

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

At 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Richard Young called to order in regular 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; public hearing with regard to proposed animal confinement feeding operation - Rich Custom Farms Inc. and Lienhop Farms LLC, Section 17, Crawford Township; public hearing with regard to proposed amendment to FY22 Washington County budget; acknowledgment of proposed animal confinement feeding operation - Rich Custom Farms Inc. and Lienhop Farms LLC, Section 17, Crawford Township; discussion and action regarding proposed amendment to the FY22 Washington County budget; Resolution 21-37 related to adjustments to FY22 appropriations; personnel change request – Sheriff; discussion and possible action regarding Washington County Ambulance Service Basic Life Support (BLS); discussion and possible action regarding COVID relief funds; department head comment; official canvass of the September 14, 2021, Special Election; adjourn. Supervisors Stan Stoops, Bob Yoder, Marcus Fedler, and Jack Seward, Jr. were also present.

Others attending the meeting included Kalen McCain, SE Iowa Union; John Gish, County Attorney; Michelle Hyman, Deputy Auditor; Sue Meeks, Deputy Auditor; Jeremy Peck and Pat Curl, County Ambulance Services; Rachel Rinner, Knee Deep Solutions; Amber Williams, Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant; and citizen Neal Rich.

Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via electronic means.

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

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Stoops, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding a swine confinement feeding facility proposed by Rich Custom Farms Inc. and Lienhop Farms LLC to be located in Section 17 of Crawford Township. Plans call for construction of two 71’2” x 185’ buildings with one of the buildings having an 8’ deep below-building pit and the other building having a 10’ deep below-building pit. Upon completion of the two buildings the new site total will stand at 7,250 of finished (market) hogs and a new Animal Unit Capacity of 2,900. Auditor Dan Widmer confirmed that notice of the hearing had been published as required and his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing. There was public comment. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to open a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the FY22 Washington County budget. Deputy Auditor Michelle Hyman explained that the proposed amendment was necessary due to the County providing assistance when Washington County Hospital and Clinic (WCHC) refinanced its bonds. The refinancing was completed in August, 2021, and resulted in WCHC achieving a lower interest rate over the remaining life of the bonds. Widmer confirmed that notice of the hearing had been published as required and his office had received no public comment prior to the hearing. There was no public comment. On motion by Stoops, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to close the public hearing.

On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board voted to acknowledge a confinement feeding operation proposed by Rich Custom Farms Inc. and Lienhop Farms LLC to be located in Section 17 of Crawford Township.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve an amendment to the Washington County FY22 budget.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Yoder, the Board voted by way of roll call vote to approve Resolution 21-37 as follows and to authorize the Chairperson to sign Resolution 21-37 on behalf of the Board.

RESOLUTION 21-37

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Iowa, that the following adjustments of appropriations as a result of the budget amendment resolution dated September 21, 2021 are approved:

REVENUES				
	DEPARTMENT	FUND	SERVICE AREA	AMOUNT
	ADDITIONS:			
99	Non Departmental	2010	0030	9,405,000
99	Non Departmental	2010	0100	10,064,979
				19,469,979
EXPENDITURES				
	ADDITIONS:			
99	Non Departmental	2010	0100	10,005,000
99	Non Departmental	2010	0110	59,979
99	Non Departmental	2010	0030	9,405,000
				19,469,979

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign, a personnel change request from the Sheriff for William Dusenberry whose final day of employment with Washington County Rescue occurred September 9, 2021.

Washington County Ambulance Services Director Jeremy Peck and Ambulance Administrative Assistant Pat Curl shared with the Board that due to a national shortage of paramedics they are giving consideration to adding an additional Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance which would be able to transport patients to hospitals without a paramedic on board. Advanced Life Support (ASL) staff would still be required to assess the patient and respond if necessary. According to Peck other points of consideration include the manner and time in which the unit would be staffed. Board discussion ensued but no formal action was taken.

The Board next took up discussion and possible action regarding the use of COVID relief funds with Young stating that final rules regarding utilization of the funds are not yet determined. Stoops recommended that each department head prepare a list of possible uses of the funds as well as a list of individuals to serve on various sub-committees that are being formed. It was recommended that a schedule for future meetings related to COVID relief funds be established. The Board took no formal action.

There was no discussion from department heads.

The Board canvassed the results of the September 14, 2021 Special Election as follows:

STATE OF IOWA
ABSTRACT OF VOTES

Washington County, Iowa

We, the undersigned Members of the Board of Supervisors and ex-officio County Board of Canvassers for this County, do hereby certify the following to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in this County at the 2021 Special Washington Community School District Election held on the 14th day of September, 2021, as shown by the tally lists returned from the election precincts.

For Public Measure A

Shall the Board of Directors of the Washington Community School District in the Counties of Washington and Jefferson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to provide funds to construct, furnish and equip a middle school addition and a high school classroom addition to the existing high school building and to remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip a portion of the existing high school building?

For the question, there were:	Seven hundred eighty-eight (788) votes
Against the question, there were:	Two hundred fifty-five (255) votes
Blank:	One (1) vote
TOTAL	One thousand forty-four (1044) votes cast

We therefore declare the public measure:

"Shall the Board of Directors of the Washington Community School District in the Counties of Washington and Jefferson, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 to provide funds to construct, furnish and equip a middle school addition and a high school classroom addition to the existing high school building and to remodel, repair, improve, furnish and equip a portion of the existing high school building?"

to be adopted.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the seal of this county by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Done at Washington the county seat of Washington County, this 21st day of September, 2021.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to accept as official the results of the September 14, 2021 Special Election as canvassed.

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

ATTEST:
September 21, 2021

DANIEL L. WIDMER
County Auditor

RICHARD L. YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON
Washington County Board of Supervisors