

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 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 hazard mitigation planning and grant administration services; Quarterly Report - Washington Economic Development Group; Quarterly Report – Recorder; discussion and action regarding proposed contract with Cost Advisory Services, Inc.; personnel change request – Auditor. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Jack Seward, Bob Yoder, and Abe Miller were also present.

Others attending were: Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Mary Zielinski, Kalona News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; John Gish, County Attorney; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Ed Raber, Washington Economic Development Group, and citizens Les Zickefoose, Tom Duwa, Tom Dayton, Bette Brant, Charlotte Stalder, and Denny Stalder.

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

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

The Board resumed its discussion regarding the possibility of East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) providing consulting services to Washington County in the county's efforts to prepare an updated multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Washington County has been awarded a Pre Disaster Mitigation Program grant in the amount of \$30,000 to offset the costs of completing the updated plan. A concern expressed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 4, 2017 was again voiced with the concern being related to where payment responsibility would fall for costs that exceed the \$30,000 grant amount. Such concern arose over wording contained in the draft agreement proposed by ECICOG that states "the county will be responsible for the additional cost of ECICOG services" over and above the amount of the Pre Disaster Mitigation Program grant. Seward suggested that Young contact ECICOG for clarification and if such clarification was not obtained that Young in turn contact other counties to which ECICOG has provided assistance with hazard mitigation plans. The Board took no formal action.

Washington Economic Development Group (WEDG) Director Ed Raber gave an overview of recent activities involving WEDG as well as some of its accomplishments. He explained that WEDG has three areas of emphasis which include education and brand advancement, coordinating with Washington County, and business services. WEDG coordinated with 7 participating entities, including Washington County Conservation, on a request for proposal involving a Trails and Recreation Plan Update. Also, WEDG participated in Washington County's Wellness Commission and collaborated with the Washington County Engineer on a rural Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy grant. Raber stated he has made many presentations to various groups and organizations as well as traveling to Des Moines and Washington D.C. He assisted the City of Kalona with a Vision Iowa/Community Attractions & Tourism grant application and coordinated with the Center for Industrial Research and Service at Iowa State University to provide services to three industries in Kalona and Washington. Other activities include assisting a regional business in its opening of a regional office in Washington, conferring with three businesses considering expansions and/or purchases, and aiding a building trades business that is interested in moving to Washington. The Board took no formal action. The entire report is available by contacting the County Auditor's office.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the County Recorder's quarterly report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY 2016-17 and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the report on behalf of the Board. The report, presented by County Recorder Jo Greiner, reflected revenues for the quarter in the amount of \$100,568.70 with the county retaining \$38,910.31. During the quarter, the Recorder's office recorded a total of 1,185 documents. Greiner shared that her office handled 28 marriage applications, 173 passport applications, 136 passport photos, and 238 boat, ATV and snowmobile renewals and new registrations. Greiner also stated that her office provided a total of 454 certified copies of birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses. The complete report is available in the office of the County Auditor.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Auditor for a change in compensation rate for Aaron Wulf from \$17.99 per hour to \$19.65 per hour, effective April 12, 2017 at which time Wulf will assume the position of Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

During the informal time at the close of the meeting, County Auditor Dan Widmer shared that the south door of the courthouse soon will no longer serve as a regular point of entrance or exit to and from the building. Instead the door will only be available as a means of emergency exit. Widmer stated that this change is a part of an overall effort to improve courthouse security.

At 9:58 a.m. on motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
APRIL 11, 2017

RICHARD L. YOUNG  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor