

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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; quarterly report – County Engineer; discussion and possible action to approve RACOM Change Order #1 to Washington County System Purchase Contract; discussion and possible action to approve RACOM P25 Digital Radio Project Milestone #2 – System Design; acceptance and approval of Milestone #2 for payment (10% of the Total Contract Price); discussion and possible action to approve Edge Consulting Engineers for Civil Engineering work on the 6 Site Plan for the RACOM Washington County P25 Digital Radio Project; discussion and possible action to approve Neumann Monson Architects and Carl A. Nelson & Company to proceed with construction document work based on the design, budget and schedule referenced in a letter dated March 1, 2019; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young, and Jack Seward, Jr., were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Gretchen Teske, Washington Evening Journal; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff's Office; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Matt Miller, Carl A. Nelson & Company; Diana Richardson, RACOM; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Tom Dayton, Bill Miller, Karyl Miller, Charlotte Stalder, and Denny Stalder.

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

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

County Engineer Jacob Thorius presented the 4th quarter Secondary Roads Report for calendar year 2018. Highlights of the report included a total of 135 feet of cross road pipe replacement, 46 tons of shoulder rock hauled, 17,513 tons of road rock hauled, vegetation management, paved road maintenance, and rock road maintenance. During November and December a number of snow and/or ice events occurred which resulted in a total of \$114,315.70 being spent on snow and ice removal. This figure includes the cost of salt, sand, regular hours, overtime hours, compensation time hours, and equipment hours. Thorius shared that 96 signs were repaired and 7 construction projects were completed during the quarter. Secondary Roads employees continued to assist in maintaining and servicing county vehicles while Thorius had the privilege of presenting to his colleagues at the Iowa County Engineers Annual Conference on the topic of aggregate road stabilization experience. Thorius stated that much work and many projects were completed during the quarter with an average of 4.5 staff members, out of a total of 31, being gone each day for either vacation or illness. He complimented his staff for their dedication which was exemplified by the fact that many staff members chose to limit their time off during the quarter to ensure that roads were cleared of snow and ice. When asked as to the status of Senate File 184 which would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) or the local government to issue a permit for a vehicle transporting raw forest goods, such as logs, to exceed normal weight restrictions and travel over non-primary roads Thorius replied that the legislation was still alive. Thorius, along with many other individuals statewide, is concerned that if the proposed legislation becomes law it would result in haulers of various other commodities requesting the same exemption. Thorius maintained that the IDOT is not knowledgeable about whether non-primary roads in Washington County are in a condition to allow such heavy loads and as a result there would be damage to roads. He further commented that it would likely be the County's responsibility, as well as expense, to repair such damage. Thorius encouraged that concern be expressed to members of the Iowa Legislature. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge the 4th quarter Secondary Roads Report for calendar year 2018.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve RACOM Change Order #1 to the Washington County System Purchase Contract and to authorize Supervisor Young to sign the document on behalf of the Board. As it relates to the Communications project, Seward explained prior to the vote that the change order will allow for a digital paging system rather than a VHS system. Another aspect of the change order is to utilize a six-tower system for better performance and coverage. Young clarified that the one additional tower called for in the change order is not for the actual construction of a new tower but instead is for the placement of equipment on an existing tower that is owned by Sharon Telephone. The additional tower site will enhance coverage for the central and southeastern portions of Washington County.

On motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to approve payment for Milestone #2 and authorize the Chair to sign the appropriate document. Such Board action allows RACOM to bill Washington County in the amount of \$52,952.42 for reaching the milestone which is a part of the Communications project.

The Board next took up approval of Edge Consulting Engineers for civil engineering services related to the Communications project. Approval would allow Edge Consulting Engineers to oversee such things as radio frequency, radio towers, associated engineering, and radio licensing. The document describes specific services to be provided by Edge for each work task. It was determined that several items included in the document were in need of clarification. On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to table action regarding the proposal from Edge Consulting Engineers for civil engineering services until March 12, 2019.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve Neumann Monson Architects and Carl A. Nelson & Company to proceed with construction document work based on the design, budget and schedule referenced in a letter dated March 1, 2019. Prior to the vote Young described the proposed document as a means of moving forward with the design phase of the Communications Building.

There was no public comment.

At 10:07 a.m. on motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

March 5, 2019

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor