

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018**

Chairperson Abe Miller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda included the following: approval of agenda; possible purchase of Federation Bank building; County Engineer's report; discussion and action regarding proposed revision to contract with WEMIGA Waste Systems, Inc. for operation of Washington County Recycling Center; Secondary Road Use request – YMCA of Washington County; application for Special Event Class B (BB) (includes wine coolers) liquor license - Backpocket Brewing, LLC, Coralville; appointment of Richard Conrad as civil process server; personnel change request – Auditor; Disabled Veterans Homestead credit – Assessor; public comment. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Richard Young, Jack Seward, Jr., and Bob Yoder were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; David Hotle, Washington Evening Journal; Zach Ulin, KCII Radio; John Gish, County Attorney; Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff's Office; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Christina Loeffler, County Assessor's Office; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Jaron Rosien and Brent Hinson, City of Washington; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bill Miller, Tom Dayton, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder and Les Zickefoose.

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

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve the agenda after it was amended to delete the following item: application for Special Event Class C liquor license – Iowa Beer Bus/Sassy Slushy.

The Board continued discussion regarding the possible purchase of property located at 102 East Main in Washington that is owned by Federation Bank. Auditor Dan Widmer shared that he had spoken with representatives of Cook Appraisal, located in Iowa City, who agreed to prepare a report indicating an estimated current market value of the property. The Board took no formal action.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that during the past week Secondary Roads staff maintenance activities included blading rock and dirt roads, hauling rock, cutting brush, road shoulder maintenance, replacing crossroad pipe with minor ditching, replacing entrance pipe, ditch cleaning, placement of rip rap, installation of signs, repairing Vine Avenue (Old Highway 218), and sign installation. Construction efforts included continued work on the Riverside Road, the 275th St. Bridge, 220th St (G36), and beginning grinding work on Highway W47 (Coppock Road). The Board took no formal action. Thorius added that he is only able to estimate completion dates for road projects and actual completion dates are dependent on weather, the schedules of contractors, and other things that are beyond his control. The Board took no formal action.

The Board continued discussion related to the recent dramatic and unanticipated changes in the recycling market. Under a 28E agreement between WEMIGA Waste Systems, Inc. (WEMIGA), the County, and the City of Washington, WEMIGA operates the Washington County Recycling Center. In the past WEMIGA received compensation for the delivery of paper and plastics which in turn were recycled. Presently however, due in large part to the decreased market price for such recyclables, WEMIGA must pay a fee before unloading. A lengthy discussion ensued and focused on if, as well as how, WEMIGA should be reimbursed by the County and the City of Washington for the disposal fees that it is required to pay. In particular, with regard to the situation when the cost of recycling exceeds the revenue from recycling, there was some division as to whether the county and city should pay only the net recycling expense or the total amount of recycling expense. The Board took no formal action but will revisit the matter at its meeting scheduled for July 10, 2018.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a Secondary Road Use request received from the YMCA of Washington County for Saturday, September 8, 2018, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The permit is related to a duathlon which will include a 20-mile bicycle ride involving Old Highway 92 and Hemlock Avenue in rural Washington County.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to approve a Special Event 5 Day Class B Beer (BB) (includes wine coolers with outdoor services) liquor license application from Backpocket Brewing, LLC, Coralville, effective July 26, 2018 through July 30, 2018. Deputy Sheriff Shawn Ellingson expressed no issues regarding the application.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment for Richard (Rick) Conrad as Civil Process Server with such appointment ending December 31, 2020.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a personnel change request from the Auditor for the hiring of Deborah Seale as part-time (20 hours per week) Subdivision Coordinator at the rate of \$16.21 per hour, effective July 10, 2018. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

Christina Loeffler, of the Washington County Assessor's Office, presented the Board with a recommendation for five individuals to receive 2018 Disabled Veterans Homestead Tax Credits and for one individual's application for the same credit to be disallowed. On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve the Disabled Veterans Homestead Tax Credit applications as recommended by the Washington County Assessor and to authorize the Chairperson to sign pertinent documents.

There was no public comment.

At 9:56 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
July 3, 2018

ABE C. MILLER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor