

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019**

Chairperson Bob Yoder called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; discussion and possible action to approve a proposal for engineering services for Washington County P25 LMR System Communication Site Construction with Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc.; appointment to fill vacancy on Crawford Township Benefitted Fire District; Resolution 19-05 regarding acknowledgment of a Washington County Riverboat Foundation grant application from Public Health for funding assistance for bottle fill water fountains; Washington County Recycling update – Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Resolution 19-06 regarding transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways in Washington County; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young, were also present. Supervisor Jack Seward, Jr., participated via telephone.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; David Hotle, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff's Office; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; John Gish, County Attorney; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Tom Duwa, Bette Brant, Tom Dayton, and Denny Stalder.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve an agreement for engineering services for Washington County P25 LMR System Communication Site Construction with Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. This matter is related to the future Communications building and/or equipment.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to appoint Neill Robinson to complete an unexpired term on the Crawford Township Benefitted Fire District that ends December 31, 2019.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 19-05 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 19-05 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 19-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, IOWA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS FROM THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has grant funds available that target Community Development and Beautification, Economic Development, Art and Education, Human and Social Needs, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has a grant application cycle that ends April 3, 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is supportive of these targets for improvements to the community and County, and;

WHEREAS, one or more applications from Washington County and/or from organizations with projects that will take place on County property, will be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation by the April 3, 2019 deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that Washington County acknowledges the following grant application will be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the April 3, 2019 application cycle:

Rethink Your Drink Washington County by purchasing bottle fill water fountains

Lynn Whaley, on behalf of WEMIGA Waste Systems, briefed the Board on recent activity at the Washington County Recycling Center. During the month of February 2019 WEMIGA processed 63.09 landfill tons, 7.67 tons of paper, 6.89 tons of plastic, 8.05 tons of cardboard, 22.61 recyclable tons, 9 appliances, 8 televisions and other electronic devices, 4 tires, and no used oil. Total landfill tons for the month of January 2019 were 60.61. Whaley is presently assisting with the completion of the renewal of the Citizen Convenience Center permit application along with preparing for a site inspection related to the permit application. Whaley reminded the Board that the current contract between the County and WEMIGA will end June 30, 2019 and he expressed that he would look favorably on renewing the current contract. Finally Whaley shared a recommendation from the Department of Natural Resources that the County consider increasing the closure cost estimate for the Washington County Recycling Center which currently is \$2,685.00. The Board took no formal action. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Young seconded by Miller, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 19-06 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 19-06 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 19-06

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184 PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed Senate Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Washington County owns and maintains non-primary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the non-primary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Washington County owns and maintains 162 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Washington County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the non-primary roads and bridges owned by Washington County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on non-primary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Washington County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Washington County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Washington County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Washington County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Washington County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Washington County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

There was no public comment.

At 9:31 a.m. on motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

March 19, 2019

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor