

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

Chairperson Bob Yoder 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; monthly report – WEMIGA; personnel change request – Conservation; Annual Report – Conservation; approval of Iowa DOT Agreement for County Bridge Federal-Aid Swap Funding for BROS-SWAP-C092(103)--SE-92 (Birch Avenue bridge replacement project 1.25 miles south of Hwy 22); approval of Application for Traffic Safety Improvement Funds for the Riverside Road Safety Improvement Project; approval of Resolution 19-42 regarding revision of Washington County 2020 Five Year Road Program; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Abe Miller, Stan Stoops, Richard Young, and Jack Seward Jr. were also present.

Others attending were: Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Mary Zielinski, The News; Bill Monroe, SE Iowa Union; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff's Office; Craig Capps and Zach Rozmus, County Conservation; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Lynn Whaley, WEMIGA Waste Systems; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Charlotte Stalder, Karyl Miller, Bill Miller, and Denny Stalder.

All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

Lynn Whaley, on behalf of WEMIGA Waste Systems, briefed the Board on recent activity at the Washington County Recycling Center (WCRC). During the month of July 2019 WEMIGA processed 86.82 landfill tons, 5.38 tons of paper, 3.4 tons of plastic, 3.41 tons of cardboard, 7.7 tons of tin and aluminum, 19.96 recyclable tons, 27 appliances, 19 televisions and other electronic devices, 22 tires, and 23 gallons of used oil. Total recyclable landfill tons for the previous month of June 2019 were 76.5. Whaley noted that total recyclable tons decreased by 9.73 tons (approximately 33%) from June to July and attributed the decrease to the fact that July was the first month that City of Washington recyclables were not hauled to the WCRC. Whaley described the current market for the sale of recyclable materials as "depressed" and added he is currently awaiting a decision from City of Washington officials as to the level of city resident's participation with regard to the WCRC. He also noted that during the month of June a total of 3.41 tons of cardboard were hauled to the landfill while in July the total rose to 7.94 tons. Whaley speculated that the 4.53 ton increase from June to July was due in large part to commercial customers disposing of cardboard at the recycling center rather than having to pay to dispose cardboard via other means. Whaley suggested a fee be imposed on those who dump cardboard. Whaley shared that progress is being made with regard to obtaining Material Safety Data Sheets for potentially hazardous materials. Progress is also being made with regard to addressing various safety concerns. New signage has been ordered to replace faded signage. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge the monthly report for the Washington County Recycling Center as provided by Lynn Whaley of WEMIGA. The complete report is available for review in the Auditor's office.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for Ranger Technician Brett Johnson. Johnson's pay rate will increase from \$23.25 per hour to \$23.75 per hour effective August 15, 2019 as a result of his recent completion of S-130 and S-190 Prescribed Burn training,

Conservation Director Zach Rozmus, along with Conservation Board President Craig Capps, provided the Board with the Washington County Conservation Board (WCCB) Annual Report for FY19. There were staff changes during the year as WCCB welcomed Cody Smith as a new Ranger Technician, Brett Johnson as a new Ranger Technician, Randi Brase as the new Center Coordinator, and Zach Rozmus as the new Executive Director. For FY19 Rozmus reported project expenditures of \$619,597.64, administration expenses of \$432,307.07, maintenance and operation expenses of \$171,859.98, and recreational services expenses of \$1,859.29 for a total of \$1,225,623.98. He commented that much of the project expenditure amount was related to the Kewash Trail project and added that a major portion of such expenses were offset by a \$342,000.00 grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation. Construction and enhancement of the trail west of the City of Washington began September 4, 2018 and despite less than ideal weather conditions a majority of the project was completed before winter. The report listed a property tax levy of 48 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to acknowledge the Washington County Conservation Board's annual report for FY19 and that each Supervisor sign the report. The complete report is available in the Auditor's office.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, an agreement with the Iowa DOT for County Bridge Federal-Aid Swap Funding for a bridge replacement project located on Birch Avenue 1.25 miles south of Highway 22. Prior to Board action County Engineer Jacob Thorius shared that presently the narrow bridge, located near Nira and constructed in 1928, is deteriorating and is presently subject to a weight restriction which results in a five-mile detour for motorists. The project will be funded by way of state funds which will be swapped with federal funds which will result in a speedier design process and quicker completion of the project. The cost estimate for the project is approximately \$500,000.00. Thorius added that so far the design work for the project is being performed by County staff.

Thorius stated he is finalizing an application for \$500,000.00 in Traffic Safety Improvement Program Funds. If successful Thorius plans to use the funding to assist in completing a project involving County W-61 (Riverside Road). Specifically, the funds would be used to offset a portion of the estimated \$4 million cost to pave the road shoulders along a six-mile portion of the road. On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve an application for Traffic Safety Improvement Funds for the Riverside Road Safety Improvement Project and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the application.

On motion by Miller, seconded by Seward, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 19-42 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 19-42 on behalf of the Board.

**Resolution 19-42 to Revise Washington County
2020 Five Year Road Program**

Unforeseen circumstances have arisen since adoption of the approved Secondary Road Construction Program, and previous revisions, requiring changes to the sequence, funding and timing of the proposed work plan,

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Code section 309.22, initiates and recommends modification of the following project(s) in the accomplishment year (State Fiscal Year 2020), for approval by the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT), per Iowa Code 309.23 and Iowa DOT Instructional Memorandum 2.050.

The following approved Priority Year projects shall be ADDED to the Program's Accomplishment year:

Project Number Local ID TPMS #	Project Location Description of work	AADT Length NBIS #	Type Work Fund basis	Accomplishment Year (\$1000's of dollars)		
					New amount	
L-N-053--73-92 285th St Grading TPMS ID: 39504	On 285th St, from Ivy Ave west 0.25 Miles	10 0.281	Excavation LOCAL		\$55	
RC-C092(107)--9A-92 Premier Paving Part 1 TPMS ID: 39505	On 2025 300th Street east to Kiwi Avenue, then north to 290th Street Paving Points not needed since this is a RISE Grant project.	35 1.459 MI	PCC Paving RISE		\$1000	
FM-C092(108)--55-92 Premier Paving Part 2 TPMS ID: 39506	On 290th Street, east to Kiwi Avenue Paving Points not needed since this is part of a RISE Grant.	40 1.428	PCC Paving FM		\$1000	
Totals					\$2055	

The following PRE-EXISTING Accomplishment Year projects shall be MODIFIED as follows:

Project Number Local ID TPMS #	Project Location Description of work	AADT Length NBIS #	Type Work Fund basis	Modification(s) applied	Accomplishment Year (\$1000's of dollars)		
					Previous Amount	New amount	Net change
FM-C092(106)--55-92 2019 PCC Patching TPMS ID: 38851	On various roads around the county.	0	PCC Paving FM	Changed Project Number / Type of Work	\$250	\$250	\$0
Totals					\$250	\$250	\$0

Fund ID	Accomplishment year (\$1000's of dollars)		
	Previous Amount	New Amount	Net Change
Local Funds	\$530	\$1,335	\$805
Farm to Market Funds	\$2,125	\$3,125	\$1,000
Special Funds	\$0	\$250	\$250
Federal Aid Funds	\$375	\$375	\$0
SWAP Funds	\$975	\$975	\$0
Total construction cost (All funds)	\$4,005	\$6,060	\$2,055
Local 020 Construction cost totals (Local Funds + BROS-8J FA funds)	\$530	\$1,335	\$805

There was no public comment.

At 9:40 a.m. on motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
August 13, 2019

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor