

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 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; public hearing regarding proposed FY20 Washington County budget; discussion and possible action to approve a proposal for engineering services for Washington County P25 LMR System Communication site construction with Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc.; discussion and action regarding proposed Resolution 19-03 related to adoption of Washington County FY20 budget; discussion and action regarding proposed Resolution 19-04 related to FY20 compensation for elected officials; application from Revasser Winery, Ainsworth, for Class C Native Wine license to include living quarters, outdoor service, and Sunday sales; personnel change requests – Sheriff; personnel change request – Conservation; establish bid letting date for County security system; public comment; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Abe Miller, Richard Young, and Jack Seward, Jr., were also present.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Sally Hart, KCII Radio; Gretchen Teske, Washington Evening Journal; Jacob Thorius, County Engineer; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Jared Schneider and Shawn Ellingson, County Sheriff’s Office; Bobbie Wulf, County Mental Health/Disabilities Director; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Coordinator; Danielle Pettit-Majewski, County Public Health Director; Zach Rozmus, County Conservation Director; John Gish, County Attorney; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Jo Greiner, County Recorder; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizens Les Zickefoose, Craig Hansen, 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 Young, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

On motion by Young, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding the proposed FY20 Washington County budget. Cyndie Sinn, IT and Budget Director, presented the FY20 Washington County budget which included the following: for FY20 the proposed general basic tax rate per \$1,000 of taxable value is 3.865, the proposed urban levy is 8.21100, and the proposed rural levy is 11.16540. For FY19 the general basic levy rate per \$1,000 of taxable value is 3.85, the urban levy is 7.55160, and the rural levy is 10.95461. The total property tax asking for FY20 is \$12,616,218 while the total property tax asking for current FY19 is \$11,493.79. Sinn stated that a great deal of the increased tax asking is a result of moving the communication levy away from cities and to the County. Also having an impact is a planned security system project, design corrections related to the new Communications project, an increase in emergency management support, purchase of a new ambulance, and negotiation of a new ambulance contract. Auditor Dan Widmer verified that the appropriate official publications had occurred and stated that his office had received no public comment. Citizen Craig Hansen voiced concern with the level of tax asking contained in the proposed FY20 Washington County budget. On motion by Miller, seconded by Young, the Board voted to close the public hearing. The complete FY20 budget is available in the office of the Washington County Auditor.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Young, the Board voted to table action regarding a contract with Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. for engineering services for the Washington County P25 LMR System Communication site construction.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 19-03 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 19-03 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 19-03

ADOPTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 PER IOWA CODE 331.434

WHEREAS, Iowa Code 331.434 requires that after a budget hearing, the Washington County Board of Supervisors shall adopt by resolution a budget, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has met the budget publication requirements in Iowa Code 331.434 through publication in the Washington Evening Journal and The News, and;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has met the budget hearing requirements in IA Code 331.434 through the public hearing held on March 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 12th day of March 2019, the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by resolution the Washington County budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 19-04 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 19-04 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 19-04

WHEREAS, the Washington County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Compensation Board met on December 10, 2018 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019:

Elected Official	FY 2018-19	%	Adjustment	Total		Recommended FY 2019-20 Salary
	Salary	Increase		Recommended	Increase	
Auditor	\$ 73,411	3%	---	\$2,202	3.00%	\$ 75,613
County Attorney	\$111,926	3%	\$4,500	\$7,858	7.02%	\$ 119,784
Recorder	\$ 67,776	3%	\$1,500	\$3,533	5.21%	\$ 71,309

Sheriff	\$ 93,865	3%	\$1,000	\$3,816	4.07%	\$ 97,681
Supervisors	\$ 36,657	3%	---	\$1,100	3.00%	\$ 37,757
Supervisor Chair	\$ 1,500	0%	---	---	0.00%	\$ 1,500
Treasurer	\$ 68,784	3%	\$1,500	\$3,564	5.18%	\$ 72,348

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors adopts the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved % Increase</u>
Auditor	\$ 75,062	2.25%
County Attorney	\$117,819	5.27%
Recorder	\$ 70,425	3.91%
Sheriff	\$ 96,727	3.05%
Supervisors	\$ 37,482	2.25%
Supervisor Chair	\$ 1,500	0.00%
Treasurer	\$ 71,457	3.89%

On motion by Miller, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve an application from Revasser Winery, 1749 Yucca Avenue, Ainsworth, for a Class C Native Wine Permit to include living quarters, outdoor service, and Sunday Sales, with an effective date of May 9, 2019, and an expiration date of May 8, 2020. Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider expressed no issues with the application.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to acknowledge a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Cody Smith whose employment with the Sheriff will end on March 13, 2019

On motion by Young, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to acknowledge a personnel change request from the Sheriff for Ted Leeper whose employment classification will change from casual part-time to full-time effective March 12, 2019. Leeper's rate of pay will remain unchanged.

On motion by Stoops, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from Conservation for the hiring of Cody Smith as a full-time Ranger Technician, at the rate of \$22.56 per hour, effective March 14, 2019. The County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue pay warrants upon proper certification from the Department Head.

On motion by Young, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to establish a bid letting date of 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 for a capital project involving the installation of an access control and video surveillance system in various Washington County facilities. Thorius responded to a question from Miller by stating that the system could be modified to meet changing needs in the future. It is expected the entire project will be completed by December 9, 2019.

During the public comment period at the end of the meeting Emergency Management Coordinator Marissa Reisen shared that flooding is likely in the local area and stressed that individuals monitor conditions. Thorius shared that winter weather conditions have left rural gravel roads in poor condition and asked for the public's understanding. He also suggested that motorists decrease their speed when traveling on rural roads.

At 9:50 a.m. on motion by Stoops, seconded by Young, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

March 12, 2019

ROBERT C. YODER
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor