

**Apr 22, 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 22, 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, Daryl Miller, Ernest Abariotes and Marvin Rohwer. Absent: Kent Wilcox. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen. Kent Wilcox was absent all day.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Rohwer that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Apr 8, 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, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following correspondence had been received: Two Letters from Dept of Roads, Feb Lodging Tax total from Dept of Rev and an unsigned letter about junk cars. It was moved by Abariotes and second by Miller that correspondence be placed on file. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Julie Ogden, JEO, discussed the alignment of CR P16 & P18. At a recent meeting, the Road Committee discussed having JEO prepare a third option for this curve. This plan would straighten the road, move the road away from the creek and increase the speed limit. Pat Edwards, with Huntel, asked whether the fiber optic cable buried along the road would be impacted. Motion by Quist second by Duane Wilcox to authorize JEO to prepare preliminary set of plans on Alternate 3 for \$3,650.00. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller and Rohwer. Nay: Abariotes. Motion carried.

Cheryl Parsons, Road Supt, discussed the armor coat on CR32 and the urgent need for repairs. Mike Tidball, with Western Engineering discussed problems encountered the last two years and presented a proposal to stabilize the road and preserve the life of the armor coat. Motion by Rohwer second by Quist to accept the proposal from Western Engineering Co Inc for \$58,654.00 and to also have the Road Dept clean out the ditches. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Road Supt Parsons and Road Foreman Maslowsky had studied the Dump truck bids, noted the exceptions and presented their findings to the Road Committee. Maslowsky was present to answer questions. Parsons said the Road Committee is recommending the bid from Cornhusker International Trucks for a 2008 International tandem dump truck, plow and sander. Motion by Quist second by Rohwer to accept the bid from Cornhusker Trucks International for \$104,077.80, as it met all the specifications of the bid. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Parsons stated the County had received a grant to replace and install curve signs and posts for Federal Aid Project #STWD (079). In conjunction with this program, the State of Nebraska is requiring the County to sign a Right of Way Certificate. Motion by Quist second by Miller to authorize chairman to sign the Right of Way Certificate. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Parsons mentioned several other road items: a large wash out on east end of CR34 has appeared, this will be an emergency road project; a couple other wash outs need to be seeded; and Road Dept got the Right of Way for CR P41.

Sarah Chatt, Washington County Bank, discussed the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds for Memorial Community Hospital Corporation Project. MCH had planned on completing their financing in 2008 with public bonds. However, the public bond market pricing for 2008 has changed significantly in a negative way for the Hospital. MCH came back to Washington County Bank and First National Bank for financing to see what they could do. To use Bank financing, MCH needs what is called bank qualified status, which is an IRS status. The bonds get issued through the County and only \$10 million can be issued in a year. Last year, MCH used \$9.25 million, leaving \$750,000 for the County to use for capital leasing or bond financing. This year, MCH would like to use \$9 million, leaving \$1 million for the County to use for any capital leasing or bond financing. The Board will check into projected expenses and take action on this at the next Board meeting. Motion by Abariotes second by Quist to put this back on the May 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Miller, who is on the Visitor Promotion Committee, went through the 4 claims being submitted. Motion by Quist second by Rohwer to approve the Committee's recommendation and pay the claims submitted. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Abariotes gave a brief update on the Washington County East building and said the Board could do a quick walk through at noon if they wanted. This project will be discussed again after lunch.

A large group was in attendance for the discussion on the draft of the County Board Meeting Policies and the Resolution covering recording the meetings. Chairman Wilcox went through the policies, discussing different points. Sentence in the "Agenda" section "Distribution of the tentative agenda to the public at this time shall be at the discretion of the board chair" will be removed. Under "Meetings", the sentence "Persons wishing to make public comments shall sign in with his or her name" was changed to "Persons wishing to make public comments shall state his or her name". Chairman opened the meeting up to the public. Gary Petersen went through his notes on the Board Policies. Daniel Daly read a letter from Don Preister. Paul Cerio wondered why the Board needed a resolution about Board policies. Robbin Jeffrey questioned some wording used in the policies. Joyce Graybill said she thought all records should be saved. Chairman Wilcox read the Resolution about recording meetings. The cost was discussed. Marcia McGill discussed how she makes copies and mails them. Paul Cerio spoke about the Open Meetings Law. Robbin Jeffrey spoke about the Clerk being the custodian of the records. Motion by Abariotes second by Miller to take this back to Committee for further revisions. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The remaining morning agenda items will be heard at 1:00. The Board recessed for lunch.

**Board of Equalization:** It was moved by Quist and seconded by Miller to enter in Board of Equalization. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried. Steve Mencke, Co Assessor, Jean Ray and Ann Therkelsen were present. Mencke explained the proposed valuation changes he brought before the Board. It was moved by Abariotes and seconded by Miller to approve Valuation Changes. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None.

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

Steve Mencke had a quote from ESRI to provide maintenance from 5/10/2008 to 5/9/2009. ESRI is the software the Assessor's Office uses for their GIS program. This agreement provides maintenance and also provides updates to the program. Motion by Quist second by Thomsen to pay the maintenance contract for \$2,200. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Robinson discussed a remodeling project in the Sheriff's Office. Robinson said he would like the Bldg & Grds Committee to come see what changes they wanted to make. Motion by Quist second by Miller to authorize Bldg and Grds to look at project and approve Sheriff's Office spending up to \$2500 on the project. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Clerk read a letter from Blair Area Chamber of Commerce requesting to hold the Gateway to the West Craft Show on the Courthouse lawn on June 14, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Board requested Clerk to check on insurance coverage for the event. Motion by Quist second by Abariotes to approve this request contingent on checking on insurance coverage with the Chamber Office. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cindy Sullivan, with Nebr Health & Human Services, was present to discuss the move to the new building. Sullivan wondered about plans for the move, who is going to move them, are the offices moving on different dates and wanted the three offices to meet with the Committee to work out these details. Motion by Quist second by Abariotes to refer this to Bldg & Grds Committee to coordinate the move to Wash Co East building. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doug Cook, Planning Administrator, was present with the following agenda items.

**FINAL PLAT 1. Final Plat application for George F. and Marlene J. Vogel**

a) George and Marlene Vogel final plat of Lazy S Ranches Subdivision, a 6 lot residential subdivision, a subdivision of Tax Lot 65, Section 36-Township 17 North-Range 12 East of the Sixth P.M. (general location: north side of Dutch Hall Road, north and west of 6626 Dutch Hall Road) Motion by Abariotes second by Thomsen to concur with the Planning Commission and continue to the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for the following reasons: (1) percolation tests have not been received; (2) the SWPP has not been received; (3) all parties do not agree on the drainage study; (4) length of cul-de-sac not decided. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**REZONING 2. Rezoning application for George F. and Marlene J. Vogel**

a) George and Marlene Vogel rezoning of Lazy S Ranches Subdivision, a 6 lot residential subdivision, from A-1 Agriculture Primary to RS-2 Rural Subdivision-2, Section 36-Township 17 North-Range 12 East of the Sixth P.M. (general location: north side of Dutch Hall Road, north and west of 6626 Dutch Hall Road) Motion by Abariotes second by Quist to concur with the Planning Commission and continue to the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Conditional Use Permit reviews:

<b><u>FILE #</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>PURPOSE</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u></b>
97-08	Arp	hog confined feeding	continue to next meeting
05-10	Jones \ McClain	two homes temporarily	approve, 6 month review
04-09	Bill Roskens	three homes temporarily from 3 to 2 homes temporarily	approve, 1 year review & change
05-08	Neale Shaner	caretaker mobile home	continue to next meeting
04-02	Neale Farms	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
04-08	Jeff Hoier	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
07-02	Mohr \ Black	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
07-03	Mike Smith	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
07-04	John Tyson	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting

07-05	Joe Zagata	acc. bldg. b\ f house in sub.	approve, 1 year review
07-06	Robert Peterson	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
07-07	Shaner Family Farms	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
07-08	Randy Blomker	corn milling biosolids	continue to next meeting
05-06	Dave Belak	acc. bldg. b\ f home in subdivision	revoke, house is built & occupied
05-02	Martin Hoer	two homes temporarily	approve 1 year review

Motion by Rohwer second by Abariotes to concur with the Planning Commission to accept staff recommendations on the conditional use permit reviews. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	124,612.85
AMERITAS LIFE INS	Retirement	8,597.43
UHC	Ins	33,368.23
WASH CO BANK	FICA	8,943.47
WASH CO BANK	Ins	4,430.50
A & D TECH SUPPLY	Surveyor Supplies	347.41
ALLTEL	Serv	157.26
AMSTERDAM PRINT & LITHO	Supplies	96.81
ANIMAL CARE BLAIR	Serv	48.75
AQUILA	Serv	4,317.72
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY	Supplies	33.83
LORI BLUME	Serv	438.39
BOB BARKER CO	Supplies	192.91
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies	18.26
CREIGHTON UNIV SCHOOL LAW	Ed Class	150.00
DMV	Serv	4.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	Serv	68.01
ES&S	Ballots	4,742.38
FREMONT LOCK & KEY	Serv	637.00
GALLS INC	Supplies	29.96
SHURIE GRAEVE	Reimb Flight	244.50
HALL LAW	Crt Appt Attny	4,686.00
HEARTLAND FAMILY SERV	Serv	3,650.56
MARJ HOIER	Reimb Mileage	137.86
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	9.64
INTOXIMETERS	Supplies	173.50
KATSKEE, HENATSCH & SUING	Crt Appt Attny	294.00
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC	Crt Appt Attny	1,430.16
KUENY LAW	Crt Appt Attny	384.00
LONG'S OK TIRE	Serv	1,476.40
LYNN PEAVEY CO	Supplies	31.00
GAYLE MAINE	Reimb Mileage	80.80
MAXIMUS, INC	Serv	2,219.02
STEVEN MENCKE	Reimb Mileage	184.46
MILLER ELEC CO	Serv	120.00
MISSOURI POLYGRAPH ASSOC	Dues	20.00
MOBILE BINDERS	Serv Rebind Books	4,175.00
NACO	Seminar	60.00
NEBRASKA LAW ENF TRNG CNTR	Testing	100.00
NELSON LAW	Crt Appt Attny	750.00
NEXTEL	Serv	593.75
OFFICE NET	Serv	89.00

OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	182.88
OPPD	Serv	191.50
ORTMEIER'S TV & APPL INC	Supplies	153.98
PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NRD	07Exp Flood Warning Sys	2,000.00
PITNEY BOWES	Serv	690.00
POSTMASTER	Stamps	164.00
POSTMASTER	Treas DMV	599.61
POUNDS PRINTING	Supplies	425.00
REDFIELD & COMPANY	Supplies	1,287.36
SEC OF STATE, JOHN A GALE	Serv	40.00
SID DILLON	Deductable	250.00
SIEVERS SPRICK FUNERAL HOME	Serv	300.00
STATE OF NEBR, DAS IMSERV	Serv	226.28
STRATEGO'S INT	Supplies	1,077.46
TASER INTERNATIONAL	Equip	350.00
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	766.12
TREAT AMERICA FOOD SERV	Meals	6.32
WASH CO REG OF DEEDS	Filing Fee	15.50
WASH CO SHERIFF	Serv CS	36.70
WASH CO SHERIFF	Reimb Petty Cash	140.46
WASH CO TREAS	Eagles&Drainage Dist Tax	20,499.54
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	Subscript	170.00
WEYANT REPORTING ASSOC	Serv	67.50
DUANE WILCOX	Reimb Mileage	207.56
WOODHOUSE FORD	Serv	1,389.91
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll	36,620.48
AMERITAS LIFE INS	Retirement	2,471.89
UHC	Ins	7,668.01
WASH CO BANK	FICA	2,811.15
WASH CO BANK	Ins	1,568.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE	Serv	86.56
B'S ENTERPRISE	Equip	2,240.00
BRAKKAN TRUCKING	Equip Rental	999.20
CALHOUN OIL CO	Fuel	3,101.92
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies	18.92
CEMEX	Rock	39,353.46
CJ'S TREE SERV	Equip Rental	900.00
CMA TRUCKING	Equip Rental	10,392.59
KENNARD TRUCKING	Equip Rental	5,712.33
RONALD KERSTETTER	Equip Rental	4,873.05
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	10,350.85
LYMAN-RICHEY SAND & GRAVEL CO	Gravel	22,416.67
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	Testing	46.00
MIDWEST SERV & SALES CO	Culvert Bands	533.85
NEBR ASSOC OF CO ENGINEERS	Reg School	75.00
NE IA SUPPLY CO	Fuel	8,663.98
NEBR MACH CO INC	Parts,Blades,Serv	6,408.26
NEFF TOWING SERV	Equip Rental	250.00
NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIP CORP	2Sanders	15,966.00
OLSON & STEWART CONST	Equip Rental	1,448.90
ORTMEIER'S TV & APPL	Supplies	14.95
POUNDS PRINTING	Supplies	47.00
ROGERS SAND & GRAVEL	Equip Rental	963.94
SAPP BROS PETRO	Fuel	3,899.40
SCHEMMER	Engineering	5,680.97

SUPERIOR SIGNALS INC	Equip	196.10
WASHCO FEED & SUPPLY	Seeding Erosion	230.23
<b>CO VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>		
BLAIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Promo Advertising	5,655.00
WASH CO HISTORIAL ASSN/MUSEUM	Promo Advertising	505.00
<b>RELIEF &amp; MEDICAL FUND</b>		
BRYANLGH MEDICAL CENTER	Serv	5,715.30
NE DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	Serv	52.25
<b>STATE INSTITUTIONS FUND</b>		
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	Serv	93.00
<b>COUNTY BUILDING 4050</b>		
SCHEMMER	Engineering	13,510.18
<b>COMPUTER FUND</b>		
PC SERV	Serv	638.00
<b>WEED FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll	1,492.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	Retirement	100.71
UHC	Ins	33.22
WASH CO BANK	FICA	114.13
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Equip	3.47
MAX I WALKER	Serv	68.00
QUALITY HOTEL & CONV CENTER	School	156.34
SE SMITH & SONS	Equip	157.98
<b>E 911 SYSTEM FUND</b>		
GREAT PLAINS COMM	Serv	151.37
MOTOROLA	Serv	4,528.26

There were no comments from Public.

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, May 12th, 2008. Vote-Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Duane Wilcox, Miller, Abariotes and Rohwer. Nay: None. 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 Apr 22nd meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

s/b Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk