

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Jack Seward Jr. called to order in special 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; discussion and possible action regarding letter of support for a Workforce Housing Tax Credit application from Brenneman Pork LLP; discussion and possible action regarding ambulance operations; public comment subject to approval of Board Chairperson and limited to 3 minutes per individual; adjourn. Supervisors Abe Miller, Stan Stoops, and Bob Yoder were also in attendance. Supervisor Richard Young was absent.

Others attending were: Mary Zielinski, The News; Marissa Reisen, County Emergency Management Director; Jeremy Peck, County Ambulance Services Director; Jeff Garrett, County Treasurer; Cyndie Sinn, County IT/Budget Director; Anthony Janney, Asst. County Attorney; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely by 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.

Citizen Bruce Murphy questioned if all of the members of the Board of Supervisors were involved in discussions regarding the future home of Washington County Ambulance Services and whether the rental rate being charged at the Orchard Hill Complex to HACAP for Building #1 had been considered. Seward responded that as appropriate all Supervisors are involved at various levels at various times. Murphy then questioned as to the Board's plans for a base of operations when the County assumes responsibility for ambulance service in Washington County and whether a back-up plan was in place. Seward reminded Murphy that the present time and place was not the proper place for a debate.

Brenneman Pork, LLLP, based in Washington County, is planning to submit a Workforce Housing Tax Credit application for assistance with a project that will result in the completion of a 12-unit apartment complex just north of Kalona. The complex will be built by a local builder and each unit will have three bedrooms. On motion by Miller, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to approve a letter of support for a Workforce Housing Tax Credit application from Brenneman Pork, LLLP, Kalona, and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the letter on behalf of the Board.

The Board next took up discussion related to a physical place of operation for the new Washington County Ambulance Services beginning on July 1, 2020. Seward recommended that County Auditor Dan Widmer and County Treasurer Jeff Garrett work with Tim Elliott of Elliott Realty, Washington, to explore potential ambulance sites on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Miller urged that a Supervisor also be included and suggested Stoops. On motion by Seward, seconded by Miller, the Board voted to authorize County Auditor Dan Widmer, County Treasurer Jeff Garrett, and Supervisor Stan Stoops to work with Tim Elliott of Elliott Realty to explore potential real estate solutions on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

There was no public comment.

At 9:18 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:
June 3, 2020

JACK SEWARD JR.
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor