

Feb 26, 2008 Minutes
Washington County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor's Room Courthouse
Blair, Nebraska 68008

The Washington County Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in the Supervisor's Meeting Room at the Courthouse in Blair, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Pilot-Tribune. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the Office of the County Clerk. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgment of the receipt of notice and the agenda are on record at the office of the County Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Duane Wilcox declared the meeting was in session. Chairman made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the north wall and that pamphlets are available.

Present: Chairman, Duane Wilcox, County Board Members, Jeff Quist, Kent Wilcox, Ernest Abariotes and Marvin Rohwer. Linda Thomsen and Daryl Miller were absent. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen.

It was moved by Kent Wilcox and seconded by Quist that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Feb 12, 2008 meeting be approved but not read at this meeting for the reason that all Board Members were furnished a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

The following correspondence had been received: Letter from OPPD about the Hazard Mitigation Plan, E-mails from Sen Rogert, Sen Lautenbach and Sen Fischer responding to the letter of opposition the Board sent about LB880, and a Quarterly Loss Report from NIRMA. It was moved by Abariotes and second by Kent Wilcox that correspondence and report be placed on file. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

The One & Six Year Road Plan was presented by Road Supt Parsons for adoption. Public hearing on same had been held on Feb 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Parsons read Resolution 2008-3. Motion by Quist second by Rohwer that the One and Six Year Road Plan be approved. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried. Details available for public inspection at the Road Superintendent's Office.

RESOLUTION NO: 2008-3

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, that the One-Year Plan and Two-Six Year Road Plan for Road Improvements for Washington County, Nebraska as presented by the County Board of Supervisors at a Public Hearing on Wednesday February 13, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. and more particularly described on NBCS FORM 8 as being part of the "One Year Plan" and NBCS FORM 9 as being part of the "Six-Year Plan," all shown on the enclosed map and made a part thereof, be and are hereby approved and adopted.

Passed and signed this 26th day of February, 2008

County Board of Supervisors
Washington County, Nebraska
s/b Duane Wilcox, Chairman

ATTEST:

s/b Merry M Truhlsen, County Clerk

Road Supt discussed a temporary easement for Road Project C89-409 on CR41 to allow the County to work on the road. This had been discussed at the Road Committee meeting and referred back to full Board. To expedite the improvements this road requires the Board discussed having the chairman sign the temporary easement. Motion by Rohwer second by Quist to authorize Chairman to sign the temporary easement. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Julie Ogden, with JEO, had several agenda items, which had been discussed at the Road Committee meeting and were referred to the full Board. The first project discussed was a soft-match Bridge Project, Structure#C89-02020. Ms Ogden discussed the condition of the bridge. Her rates have gone up on soft-match projects due to new mandated environmental requirements. Once the first project is done, perhaps Road Supt could be responsible for some of these requirements. Motion by Quist second by Kent Wilcox to approve engineering agreement on Bridge Project C89-02020 at a cost of \$19,525 for the design fee and a fee to be billed hourly for on-site work, estimated at \$5,000. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Terry Conrad, Sapp Bros Petroleum, read a letter to the Board expressing his disappointment that the fuel bid at the County Shop was taken from Sapp Bros and given to Nebr Iowa Supply Co. He said he received a letter Jan 25 saying that on Feb 1, Nebr-Iowa Supply Co would start supplying fuel there. The Board thought they were dividing the business evenly, but Conrad said it is not. Road Supt stated Nebr-Iowa Supply Co supplies Ft Calhoun Oil and Knudsen Oil & Feed with the fuel they sell the County. Conrad thought the fair thing to do would be to put the Road Dept fuel out for bid. Motion by Quist second by Abariotes to refer this matter back to Road Committee. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Eric Stark from Nebr-Iowa Supply asked why this wasn't put out to bid last year and said they were interested in bidding it. Board said they couldn't answer that but would be discussing this further.

Ogden next discussed the engineering agreement for County Grading Project on CR39. This agreement includes preliminary and final designs, meetings to go over plans and preparation of plans for the County to construct the road. Cost of engineering is \$29,925. Since this project is scheduled in the next budget year, Quist suggested waiting to do the engineering and verify remaining expenses in this budget year. Motion by Quist second by Kent Wilcox to approve the engineering agreement but have JEO wait for a notice to proceed. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Ogden discussed the engineering agreement on County Grading Project on CR P39. This was prepared as an amendment to CR39. The cost for this is also \$29,925. As the Co Atty's office hadn't reviewed this yet, motion by Quist second by Abariotes to hold this over and have Co Atty's office review the amendment before any action is taken. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

The next engineering agreement was on 2 small bridges. One bridge is on CR P10 and one on CR25. JEO would complete a drainage study on each site and provide the County with replacement options. Motion by

Quist second by Kent Wilcox to approve the drainage studies @ \$3,495 for each bridge. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Next engineering agreement was on possible improvements to a turn lane on CR37 into Cottonwood Creek Subdivision. The Road Dept has received complaints at this intersection. Ms Ogden is proposing having a survey crew do a topographic study then prepare a report and outline options. Motion by Kent Wilcox second by Quist to approve an intersection study report for \$3,950. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, and Rohwer. Nay: Abariotes. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Ms Ogden discussed a study previously done for road improvements on CR P16 & CR P18. She completed the preliminary design, came up with two options, and presented the information to the Board. No action was taken. The project is not scheduled for this budget year.

Next discussed was Project C89(408) on CR P26. Designs are complete and the next step is to acquire ROW. Moved by Quist and seconded by Abariotes to authorize Road Supt and JEO to put together information for the land owners, check with legal counsel and start acquisition of three Right of Way tracts for the culvert and road work. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Quist second by Rohwer to table the discussion of Special Use Permit Procedures to the next meeting. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Ron Hineline proposed changing County Zoning Laws to add ½ mile no build buffer zones along Papio Creek and around any dams that might be built. He also spoke about the taxes paid on ground the NRD owns and the Papio NRD meeting he attended at UNO.

Doug Cook was present to discuss the E911 Fund expenses but wanted to wait until Phil Brazelton could be present. Motion by Quist second by Kent Wilcox to table action on this until the next meeting. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Kent Wilcox second by Rohwer to authorize Chairman to sign letter Clerk had prepared requesting Gary Pavel CPA's help in completing the '08-'09 County Budget. Vote- Aye: Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Thomsen and Miller absent. Motion carried.

Board members received information from Phil Lorenzen, with DA Davison Co, regarding the Courthouse Bond. It may be to the County's advantage to discuss possible refunding of Courthouse Bond. No action taken. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Linda Thomsen was present.

County Treasurer, Marj Hoier, was present with Tax Exemption Applications for Motor Vehicles owned by Crowell Memorial Home. Motion by Kent Wilcox second by Quist to approve the exemption applications. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

Abariotes gave an update on the Eagles Building.

Chairman Wilcox discussed his trip to the Legislature in regard to LB 880.

As the time was 11:10, the Board took a 20 minutes recess waiting for the next agenda item.

Board of Equalization: It was moved by Abariotes and seconded by Thomsen to enter in Board of Equalization. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

Steve Mencke, Co Assessor and Jane Svendgard were present. Don Mandel with Alegent Healthcare and Dan Schonlau with Memorial Community Hospital were present at the request of the Board, to answer questions about 2008 Permissive Tax Exemptions.

Steve Mencke explained the Board questioned were two new exemptions added to the list the Board questioned: Alegent Family Care Immanuel Clinic Blair and the parking lot there listed under Alegent Immanuel Medical Center Inc. County Assessor approved these exemptions.

Quist asked why this wasn't on the list last year and Chairman Wilcox asked why the clinic is considered tax exempt. Don Mandel, with Alegent Health in the Property Management Area, stated in going through their assessment of property, realized they hadn't applied for tax exempt status for this clinic. Alegent Health is an IRS 5013C non profit, faith based, health-care organization. Quist made motion to grant the exemption, Kent Wilcox seconded. Clerk stated they will be voting on the Permissive Tax Exemption list at next meeting, this meeting was for information only. Quist withdrew his motion and Kent Wilcox withdrew his second. Assessor Mencke had stated if you single one health organization out, you need to treat all properties similar and that resulted in the Board asking MCH to appear. Dan Schonlau, Chief Financial Officer of MCH said their exemptions are very similar to Alegent Health. Chairman Wilcox thanked the gentlemen for coming.

Motion was made by Kent Wilcox and seconded by Quist that the Board adjourn from Board of Equalization and reconvene in regular session. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

Comments from Public: Dennis McCormick made comments about the City's no parking proposal on South St. that is on the City Council's meeting agenda tonight, the County going green and the Board having night meetings.

Claims were received and reviewed, following which it was moved by Kent Wilcox and seconded by Quist that the following claims be allowed and Clerk ordered to issue warrants on the various funds for the same. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	131,545.71
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	9,107.23
UHC	Ins	60,094.08
WASH CO BANK	FICA	9,481.52
WASH CO BANK	Ins	9,406.58
ALLTEL	Serv	156.42
ANIMAL CARE OF BLAIR	Supplies	30.99
AQUILA	Serv	813.35
BLAIR WEST PHARMACY	Jail Rx	110.19
BOB BARKER CO	Supplies	195.39
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL	Serv	900.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Water	523.41
CLK OF DIST CRT	Filing Fees	207.00
CONST BOOK EXPRESS	Supplies	14.95
CSI DIVISION	Serv	50.00
D & J TRIM SHOP	Serv	155.00

DEPT MOTOR VEHICLES	Serv	6.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	Serv	17.75
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	Serv	17.68
E T TOWING	Serv	192.60
ENTERPRISE PUB CO INC	Delq Tax Ad	676.63
FOOD DISTR PROG	Supplies	15.84
FORNOFF & SCHUTT PC	Crt Appt Attny	3,561.00
HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY	Workshop	453.36
JOHN R JENSEN	Auction Serv	100.00
PAUL JENSEN	Auction Serv	100.00
PHILIP JENSEN	Auction Serv	100.00
JOHNSON & MOCK	Crt Appt Attny	4,421.29
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC	Child Sup Attny	1,384.61
KUENY LAW	Crt Appt Attny	714.00
GARY LAMBRECHT	Auction Serv	300.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	Serv	39.30
MARASCO LAW	Crt Appt Attny	954.00
MATT MATHIESEN	Auction Serv	100.00
MCH HEALTH SYSTEM	Jail Serv	2,797.34
STEVE MENCKE	Reimb Exp	125.64
MONROE SYSTEM BUSINESS	Supplies	44.29
MOORE MEDICAL LLC	Supplies	47.98
NACO	Supplies	19.00
NE DOL/BOILER INSPEC PROG	Inspection	216.00
NE NOTARY ASSOC	Notary	10.00
JEFF NELSEN PHOTO	Serv	47.25
NEXTEL	Serv	906.53
NO FRILLS	Jail	3,597.93
OFFICE NET	Supplies	185.40
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	145.51
OLSON & STEWART CONST	Snow Removal	810.00
OPPD	Serv	173.49
PC SERV	Serv	1,060.90
PHILLIPS 66	Fuel	682.65
POSTMASTER	Treas DMV	524.42
PRECISION FLOORING INC	Carpet	2,231.00
KEITH RAHLFS	Auction Serv	100.00
REDFIELD & CO INC	Supplies	96.62
SEC OF STATE, JOHN A GALE	Serv	20.00
SIDNER, SVOBODA,	Crt Appt Attny	942.00
NEBR, DAS IMSERVICES	Serv	212.77
NEBR, DEPT OF CORR SERV	Serv	4,566.89
ED TALBOT	Reimb Exp	94.23
TALLEY COMM	Equip	57.49
TELRITE CORP	Serv	329.78
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	817.07
THOMPSON LAW	Crt Appt Attny	738.00
TREAT AMERICA FOOD	Food	8.82
TYLER GRAPHIC SERV, INC	Supplies	418.75
WASH CO ATTNY TRUST ACC	Reimb Exp	30.71
WASH CO REG DEEDS	Filing Fees	26.00
DUANE WILCOX	Reimb Mileage	84.34
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll	37,529.11
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	2,533.23
UHC	Ins	15,379.83

WASH CO BANK	FICA	2,722.00
WASH CO BANK	Ins	3,136.00
B'S ENTERPRISE INC	Blades	1,120.00
BLAIR SUPERFOODS	Supplies	38.04
BOMGAARS	Supplies	150.14
CALHOUN OIL CO	Fuel	2,549.31
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS MO	Equip	19.26
CATERPILLAR FINLSERV CORP	Payment	4,157.65
CEMEX	Rock	310.72
FASTENAL CO	Supplies	6.17
FLEETPRIDE	Parts	106.98
HI-LINE ELEC & MECH	Supplies	70.90
HOTSY EQUIP CO INC	Equip	335.00
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	6,590.49
MID-LAND EQUIP	Parts	1,062.56
NACO	Reg WS	19.00
NE DEPT ROADS	Equip	261.44
NE IA SUPPLY CO	Fuel	2,400.72
NEBR MACH CO INC	PArts	3,286.74
SAPP BROS PETRO, INC	Fuel	1,360.29
SNAP - ON TOOLS	Tools	70.20
ZEP SALES & SERV	Supplies	101.41
STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND		
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	Serv	93.00
COUNTY BUILDING FUND		
SCHEMMER ASSOC	Renovation Serv	5,514.36
COMPUTER FUND		
PC SERV	Serv	418.00
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Serv	5.40
BOMGAARS	Supplies	14.01
NEBR WEED CONTROL ASSOC	Reg WS	100.00
NEXTEL	Serv	39.51
PC SERV	Supplies	60.95
MIKE SMITH	Reimb Exp	226.15
E 911 FUND		
GREAT PLAINS COMM INC	Serv	153.37

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Rohwer and seconded by Abariotes that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular board meeting date, Mar 11th, 2008. Vote-Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Miller absent. Motion carried.

Attest:

s/b Merry M Truhlsen
Washington County Clerk

s/b Duane Wilcox, Chairman
Washington County Board of Supervisors

I, Merry M. Truhlsen, County Clerk, in and for Washington County, Blair, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings took place during the Feb 26th meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

s/b Merry M Truhlsen
Washington County Clerk