

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 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 included the following: approval of agenda; 2018 assessment notices – Christy Tinnes, Assessor; Washington County Recycling update – Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; quarterly report – Sheriff; application from Revasser Winery, Ainsworth, for Class C Native Wine Permit to include living quarters, outdoor service, and Sunday sales; personnel change request – Communications; personnel change request – Public Health; personnel change request – County Attorney; personnel change requests – County Engineer; Secondary road use request – Marion Avenue Baptist Church; closed session - per Code of Iowa Chapter 21.5 (1)(j) – to discuss the purchase of particular real estate. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Jack Seward, Jr., Richard Young, and Bob Yoder were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Xiomara Levsen, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; John Gish, County Attorney; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Lynn Whaley WEMIGA Waste Systems; Bill Fiordelise, County Sheriff's Office; Christy Tinnes and Christina Loeffler, County Assessor's Office; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Denny Stalder, Karyl Miller, and Alvin C. Miller .

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

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

County Assessor Christy Tinnes presented an overview of the method of assessing rural dwellings. She shared that prior to the recently completed 2018 assessment notices that were mailed to property owners on April 1, 2018 the last general assessment of rural dwellings occurred approximately 15 years ago. The goal of the assessments is to value rural residential properties as closely as possible to their market value. Agricultural land and buildings are valued differently by way of a formula. The county has only one full time employee qualified to perform such rural valuations and thus Vanguard Appraisals was hired to conduct rural residential re-valuations which consisted of representatives of Vanguard Appraisals visiting rural dwellings to ensure correct and up-to-date evaluations were in place. Factors considered included type of construction, type of interior finish, physical condition of the dwelling, the age of the dwelling, exterior measurements, sales analysis, local construction costs, and economic conditions. Tinnes stressed that each situation is unique and also stated that if property owners have questions or concerns about their property re-valuations they are encouraged to contact the Washington County Assessor's office where details about the process to appeal an assessment can be explained. The Board took no formal action.

Lynn Whaley, on behalf of WEMIGA Waste Systems, briefed the Board on recent activity at the Washington County Recycling Center during the month of March. During the month WEMIGA processed 71.54 landfill tons, 26.29 recyclable tons, 12 appliances, 31 televisions and other electronic devices, 13 tires, and 7 gallons of used oil. Whaley also shared that total landfill tons for the month of March 2017 were 73.71 while total landfill tons for February 2018 totaled 55.94. The Board took no formal action. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Sheriff's quarterly report for the 3rd quarter of FY 2018. The report, presented by Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of \$10,770.41, total receipts including unallocated funds in the amount of \$132,368.30, total disbursements of \$69,687.28, and an ending balance of \$73,451.43. Fiordelise noted that the ending balance was abnormally high due to having to delay payment to the plaintiff(s) for property sold at a sheriff's sale until the purchasing party's check was deemed to have cleared. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve an application from Revasser Winery, 1749 Yucca Avenue, Ainsworth, for a Class C Native Wine Permit to include living quarters, outdoor service, and Sunday Sales, with an effective date of May 9, 2018, and an expiration date of May 8, 2019. Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues with the application.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge a personnel change request from Communications for Nancy Elam whose final day of employment occurred April 11, 2018.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge a personnel change request from Public Health for Angie Shaw whose final day of employment is scheduled for May 2, 2018.

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a personnel change request from the County Attorney for the hiring of Shane McChurch as a full-time Prosecutor Intern at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective May 23, 2018. McChurch, a student at the University of Iowa College of Law, plans to conclude his employment during August 2018. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a personnel change request from the County Engineer for the hiring of Nathaniel A. Sieren as a temporary Summer Engineer Intern at the rate of \$12.40 per hour, effective May 9, 2018. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve a personnel change request from the County Engineer for the hiring of Paul M. Hansen as a temporary Summer Engineer Intern at the rate of \$13.40 per hour, effective May 14, 2018. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a secondary road use request form received from Marion Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, for a portion of Nutmeg Avenue on April 26, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. The road vacation is related to a planned fireworks display.

Washington County Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski provided details regarding a health advisory notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) pertaining to a measles exposure that occurred in the Des Moines metropolitan area. According to the notice a confirmed case of the virus in Missouri could have exposed people at two locations in Iowa as the infected individual passed through the state. Anyone who visited the Hardees restaurant at 3621 Merle Hay Road in Des Moines on Friday, April 13th during the hours of 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. or the Panera Bread restaurant at 2310 Delaware Avenue in Ankeny on Monday, April 16th between noon and 4:00 p.m. may have been exposed to measles. The IDPH says the illness cannot be prevented after individuals are exposed, but it is highly contagious. Individuals experiencing symptoms such as a fever, cough, red/pink eyes, runny nose, or a rash should immediately contact a physician by way of telephone. A vaccination can prevent the illness before exposure.

At 10:12 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)(j) to discuss the possible purchase of particular real estate.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board returned to open session and on motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
April 24, 2018

ABE C. MILLER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor