

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 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 located at 102 East Main in Washington; discussion and action regarding proposed revision to contract with WEMIGA Waste Systems for operation of Washington County Recycling Center; County Engineer's report; application for Special Event Class C liquor license from Iowa Beer Bus/Sassy Slushy; Secondary Road Use request from RAGBRAI; Secondary Road Use request from Rock-N-Ride; appointment of Bruce Brown as a civil process server; public comment; closed session pursuant Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Richard Young, and Bob Yoder were also present. Supervisor Jack Seward, Jr. was absent.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; David Hotle, Washington Evening Journal; Zach Ulin, KCII Radio; John Gish, County Attorney; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; and citizens Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Tom Duwa, Bette Brant, Charlotte Stalder, Denny Stalder and Les Zickefoose.

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.

The Board resumed discussion regarding the possible purchase of property located at 102 East Main in Washington that is owned by Federation Bank. Informal discussion took place with Miller stating he continued to hear positive comments from the public about the possible purchase. Yoder opined that at some point in time a promotional effort may be in order. The Board took no formal action.

The Board continued discussion related to the recent dramatic changes in the United States recycling market due in large part to overseas factors. These changes have impacted an existing 28E agreement between WEMIGA Waste Systems, Inc. (WEMIGA), the County, and the City of Washington for operation of the Washington County Recycling Center by WEMIGA. In the past WEMIGA received compensation for the delivery of paper and plastics which are in turn recycled. However at the present time, due in large part to the decreased demand and market price for such recyclables, WEMIGA must pay a fee. County Attorney John Gish highlighted a proposed amendment to the 28E agreement to address the current situation. Highlights of the proposed amendment include verbiage stating that when the cost of recycling for WEMIGA exceeds the profit of recycling, if any, for WEMIGA, the County and the City of Washington shall equally pay only the net recycling expense. Likewise, if the cost of recycling does not exceed the profit of recycling, WEMIGA shall be responsible for all recycling expenses. Also, the Chairperson of the Washington County Board of Supervisors along with the Mayor of the City of Washington will confer and appoint a Joint Recycling Commissioner who shall serve with no compensation. The Joint Recycling Commissioner shall be to responsible for verifying the commodity prices of recyclable class #1 through #7 plastics; tin and aluminum in consumer form; newsprint (including magazines, but not the bindings from hardcover books); glass in consumer form (clear, green, and brown); and #2 corrugated cardboard, and for providing monthly reports at the first monthly meetings of both the Washington County Board of Supervisors and the City of Washington City Council. On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, an amendment to a 28E agreement between Washington County, the City of Washington, and WEMIGA Waste Systems. It was noted that the amendment still requires approval by the City of Washington and WEMIGA before becoming final.

The Board reviewed a report provided by County Engineer Jacob Thorius that listed maintenance activities performed by Secondary Roads staff during the prior week. The list included blading of gravel and dirt roads, hauling rock, cutting brush, road shoulder maintenance on paved roads, July 4<sup>th</sup> cold patching of 2 blowouts, placement of rip rap and erosion matting at RCB on 170<sup>th</sup> Street, mowing of paved road shoulders, grading of 200<sup>th</sup> Street east of Keota, and sign installation. The list also included construction work consisting of continued progress on the Riverside Road, the 275<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge, 220<sup>th</sup> St (G36), and Highway W47 (Coppock Road). The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Young, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a Special Event 5 Day Class C liquor license (Commercial including Outdoor Service) application from Iowa Beer Bus/Sassy Slushy, Pleasantville, IA., effective July 23, 2018 through July 27, 2018. Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues regarding the application. An event is planned for July 27, 2018, in conjunction with RAGBRAI and it will take place at 1724 Ginkgo Avenue, Wellman.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a request for a Secondary Road Use permit received from Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) for Friday, July 27, 2018, beginning at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Washington County roads scheduled to be used in conjunction with the event include V15, G26, W38, W64, and Highway 22.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a request for a Secondary Road Use permit received from Rock-N-Ride for an event scheduled for July 14, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The permit is related to a fundraising event to benefit cancer research and involves bicycling along a route between Washington and Riverside. Washington County roads scheduled to be used in conjunction with the event include G36 and W61 (Riverside Road).

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment as a Civil Process Server ending December 31, 2020 for Bruce Brown.

There was no public comment.

At 9:18 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent or where its disclosure would likely prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board returned to open session and on motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:  
July 10, 2018

ABE C. MILLER  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER  
County Auditor