

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**

At 9:01 a.m. Chairperson Jack Seward Jr. called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors which took place in the Washington County Courthouse. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; public comment; public hearing regarding animal confinement feeding operation – BP Land Inc. (Rob Brenneman) – 2047 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, IA. (Section 35, English River Township); acknowledgement of animal confinement feeding operation – BP Land Inc. (Rob Brenneman) – 2047 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, IA. (Section 35, English River Township); personnel change request – Auditor; Quarterly Report – Sheriff; Quarterly Report – General Assistance; Quarterly Report – Veteran Affairs; personnel change request – County Engineer; Resolution 20-02 related to public highway easement from Dale Simon & Linda Simon; Resolution 20-03 related to public highway easement from Dennis C. Arps & Rene D. Arps; establish bid letting date for road grading and surfacing project on Spruce Ave. from 135<sup>th</sup> to Riverside Road; Resolution 20-25 related to release of highway easement related to Redwood Avenue; Resolution 20-26 related to release of highway easement to Donald & Sarah Moeller; Resolution 20-27 related to release of highway easement to Brenneman Family Farms LLLP; Resolution 20-28 related to release of highway easement to Brenneman Pork Inc.; personnel change requests – Ambulance Services; Corona virus update; discussion of items as approved by Board Chairperson, adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Bob Yoder, and Richard Young were also in attendance.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Marissa Reisen, Emergency Management Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer, and Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by electronic means.

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 as published.

There was no public comment regarding items on the Board agenda.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to open a public hearing related to an animal confinement feeding operation being proposed by BP Land Inc. (Rob Brenneman) located at 2047 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, IA. (Section 35, English River Township). The type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed will be one new, larger, deep pit swine finisher confinement building to replace a burned barn and increase animal numbers on site at an existing swine confinement facility. The animal unit capacity of the confinement operation after construction will be 5,626 animal units consisting of 6,360 head of gestating swine, 1,250 head of swine finishers, 4,580 head of swine gilts, and 1,500 head of nursery swine. 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 Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge an animal confinement operation known as BP Land, Inc. (Rob Brenneman) and located at 2047 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, Iowa.

On motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Auditor for Tammy Stewart who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Real Estate Administrator at the rate of \$21.03 per hour on May 4, 2020. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Sheriff's quarterly report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY20. The report, presented by Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of \$6,609.76, total receipts including unallocated funds in the amount of \$58,563.43, total disbursements of \$48,698.60, and an ending balance of \$16,474.59. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

General Assistance Director Sue Rich presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Washington County General Assistance report for FY20. She reported that during the quarter \$871.38 in benefits were paid to eight successful applicants. On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY20 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter General Assistance report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

Washington County Veteran Services Officer Sue Rich presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Washington County Veteran Affairs report for FY20. She reported that during the quarter \$2,300.00 in benefits were paid to five successful applicants. On motion Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the FY20 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Veteran Affairs report. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the County Engineer for Kelley Farrier who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Engineering Technician at the rate of \$24.44 per hour on May 18, 2020. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to adopt Resolution 20-02 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-02 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-02  
PUBLIC HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Sec. 25-77-7]

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that a Permanent Easement for a Public Highway in Iowa Township (~~25-77-7~~) dated April 17, 2020 from:

Dale Simon and Linda Simon, Husband and wife,

to Washington County, Iowa, be accepted and approved at a cost of \$188.70 and that the alteration in the public highway be established as described in said Easement.

Property in above-mentioned easement is described as:

Commencing at E 1/4 corner of said Section 25; thence N 01°00'37" W 928.50 feet along east line of said SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 25 to the point of beginning; thence S 88°59'23" W 50.00 feet; thence N 01°00'37" W 60.00 feet; thence N 88°59'23" E 50.00 feet to said east line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 25; thence S 01°00'37" E 60.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.07 total acres of which 0.05 acres are existing highway right-of-way.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to adopt Resolution 20-03 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-03 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03  
PUBLIC HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Sec. 30-77-6]

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that a Permanent Easement for a Public Highway in Iowa Township (~~30-77-6~~) dated January 15, 2020 from:

Dennis C. Arps and Rene D. Arps, Husband and wife,

to Washington County, Iowa, be accepted and approved at a cost of \$1,370.09 and that the alteration in the public highway be established as described in said Easement.

Property in above-mentioned easement is described as:

Commencing at W 1/4 corner of said Section 30; thence N 01°00'37" W 913.43 feet along west line of said SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30 to the point of beginning; thence N 01°00'37" W 100.00 feet; thence N 88°59'23" E 100.00 feet; thence S 01°00'37" E 100.00 feet; thence S 88°59'23" W 100.00 feet to said west line of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30 to the point of beginning and containing 0.23 total acres of which 0.08 acres are existing highway right-of-way.

On motion by Miller, seconded Young, the Board voted to set 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2020 as the bid letting date for a planned road grading and surfacing project on Spruce Avenue from 135<sup>th</sup> Street to W61 (Riverside Road) with bids due in the Auditor's Office. Formal Board action regarding any and all bids received will take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at the regular Board of Supervisors meeting.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-25 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-25 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-25  
RELEASE OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Section 11 & 12 Township 75 North Range 7 West]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that Washington County no longer has need of the following described road easement and does RELEASE and ABANDON:

all of Washington County's interest in the easement located in Section 11 & 12, Township 75 North, Range 7 West, Washington County, Iowa and more particularly described as follows:

The West 8' of the West 33' and the East 8' of the East 33' of Road #21 (Redwood Avenue) beginning at the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 12 thence north to the NW Corner of said Section 12.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, that the easement described above is now released and the above described property is to be transferred to the named individuals on the corresponding Quit Claim Deeds for no consideration of said property.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Miller, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-26 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-26 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-26  
RELEASE OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Section 12 Township 75 North Range 7 West]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that Washington County no longer has need of the following described road easement and does RELEASE and ABANDON to:

Donald J. & Sarah M. Moeller

all of Washington County's interest in the easement as shown on the attached plat located in Auditor's Parcel D of Section 12, Township 75 North, Range 7 West, Washington County, Iowa and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW Corner of said Section 12; thence N00°39'27"W 600.00 feet along the section line; thence N89°20'33"E 33.00 feet to the 33 foot right of way line and the point of beginning; thence continue N89°20'33"E 100.00 feet; thence S00°39'27"E 522.88 feet; thence S88°05'18"E 370.59 feet; thence S01°54'42"W 50.00 feet to the 33 foot right of way line, thence N88°05'18"W 468.45 feet along the 33 foot right of way line; thence N00°39'27"W 568.45 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.74 total acres.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, that the easement described above is now released and the above described property is to be transferred to the named individuals on the corresponding Quit Claim Deed for no consideration of said property.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-27 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-27 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-27  
RELEASE OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Section 35 Township 77 North Range 8 West]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that Washington County no longer has need of the following described road easement and does RELEASE and ABANDON to:

Brenneman Family Farms LLLP

all of Washington County's interest in the easement as shown on the attached plat located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 35, Township 77 North, Range 8 West, Washington County, Iowa and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW Corner of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 35; thence N01°47'41"W 50.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue N01°47'41"W 25.00 feet; thence N88°12'19"E 2061.56 feet; thence S01°47'41"E 25.00 feet; thence S88°12'19"W 2061.56 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.18 total acres.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, that the easement described above is now released and the above described property is to be transferred to the named individuals on the corresponding Quit Claim Deed for no consideration of said property.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-28 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-28 on behalf of the Board.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-28  
RELEASE OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT**

[For real estate located in Section 35 Township 77 North Range 8 West]

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa that Washington County no longer has need of the following described road easement and does RELEASE and ABANDON to:

Brenneman Pork Inc.

all of Washington County's interest in the easement as shown on the attached plat located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 35, Township 77 North, Range 8 West, Washington County, Iowa and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SE Corner of the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 35; thence N01°47'41"W 50.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence S88°12'19"W 580.80 feet; thence N01°47'41"W 25.00 feet; thence N88°12'19"E 580.80 feet; thence S01°47'41"E 25.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.33 total acres.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, that the easement described above is now released and the above described property is to be transferred to the named individuals on the corresponding Quit Claim Deed for no consideration of said property.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Dixie Young who will begin duties as a regular part-time non-exempt Ambulance Office Assistant at the rate of \$19.50 per hour on July 1, 2020. The vote on the motion was as follows: Aye-Seward, Jr., Miller, Stoops, Yoder; Abstain-Young. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Aaron Olson who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Ambulance Field Supervisor at the rate of \$26.85 per hour on July 1, 2020. 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 acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Brent Carlson who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Ambulance Field Supervisor at the rate of \$26.85 per hour on July 1, 2020. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Connor Tarvin who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Ambulance Field Supervisor at the rate of \$26.85 per hour on July 1, 2020. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Ambulance Services for Josh Mohror who will begin duties as a regular full-time non-exempt Ambulance Field Supervisor at the rate of \$26.85 per hour on July 1, 2020. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head

With regard to the present COVID-19 pandemic the Board was informed by Public Health Director Danielle Pettit-Majewski, who participated remotely, that as of 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020, there were six deaths in Washington County that were attributed to the Coronavirus. On April 27, 2020 Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation continuing the State Public Health Emergency Declaration until May 27, 2020. In addition the proclamation loosened social distancing measures in 77 counties in Iowa, effective Friday, May 1, 2020. However, Washington County was not included in the list of 77 counties. Pettit-Majewski stated that the peak of the infection in Washington County is expected to occur in approximately ten days. Steps are being taken to re-open meat processing plants as soon as safely possible in order to prevent the mass disposal of livestock which would likely result in an adverse effect on the agricultural industry in Iowa as well as damage to Iowa's natural resources. The Board took no action.

There was no public discussion.

10:12 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
April 28, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor