

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

Chairperson Abe Miller called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse chambers in regular session. Items on the agenda included the following: appointment of various commission, board, and committee members; personnel change requests - Sheriff; Resolution #18-46 related to an interim inter-fund loan for completion of capital projects; discussion and action regarding draft urban renewal plan; Resolution #18-47 setting date for a public hearing on designation of the County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area and on urban renewal plan and project; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Jack Seward, Jr., Richard Young, and Bob Yoder were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Dave Hotle, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; John Gish, County Attorney; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Steve Anderson, County Conservation Director; Marissa Reisen, Emergency Management Director; Matt Miller, Carl A. Nelson and Company; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Jeff Thomann, and Les Zickefoose. Bob Josten of Dorsey and Whitney participated via telephone.

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 as published.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve a certificate of appointment as Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Michael Cope beginning August 31, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Chelsea Castro whose employment classification will change from casual part-time to full-time on September 18, 2018.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Edgar Gutierrez whose employment ended on September 14, 2018.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 18-46 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 18-46 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 18-46

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

An Interim Interfund Loan for Completion of Capital Projects

WHEREAS, the Washington County Conservation Board has approved a construction project known as the Kewash Nature Trail Paving & Expansion Project, and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Conservation Board has been awarded reimbursement-style grants to be applied toward the project, and,

WHEREAS, the submission and review of paid invoices will delay the receipt of grant proceeds for several months, resulting in a deficit of available funds of up to \$300,000, and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Conservation Board has formally requested a \$300,000 interest-free interfund loan, to be available from October 1, 2018, to no later than June 15, 2019,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes a no interest loan to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund, from the General Basic Fund, in the amount of \$300,000, pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Section 331.477(2), in consideration of known outstanding grant awards, with the inter-fund loan to be repaid when grant monies are received, but no later than June 15, 2019.

The Board took up discussion of a draft urban renewal plan with such discussion focusing on the necessary steps in the process of establishing an urban renewal area to be located on property located in the City of Washington between the Washington County Jail and the Washington County Sheriff's office. Seward moved that the Board enter into an urban renewal plan County Communication facility urban renewal area and to authorize the chair to sign. In order to make certain that the proper steps were followed in the proper order a telephone call was placed to Bob Josten of Dorsey and Whitney who clarified and reviewed the process for establishing an urban renewal area. Seward withdrew his motion. The Board took no formal action.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 18-47 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 18-47 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 18-47

Setting date for a public hearing on designation of County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area and on urban renewal plan and project

WHEREAS, Iowa counties are authorized by Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa to establish urban renewal areas in order to carryout projects pursuant to that Chapter; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made that certain property owned by Washington County (the "County") would be designated as the County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to the provisions of that Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the property intended to be so designated is located at 2175 Lexington Blvd., Washington, Iowa 52353 and is legally described as follows:

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and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors is interested in receiving information from the residents of the County before making this designation; and

WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan for a project within that proposed Urban Renewal Area has been prepared and it is necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the area and on that plan and project;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board of Supervisors will meet at the Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa, on the 9th day of October, 2018, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed urban renewal plan and project for said Area.

Section 2. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Washington County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

Section 3. The proposed plan is hereby directed to be submitted to the County's Plan and Zoning Commission, in accordance with Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, for the Commission's review and determination that the proposed plan is in conformity with the general plan for the development of the County.

Section 4. In accordance with Section 403.17 of the Code of Iowa, an agreement between the County and the City of Washington related to the establishment of the Urban Renewal Area within the boundaries of the City of Washington, in the form attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, is hereby approved, and the Chairperson and County Auditor are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the County, and the County Auditor is hereby directed to submit the agreement to the City of Washington for approval.

Passed and approved September 18, 2018.

ABE C. MILLER
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
September 18, 2018

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DESIGNATION OF THE
COUNTY COMMUNICATION FACILITY URBAN RENEWAL AREA AND ON PROPOSED
URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND PROJECT

Notice Is Hereby Given: That at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at the Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa, on the 9th day of October, 2018, the Board of Supervisors of Washington County will hold a public hearing on the question of designating as the County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, certain property generally described as follows:

Property owned by the County located at 2175 Lexington Blvd., Washington, Iowa 52353 and legally described as follows:

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The subject matter of the public hearing will also include a proposed urban renewal plan and project for the County Communication Facility Urban Renewal Area, pursuant to Chapter 403, Code of Iowa, a copy of which plan is on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor. The urban renewal plan describes the process by which the County will be authorized to finance the construction of an emergency communication facility, through the issuance of general obligation bonds.

At the hearing any interested person may file written objections or comments and may be heard with respect to the subject matter of the hearing.

Daniel L. Widmer
County Auditor

During the public comment portion of the meeting Emergency Management Director Marissa Reisen shared that members of the public have opportunity until October 15, 2018 to provide input on the proposed Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019-2024. Reisen stated that the plan can be accessed at the following: <http://www.ecicog.org/Washington-county.html>. Input for the plan can be submitted to the same webpage, emailed to tom.gruis@ecicog.org, or sent by mail to Tom Gruis c/o ECICOG, 700 Sixteenth Street NE, Suite 301, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Hazard mitigation planning is helpful in identifying how a community can minimize death, injury, and property damage.

At 9:45 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

ABE C. MILLER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor