

**April 8, 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, April 8, 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 and that the meeting is being recorded. 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, Linda Thomsen, Jeff Quist, Kent Wilcox, Daryl Miller, Ernest Abariotes and Marvin Rohwer. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen.

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Miller that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Mar 25, 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: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Abariotes and seconded by Kent Wilcox that the regular Monthly Fee Reports of the following Officials be received and placed on file: Co Clerk \$11,100.66, Reg of Deeds \$19,713.00, Co Court \$20,701.74, Co Plan Comm \$10,895.00, Clk Dist Crt \$1,265.25, Co Sheriff \$2,376.33 Road Dept \$1,260.20. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Clerk had no correspondence for the Board.

Mike Smith updated the Board on spring activities with the Weed Dept. He discussed mowing and spraying and hopes to start working on repairing and installing the fence with the Sheriff's Office next week.

Abariotes gave an update on the Washington East Building. Work is progressing on schedule. Floor has been sanded and they are working on drywall. The signs and landscaping were discussed.

Road Supt Parsons updated the Board on several items. The Road Dept was awarded a grant of \$14,830 from the State for tire recycling to enable Wash Co residents to dispose of old tires. The Board tentatively set the date for Sat, June 21 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Parsons discussed road conditions and the amount of rock and gravel that has been hauled in the last 2 weeks. The Road Dept rented a machine and is sealing the cracks on the asphalt roads. Parsons will be attending an erosion and sediment control seminar in Omaha tomorrow.

At 10:00 am, Road Dept bids were received for a tandem truck cab & chassis with dump body & hydraulic system, snow plow and sand spreader. The bids quoted a purchase price with or without a trade in. Three bids were received: Omaha Truck Center- 2009 Freightliner \$100,618, or allow \$5,500 on '95 Ford trade-in for a purchase price of \$95,118. Cornhusker International Trucks- International Model 7500, \$104,077.80, or allow \$6,000 on '95 Ford trade-in for a purchase price of \$98,077.80. Wick-Sterling Trucks- 2009 Sterling LT 8511, \$109,882, or allow \$9,500 for '95 Ford trade-in for a purchase price of \$100,322. Chris Grass from Omaha Truck Center and Rob Roane from Cornhusker International were present to answer questions. Board discussed

keeping the '95 Ford truck, instead of using it as a trade-in. Motion by Quist second by Abariotes to refer the bids to the Road Committee and have them make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board had received a letter from Goldenrod Hills Community Action Inc asking for a letter of support for their weatherization program. Motion by Kent Wilcox second by Abariotes to authorize Chairman to sign the letter of support for Goldenrod Hills Grant Application for Weatherization Program. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Abariotes second by Quist to receive and place on file the annual Burt/Washington Drainage District Report. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Robinson addressed the Board regarding LB371, which makes changes on the Sheriff's Deputies County retirement plan. Robinson said a big problem in retaining trained Sheriff personnel is the lack of good retirement benefits. Robinson also spoke on the specialized nature and hardships a Sheriff's Deputy job entails. One change in LB371 is the County's retirement contribution would increase from 7.75% to 9.25%. Robinson calculated this increase would cost the County \$13,000. Another change would be a switch to a defined benefit retirement plan. Chairman Wilcox said in talking with NACO, this bill isn't going to come up in this Legislative Session but thinks it will in the next session. Jon Reeves spoke in support of LB371 and read a letter to the Board. Pam Daly spoke in favor of LB371 and of the importance of the Sheriff's Office and the need to provide funding necessary to enable them to retain well trained Officers. Dennis McCormick spoke in support of LB371.

Mike Robinson told the Board he wasn't ready to discuss the Sheriff's Office remodel bids. Motion by Kent Wilcox second by Rohwer to table action on the Sheriff's Office remodel. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Becky Versch, with the Washington County Extension Service introduced Steve Tonn, who will be the new Ag Educator for Washington County.

Steve Mencke, Co Assessor, submitted a quote from Chris Poulsen to provide technical support for the GIS program. The quote, covering the next 3 months, is for 12 days of service @ \$42.00 per hour. Phil Green and Nate Dougherty, with Blair City, said GIS is a very important part of what the City of Blair does and wanted to encourage the Board to move forward in hiring Chris Poulsen. Motion by Quist second by Kent Wilcox to approve 12 days of service from Chris Poulsen. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Phil Brazelton discussed the need for the County to have it's own IT/GIS person. He had figures for the past two years showing various computer technician expenses and encouraged the Board to consider creating this position in the next budget year. He handed out a job description for this position and asked the Board for their input. Brazelton will get figures together regarding the cost of the salary/benefits package and provide that to the Board.

Steve Mencke, Co Assessor was present. Mencke said he had no corrections or valuation changes for the Boards approval today. Chairman stated there would be no Board of Equalization today.

Legislative bills were discussed. LB880 won't be heard this session. LB777 passed and Co Assessor discussed this with the Board.

Clerk discussed Resolution 2008-08 authorizing Co Treas to transfer money from the Public Safety Communication Bond Fund to the Courthouse Bond Fund. The overall levy for the bond fund was correct, but the split between the two was transposed on the Amended Levy Resolution #2007-26. The Treasurer will change the fund table on their posting field to correct this for future posting of the 2007 taxes. Motion by Miller second by Abariotes to adopt Resolution 2008-08 authorizing Co Treas to transfer money from the Public Safety Comm Bond Fund to the Courthouse Bond Fund and authorize Treasurer to change the fund table on their posting field to correct this for future posting of the 2007 taxes. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Kent Wilcox absent. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2008-08

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors amends Resolution #2007-26

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer funds from the Public Safety Communication Bond Fund to the Courthouse Bond fund. The overall levy for the bond fund was correct, but the split between the two was transposed on the Amended Levy Resolution #2007-26.

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized by The Board to execute the Resolution herein and the County Clerk is authorized to file said resolution.

Dated this 8 day of April, 2008.

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

Attest:

Merry Truhlsen, County Clerk

The Board recessed for lunch.

Cher Krause, representing the Arlington Pool Committee, requested a Special Liquor Permit for the Arlington Pool Committee Fund Raiser for Pool Improvements. The event will be held on July 26, 2008 from 5:00 pm to 1:00 am, at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Motion by Thomsen second by Quist to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 2008-09, contingent on the Arlington Pool Committee providing proof of insurance to County Clerk's Office. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Kent Wilcox, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2008- 09

WHEREAS, Arlington Pool Committee, has filed an application for a Special Liquor Permit to dispense alcoholic beverages at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington, Nebraska:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Washington County, Nebraska, Board of Supervisors hereby approves the application of Arlington Pool Committee and grants permission to use the specific area designated in said application for the hours of 5:00 clock PM, July 26, 2008 to 1:00 o'clock AM July 27, 2008, inclusive for the purpose of dispensing of the alcoholic beverages on said premises; provided however, applicant or its agents shall not enter the premises or dispense alcohol until a Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is executed and delivered in form satisfactory to Washington County and a Certificate of Insurance is on file with the Washington County Clerk showing that Applicants have a commercial general liability insurance policy with

limit of liability not less and \$1 Million of combined single limit per occurrence and showing Washington County, Nebraska, as an additional insured.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2008.

Washington County Board of Supervisors  
Duane Wilcox, Chairman

Attest:

Merry M. Truhlsen, County Clerk

Abariotes, Washington County's representative on the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission for the I-80 Corridor, attended an NIZC meeting last week. HDR presented a report on the Phase 1 Comprehensive Plan for the Corridor and Abariotes gave highlights of that report.

There were no comments from the Public.

Claims were received and reviewed, following which it was moved by Miller 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, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	173,974.41
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirem	8,348.48
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	35.26
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	233.48
UNC	Ins	32,146.29
WASH CO BANK	FICA	8,539.15
WASH CO BANK	Ins	4,430.50
ABE'S TRASH SERV	Serv	160.81
ALLTEL	Serv	46.53
ANDERSON SERV	Serv	10.00
ANIMAL CARE BLAIR	Serv	393.50
AQUILA	Serv	160.69
PAM ASHLEY	Reimb Reg Fee	25.00
ATS "THE BEEPER PEOPLE"	Serv	254.83
BARR PHARMACY	Supplies	13.88
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	425.29
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	1,724.66
BLAIR WEST PHARMACY	Jail RX	38.39
LORI BLUME	Serv	60.00
BOB BARKER CO	Supplies	195.39
BRO BUSINESS	Copier Serv	68.83
CITY OF BLAIR	Water & Library Fee	70.30
CITY OF FT CALHOUN	Lease	50.00
CLK DISTR CRT	Filing Fees	122.00
CONTROL SERV	Serv	5,556.76
DODGE COUNTY	Reimb Probation Costs	6,058.81
DORNAN & LUSTGARTEN	Crt Appt Attny	605.85
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	Supplies	172.15
EASTERN NE HUMAN SERV AGE	Serv	23,169.00
ES & S	Supplies	1,666.81
MARY ELLIS-HARDEN	Crt Appt Attny	2,514.00
ENTERPRISE	Notices & Minutes	1,110.17

FAIRWAY OIL	Fuel	447.68
1St NAT BANK	Inmate Transports	63.60
1St NAT BANK	Meeting Exp	10.11
1St NAT BANK	Supplies	66.60
1St NAT BANK	Inmate Transports	57.86
1St NAT BANK	Supplies	29.99
1St NAT BANK	Program Fee	79.00
FREMONT TRIBUNE	Sheriffs Ad	221.55
GLOBAL INDUST EQUIP	Ext Equip	388.63
HALL LAW	Crt Appt Attny	126.00
JOHNSON & MOCK	Crt Appt Attny	467.18
JUDT ELECTRIC	LEC Serv	878.98
KATSKEE, HENATSCH & SUING	Crt Appt Attny	462.00
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC ATTY	Child Support Enf	1,384.61
MCGOUGH LAW	Crt Appt Attny	294.00
MCH	Inmate	1,222.50
MIPS INC	Program Fee	1,134.03
MOORE MEDICAL	Supplies	98.35
CURT MOORE	Reimb Mileage	20.20
NACO	WS Reg	285.00
NE LABOR	Unemployment	6,118.00
OFFICE EQUIP FIN SERV	Copier Serv	178.21
OFFICE NET	Copier Serv	766.09
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	106.36
OLSON & STEWART CONSTR	Snow Removal	65.00
OPPD	Serv	4,304.33
RICH & BARB ORTMEIER	Ext Rent	690.00
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	33.08
PCSERV	Serv	154.00
POUNDS PRINTING	Supplies	275.50
QUILL CORP	Supplies	197.75
REYZLIK ACE	Supplies	84.38
RIXSTINE RECOGNITION	Supplies	14.22
KRIS ROBINSON	Reimb Mileage	776.69
MARVIN ROHWER	Reimb Mileage	147.46
MARSHA RUWE	Ext Rent	40.00
SAPP BROS PETRO	Fuel	239.86
M SCOTT VANDER SCHAAF	Crt Appt Attny	432.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	Serv	20.00
SHELL FLEET PLUS	Fuel	5,559.45
SID DILLON	Sheriff Serv	144.28
SMITTY'S AUTO SERV	Sheriff Serv	2,080.06
STATE NEBR, DAS CENTRAL	Program Fee	1,216.00
TEAMBANK N.A.	2-2005 Impala Pymt	5,070.61
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	185.50
LINDA THOMSEN	Reimb Mileage	170.18
TURF & TREE TECH INC	4 App Serv	695.00
KELLY HENRY TURNER	Crt Appt Attny	1,290.00
JIM VAN CLEAVE	Reimb Mileage	110.59
VILLAGE ARLINGTON	Lease	69.50
WARLYN INVESTMENTS	Supplies	55.93
WASH CO COURT	Filing Fees	202.00
WASH CO REG DEEDS	Filing Fees	20.50
WASH CO SHERIFF	Filing Fees	725.28
WASH CO TREAS	Reimb Stamps	41.00
WOODHOUSE FORD	Ext Serv	230.32

**ROAD FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	33,639.90
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	2,270.69
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	26.89
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	56.29
UHC	Ins	7,667.80
WASH CO BANK	FICA	2,410.12
WASH CO BANK	Ins	1,568.00
ALLTEL	Serv	128.99
BI-STATE MOTOR	Parts	326.02
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	324.20
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	101.95
BRAKKAN TRUCKING	Equip Rental	1,595.05
CAMDEN EXCAVATING	Equip Rental	5,141.84
CATERPILLAR	Scraper Pymt	4,157.65
CMA TRUCKING	Equip Rental	3,477.16
CORNHUSKER INTERNT TRUCKS,INC	Parts	916.40
CO TIRE SERV CENTER	Parts	13.00
DEEP ROCK WATER	Serv	59.37
ENTERPRISE	Notice	25.78
FASTENAL CO	Supplies	29.58
HI-LINE ELEC & MECH	Supplies	199.81
INTERSTATE BATTERY	Parts	235.90
JEO CONSULT GROUP, INC	Engineering	3,048.75
KELLY RYAN EQUIP	Parts	96.74
KENNARD TRUCKING	Equip Rental	3,191.38
RONALD KERSTETTER	Equip Rental	4,132.31
LARSEN INTERNTL	Parts	134.01
MAX I WALKER	Serv	153.71
MCKINNIS ROOFING	Repairs	480.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Testing	46.00
NE IOWA SUPPLY CO	Fuel	3,935.63
NE SALT & GRAIN CO	Ice Control	4,937.10
OLSON & STEWART CONSTR	Equip Rental	1,008.21
OPPD	Serv	454.96
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	15.79
POWERPLAN	Parts	7.49
REYZLIK ACE	Supplies	11.99
SE SMITH & SONS	Bldg Repair	58.60
STALP GRAVEL CO	Gravel&Equip Rental	36,246.36

**RELIEF & MEDICAL FUND**

CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL	Funeral Serv	1,074.00
U SAVE PHARMACY	Rx	408.74

**HI-WAY SAFETY FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	3,268.96
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	235.51
WASH CO BANK	FICA	250.08

**BUILDING FUND**

SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	23.87
PCSERV	Serv	318.94

**WEED FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	1,492.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	100.71
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	1.97
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	2.60
UHC	Ins	33.22

WASH CO BANK	FICA	113.99
FAIRWAY OIL	Fuel	339.79
POUNDS PRINTING	Supplies	66.00
MICHAEL SMITH	Reimb WS Exp	220.80
STATE NE, DAS/MATERIEL-SURPLUS	Chemicals	100.00
WASH CO FAIR	Booth	50.00
WASH CO WEED DEPT	Reimb Exp	47.99
<b>E911 FUND</b>		
AT&T	Serv	5.95
BLAIR TELEPHONE	Serv	816.30
Q WEST	Serv	838.41

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Miller and seconded by Abariotes that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular Board meeting date, Apr 22, 2008. All members present voted aye, Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:  
s/y 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 Apr 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors

s/b Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk