

**Washington Council Extension Council Minutes**  
**Phone Conference Meeting Date: March 30, 2020**

**Called to Order** by **Kathy Ebert** at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held by teleconference.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Due to recent recommendations from State Government (see declaration below), CDC and Iowa Public Health due to COVID-19 and social distancing recommendations, the Washington County Extension Council will meet by teleconference at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 30, 2020. The conference call number and access code were listed on the agenda and posted on the exterior door of the Extension office.

**Governor Reynolds Declaration**

On Friday, March 20, 2020, Governor Reynolds issued an additional State Public Health Emergency Declaration that included the following directive:

**ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

**SECTION NINE.** Pursuant to Iowa Code § 29C.6(6), and at the request of the Iowa League of Cities on behalf of numerous local governmental bodies, I temporarily suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 21.8, 26.12, and 414.12, or any other statute imposing a requirement to hold a public meeting or hearing, to the extent that the statutes could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from holding the meeting by electronic means, provided that the governmental body properly notices the meeting or hearing and includes a telephone conference number or website address that permits the public to participate in the meeting or hearing. I also temporarily suspend those statutes to the extent they could be interpreted to prevent a governmental body from limiting the number of people present at an in-person location of the meeting, provided that the governmental body provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically as provided in this section.

**Roll Call** Kathy Ebert, Rhonda Clough, Sue Janecek, Margaret Brinning, Ann Williams, Dennis Lampe, Dave Erwin      Absent: Duane Hammen, Donna Palmer      Others: Gene Mohling

Public Comment Period - there were no comments

Search Committee Discussion & Recommendation    The search committee of Ebert, Janecek, Williams and Erwin interviewed the candidates virtually on March 25.    The search committee recommended offering the job to Brittnee Schneider.    All the candidates were outstanding.

Motion to offer county director position and wage for FY21:    Dave Erwin moved to offer the position to Brittnee Schneider for \$22/hour.    2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Janecek    Carried 5-1 (Ann Williams voted no)    Dennis Lampe abstained.

Performance reviews will be held later this week with Dave Erwin, Kathy Ebert and Ann Williams. Reviews will be held virtually.

April Meeting will be held virtually due to COVID19. Date to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Dennis Lampe moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.    2<sup>nd</sup> by Rhonda Clough . Carried unanimously.

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Sue Janecek, Secretary