

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

At 9:00 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 related to agenda items; personnel change request – Conservation; Quarterly Report – Sheriff; Review bids and award contract for RCB Culvert Extension – Single Box Project FM-C092(112)--55-92 on Old White Way east of Highway 218; discussion and action regarding Resolution 20-47 to authorize the County Engineer to sign Doc Express contract documents related to Single Box Project FM-C092(112)--55-92 on Old White Way east of Highway 218; COVID-19 update; public comment subject to approval of Board Chairperson and limited to 3 minutes per individual; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young and Bob Yoder were also in attendance.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Jennine Wolf, County Environmental Health Director; Bill Fiordelise, Deputy Sheriff; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator and Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by way of electronic means.

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

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

There was no public comment related to agenda items.

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge and authorize the Chairperson to sign a personnel change request from Conservation for Frederick Engel II whose rate of pay will increase to \$24.25 per hour on August 4, 2020. Engel will assume the duties of Maintenance Supervisor on August 4, 2020.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to acknowledge receipt of the Washington County Sheriff's Quarterly Report for the 4th quarter of FY20. The report, presented by Deputy Bill Fiordelise, included a beginning balance of \$16,474.59, total receipts in the amount of \$66,880.54 which includes unallocated funds, total disbursements of \$76,671.22, and an ending balance of \$6,683.91. The complete report is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

County Engineer Jacob Thorius announced that one bid was received for RCB Culvert Extension – Single Box Project FM-C092(112)--55-92 on Old White Way east of U.S. Highway 218. The bid, in the amount of \$198,170.00, was received from Iowa Bridge and Culvert - LC, Washington, Iowa. The Engineer's estimated cost for the project was \$185,000.00. Funding for the project will come from Farm-to-Market Funds and thus the project was let earlier by the Iowa Department of Transportation on July 21, 2020. The late start date for the project is October 5, 2020. On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to award the contract for RCB Culvert Extension – Single Box Project FM-C092(112)--55-92 on Old White Way east of U.S. Highway 218 to Iowa Bridge and Culvert – LC, Washington, Iowa, and also to authorize the Chairperson to sign pertinent documents on behalf of the Board.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve Resolution 20-47 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 20-47 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 20-47

**APPROVAL OF OLD WHITE WAY RCB CULVERT EXTENSION PROJECT and
COUNTY ENGINEER AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT DOCUMENT IN DOC EXPRESS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes the Old White Way RCB Culvert Extension project, FM-C092(112)--55-92, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Washington County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a RCB Culvert Extension – Single Box Project on Old White Way east of Hwy 218; and

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Washington County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from Iowa Bridge & Culvert, L.C. in the amount of \$198,170.00 and award the associated contract to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of the Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors, that, after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance Jacob Thorius, the County Engineer for Washington County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.

County Public Health Administrator Danielle Pettit-Majewski shared that to date in Washington County there have been 3,035 tests conducted to detect for COVID-19 and such tests have yielded 292 positive tests. Of the positive tests there have been 265 recoveries. To date there have been 11 Washington County deaths due to COVID-19. Pettit-Majewski shared she presently is engaged in conversation with area school district staff to aid in determining the proper strategy and appropriate protocol for students scheduled to resume classes later this month. She stated she is eagerly looking forward to soon being able to use new software that will enable more extensive data than what is presently available as well as quicker access to such data. The Board took no formal action.

There was no comment from the public.

At 9:28 a.m. on motion by Miller, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
August 4, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor