>FY 2018-19 Salary</u>	<u>Plus Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended FY 2018-19 Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 72,757	--	3%	\$ 74,940
County Attorney	\$109,091	\$6,000	3%	\$118,544
Recorder	\$ 67,019	\$ 500	3%	\$ 69,545
Sheriff	\$ 92,110	\$3,000	3%	\$ 97,963
Supervisors	\$ 36,394	\$1,500	3%	\$ 39,031
Supervisor Chair	\$ 1,500	--	0%	\$ 1,500
Treasurer	\$ 68,018	\$ 500	3%	\$ 70,574

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors adopts the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$ 73,411	0.90%
County Attorney	\$111,926	2.60%
Recorder	\$ 67,776	1.132%
Sheriff	\$ 93,865	1.91%
Supervisors	\$ 36,657	0.72%
Supervisor Chair	\$ 1,500	0.00%
Treasurer	\$ 68,784	1.13%

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge a confinement feeding operation owned by Delmar Bontrager located in Section 21 of Lime Creek Township at 1905 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Wellman.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge a personnel change request with an effective date of March 19, 2018 from the Sheriff for Zach Rozmus who accepted a position with Washington County Conservation.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to appoint Dan Luers to fill an unexpired term as Dutch Creek Township Trustee that ends December 31, 2018

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to appoint Tim Kleese to fill an unexpired term as Franklin Township Clerk that ends December 31, 2018

At 9:55 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
MARCH 13, 2018

ABE C. MILLER  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor