

**Jan 13, 2009 Minutes**  
**Washington County Board of Supervisors**  
**Supervisor's Room Courthouse**  
**Blair, Nebraska 68008**

The Washington County Board of Supervisors of Washington County met in regular session at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in the Supervisor's Room at the Courthouse, 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 acknowledgement 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.

County Clerk, Merry Truhlsen, declared this reorganizational meeting for 2009 convened and that the meeting is being recorded. Clerk made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the north wall and that pamphlets are available. Present: Linda Thomsen, Jeff Quist, Kent Clausen, Duane Wilcox, Mary Alice Johnson and Ronald Hinline. Ernest Abariotes was absent.

The first order of business was that of electing a chairman. Clerk requested nominations. Quist nominated Wilcox, Thomsen seconded that motion and moved that nominations cease. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Clerk then stated nominations open for Vice Chairman. Wilcox nominated Quist and Hinline nominated Abariotes. Motion was made by Thomsen and seconded by Johnson that nominations cease. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Paper ballots were cast with Quist receiving the position of Vice Chairman.

Chairman then took the Chair, welcomed the new board members and proceeded to appoint the following:

**Committee Appointments:** *(First name on each Committee is Chairman)*

**Claims:** Hinline, Thomsen and Johnson

**Buildings and Grounds:** Abariotes, Johnson and Hinline

**Assistance:** Thomsen, Clausen and Hinline

**Finance:** Johnson, Thomsen and Abariotes

**Roads:** Quist, Wilcox, Clausen, Thomsen and Hinline

**Budget:** Quist, Clausen and Wilcox

**Coroner Physician:** Dr. Chauncey Wilkins

**Board of Health:** County Sheriff, County Attorney and County Clerk

**Insurance:** Thomsen, Hinline and Wilcox

**Representatives to the following:**

**ENHSA:** Wilcox and Abariotes

**MAPA:** Abariotes and Clausen

**Goldenrod Hills Community Action:** Wilcox

**Papio NRD:** Clausen and Quist (this includes P.S. meetings)

**Gateway Development:** Abariotes and Johnson

**Region 5/6 Emergency Management:** Hinline and Johnson

**Waste Management:** Thomsen and Clausen

**Northeast NE Juvenile Detention:** Johnson and Hinline

**Joint County Board and County Planning Commission:** Clausen, Quist and Wilcox

**County Visitor's Promotion:** Johnson and Hinline

**E-911 Board:** Thomsen and Hinline

**Communications Board:** Wilcox, Abariotes and Thomsen

**Negotiators with Sheriff Union:** Quist, Hinline and Abariotes

**Public Health District Advisory Board:** Hinline and Johnson

**Alternate at Large Members:** Dr. Jim Jordan and Linda Wardell

**Jail:** Wilcox, Clausen and Thomsen

**W.C./D.C. Storm Water Plan:** Wilcox, Quist and Abariotes

**I-80 Corridor:** Abariotes and Quist

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Johnson that all of the above committees be approved. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Next item of business was to designate depositories for County Funds. Lloyd Scheve, Two Rivers Bank, handed the Board a letter requesting permission to work with the County Treasurer to develop a banking proposal to have the General Operating Account of the Washington County Treasurer run through Two Rivers Bank. Quist asked Scheve to give some background of this request for the benefit of the new members on the Board. It was moved by Quist and seconded by Thomsen that all of the banks in Washington County and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) be designated as depositories for County Funds in 2009. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Hinline, to allow Two Rivers Bank to present proposal to County Board whereby the General Operating Account of the Washington County Treasurer would be at Two Rivers Bank. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Johnson to authorize Co Treasurer to invest in any of the designated depositories. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Thomsen that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Dec 23, 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, Clausen, Wilcox and Johnson. Nay: None. Hinline abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Clausen that the regular Monthly Fee Reports of the following Officials be received and placed on file: Co Clerk \$8,702.50; Reg of Deeds \$23,382.50; Co Court \$21,961.82; Co Plan Comm \$5,643; Clk Dist Crt \$642.05; Co Sheriff \$2,892.15; Road Dept \$77,207.32. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The following correspondence had been received: Notice of NIRMA Board Vacancies, Notice from Dodge Co Board & Plan Comm RE: Wind Energy permit and information on NACO Institute of Excellence for Board Members. Quist spoke about his attendance last year with the NACO Institute meetings. It was moved by Hinline and second by Johnson that correspondence be received and placed on file. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cheryl Parsons, Road Superintendent, was present with the following road matters: (1. Nebraska Department of Roads sent plans and informational proposals on Project STPP-89(23) Ft Cal SW Safety Funding Project, Hazard Elimination. Two fatalities occurred at this site. This project will be funded solely with federal highway safety money, estimated cost is \$75,000 to \$100,000. Parsons will go down for the bid letting on January 23. (2. Parsons had prepared a map of the County for Board members, showing the status of the fracture critical bridges and reported on the repairs being made. The State inspections and reports are completed as of December 31. (3. Parsons discussed getting the Calhoun Cut-Across road project included in the federal stimulus package. One condition to getting this included, would be that the County would pledge 40% of the costs, instead of the previously planned 25%. The cost of Phase Two, consisting of 1½ miles, was estimated at 1.2 million several years ago. Phase Three is 2 miles. No action was taken. (4. Parsons said Kevin Hall, with Schemmers Assoc, had submitted the Cargill Road as an entry for an award with the Nebraska Concrete Council. Hall stated Washington County was awarded the Urban Roadway Design for 2008, in the public/private partnership joint venture. Unique features of the project and the 50 day completion date were factors considered.

At 10:32, motion was made by Quist and seconded by Thomsen to enter into closed session. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Chairman stated the reason for the closed session was to discuss threatened litigation. Deputy County Attorney Edmond Talbot and Marj Hoier County Treasurer were in attendance. At 10:45, motion by Thomsen and second by Hinline to end closed session. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Chairman again stated the reason for the closed session was to discuss threatened litigation. In open session motion was made by Quist seconded by Thomsen to refuse tax certificate offer of settlement and direct County Attorney's office to respond to claimant. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Rebecca Versch, Washington County Extension Educator, stated many non-profit groups are using the meeting room at the Annex Building. Versch has been working with the County Attorney's Office to develop a Use Agreement for organizations to sign. Hinline suggested checking with our insurance company about this situation. Johnson stated perhaps a hold harmless agreement could be used. Motion by Hinline second by Clausen to table the building use contract for the annex building until the Chairman checks with County's insurance company. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Versch next discussed filling 4 vacancies on the Extension Board. The Washington County Extension Board recommended appointing Jamie Nuss, Amy Campagna, (to replace Matt Kreifels and Judi Seavers who have served two terms) and Vicky Kellogg and Tom Jackson (to replace Carol Brummond and Jim Erwin, who chose not to serve a second term) as new members. These are three year terms with the option of serving a second term of three years. Motion by Clausen second by Hinline to appoint Jamie Nuss, Amy Campagne, Vicky Kellogg and Tom Jackson to the Washington County Extension Board. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

County Board made the following Township Board changes effective January 13, 2009. New Board member Ronald Hinline resigned as a member of Township Board #2. Motion by Quist second by Johnson to accept Ronald Hinline's resignation. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Hinline then stated Township Board #2 had recommended Dick Kruse to fill the vacancy. Motion by Hinline second by Clausen to appoint Dick Kruse to the Township Board #2. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. New Board member Kent Clausen resigned as a member of Township Board #1. Motion by Quist second by Hinline to accept Kent Clausen's resignation. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Clausen stated Township Board #1 recommended appointing Scott McNew to fill the vacancy. Motion by Clausen second by Quist to appoint Scott McNew to Township Board #1. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Robinson, Sheriff, discussed purchasing a used patrol car, a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, for \$11,000. Sheriff is trading in 2 Dodge Intrepids (one with blown motor), Jeep Cherokee and Toyota, trade-in value \$2,500, making the purchase price \$8,500. Robinson had financing quotes from Washington County Bank, for \$9,231.85, and Team Bank for \$9,085.52. Motion by Quist second by Clausen to purchase 2005 Ford Crown Victoria for \$8500 and use financing through Team Bank. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Robinson also discussed the financing for the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria the Board approved purchasing at the Dec. 23 meeting for \$23,150. Robinson had financing quotes from Washington County Bank for \$25,143.04 and Team Bank for \$25,119.75. Motion by Hinline second by Johnson to approve financing with Team Bank in the amount of \$25,119.75. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 11:30 AM the Board entered Board of Equalization and adjourned at 11:35 AM. See separate minutes.

Doug Cook discussed Courthouse landscaping and three trees that need to be removed. Cook volunteered to apply for a grant through an OPPD Tree Promotion Program to replace them. Motion by Clausen and second by Quist to authorize Doug Cook apply for an OPPD grant. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doug Cameron spoke of his concerns toward Officers of the Court and will be mailing information to the Board members.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Board discussed the Sheriff's Office remodel. Sheriff Mike Robinson had obtained three floor covering bids for the office area of the law enforcement building: Danny White Floor Covering- \$10,757, Baldwin's Flooring America- \$13,587, Precision Flooring Inc- \$14,443.56. The bids are for carpet tile and ceramic tile. Motion by Hinline second by Johnson to accept floor covering bid from Baldwin's Flooring America in the amount of \$13,587.38. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Sheriff also told the Board the old ceiling has been removed and he just found out today the old light fixtures won't fit in the new grid system. Sheriff requested permission to purchase new light fixtures. Motion by Hinline second by Clausen to allow Sheriff to purchase new light fixtures. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

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

#### **GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	145,872.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS	Retirement	10,180.56
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	32.80
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	227.89
UHC	Ins	34,242.91
WASH CO BANK	FICA	10,335.69
WASH CO BANK	Ins	5,589.50
ABE'S TRASH SERV	Serv	170.10
ALLTEL	Serv	53.21
AMERICAN ACADEMY FORENSIC	Workshop	250.00
APCO INTERNATIONAL	09 Dues	92.00
ASI - MODULEX	Signs	53.01
ATS "THE BEEPER PEOPLE"	Serv	242.83
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	516.37
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	533.35
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	1,725.64
BRO BUSINESS	Copier	91.25
BURT CO EXTENSION	Fliers	64.73
CHIEF SUPPLY	Safety Vests	293.89
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv	548.81
CITY OF FT CALHOUN	Jan Lease	50.00
CLK OF DIST CRT	Filing Fees	120.00
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	4,630.61
SARAH DEEMER	Supplies	5.00
DODGE COUNTY	Reimb Probation	6,058.81

DOUGLAS CO DEPT OF CORR	Inmates	978.06
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	Serv Fees	24.93
EGAN SUPPLY CO	Supplies	415.00
ELECTRIC FIXTURE & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	102.26
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING	Equip	102.26
ENTERPRISE	Notices	641.08
FAIRWAY OIL CO	Fuel	392.93
FIRST NAT BANK	Serv	2.68
FIRST NAT BANK	Supplies	135.36
FIRST NAT BANK	Transports	9.19
FIRST NAT BANK	Serv	79.00
GORACKE, RITTERBUSH	08 Audit	13,800.00
SHURIE GRAEVE	Reimb Supplies	42.79
HALL LAW OFFICES	Crt Appt Attny	600.00
INTERN'L ASSOC IDENTIFICATION	09 Dues	70.00
INTERN'L ASSOC OF BLOODSTAIN	09 Dues	40.00
JETTER'S PLUMBING	Serv	325.22
STEPHEN KRAVIEC	Child Support Enf	1,436.28
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	Serv	16.24
STEVE LANDON	Reimb Fuel	17.46
LYNN PEAVEY CO	Supplies	39.90
GAYLE MAINE	Reimb Mileage	360.94
MATT WOLFF'S JEWELRY	Supplies	120.00
STEVEN MENCKE	Reimb Mileage	107.99
MIPS INC	Serv	1,769.50
MOTOROLA	Supplies	272.00
NACO	Workshop	400.00
NATL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSN	09 Dues	120.00
NE DOL/BOILER INSPECT	Inspections	144.00
NACO	09 Dues	1,660.12
NO FRILLS	Groceries	3,600.04
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	Supplies	45.95
OFFICE EQUIP	Copier	323.36
OFFICE NET	Copiers	835.18
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	771.02
OLSON & STEWART CONSTR	Snow Removal	1,240.00
OPPD	Serv	4,881.31
ORTMEIER TV & APPL	Serv	15.00
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	26.21
PC SERV	Serv	461.50
PFI	Supplies	336.40
POSTMASTER	Extension	420.00
POSTMASTER	Co Attorney	228.80
POSTMASTER	Co Court	118.00
CALVIN POULSEN	Serv	2,856.00
POUNDS PRINTING	Supplies	298.00
JEFF QUIST	Reimb Mileage	261.34
REYZLIK ACE	Supplies	131.68
KRIS ROBINSON	Reimb Mileage	1,050.66
MARSHA RUWE	Feb Rent	40.00
SARPY CO SHERIFF	Serv	22.84
SHELL FLEET PLUS	Fuel	2,935.27
SHIPLEY CEMETERY	Maint	500.00
SID DILLON CHEV	Serv	108.05
SMITTY'S AUTO SERV	Serv	829.89
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERV	Supplies	482.60

STATE NE AS CENTRAL FIN	Serv	1,216.00
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	815.77
THE CORNHUSKER	Workshop	209.98
ULTRA CAR WASH	Serv	200.00
UNIV OF NE EXTENSION	Supplies	56.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	167.64
BECKY VERSCH	Reimb Meeting	76.42
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Jan Lease	69.50
WASH CO ATTORNEY	Reimb Dues	240.00
WASH CO EXT	Reimb Meeting	225.00
WASH CO BANK	Supplies	28.08
WASH CO COURT	Filing Fees	542.00
WASH CO REG OF DEEDS	Filing Fees	5.50
WASH CO SHERIFF	Serv Fees	1,083.30
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	Subscripts	180.50
DUANE WILCOX	Reimb Mileage	83.07
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
AMERITAS LIFE INS	Retirement	2,623.74
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	28.86
FT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	58.89
UHC	Ins	7,981.79
WASH CO BANK	FICA	2,819.91
WASH CO BANK	Ins	1,567.50
AA WHEEL & TRUCK SUPPLY	Parts	509.88
ABE'S TRASH SERV	Serv	58.85
ALLTEL	Serv	131.67
ANDY'S MOW TOWN	Serv	25.58
B'S ENTERPRISE	Signs	2,234.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS	Parts	883.84
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY	Supplies	16.37
BLAIR SUPERFOODS	Supplies	19.96
BLAIR TELEPHONE	Serv	66.95
BOMGAARS	Parts	544.46
CATERPILLAR FINAN SERV	Scrapper Pymt	4,157.65
CJ'S TREE SERV	Rental	500.00
CORNHUSKER INTERN'L TRUCKS	Parts	631.95
CO TIRE SERV CENTER	Tires	9,362.97
DEEP ROCK WATER CO	Serv	51.38
FAIRWAY OIL CO	Fuel	685.25
HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	Tires	7,829.75
HOLIDAY INN LINCOLN	Seminar	140.00
HOTSY EQUIP CO	Parts	612.90
HUSKER CHEM SALES	Ice Control	416.50
KELLY RYAN EQUIP CO	Parts	199.43
LYMAN-RICHEY SAND & GRAVEL CO	Gravel	4,261.70
MAX I WALKER	Serv	148.27
ME COLLINS CONTRACTING CO	Grading	39,701.26
MO VALLEY IMPLEMENT	Parts	17.46
NE IOWA SUPPLY CO	Fuel	4,285.14
OPPD	Serv	432.70
PAMIDA	Supplies	58.30
REYZLIK ACE	Parts	9.97
SAPP BROS PETRO	Fuel	1,375.06
STALP GRAVEL CO	Gravel	5,403.39
STERN OIL	Oil	1,409.20
SUPERIOR SIGNALS	Lights	635.00

TELESYSTEMS	Equip	175.00
UNIV OF NE - LINCOLN	Seminar	85.00
WICK'S STERLING TRUCKS	Parts	288.61
WOODHOUSE FORD	Parts	119.86
<b>VETS AID FUND</b>		
SOLDIERS & SAILORS FUND	Funding	1,000.00
<b>HWY SAFETY FUND</b>		
WATCH GUARD DIGITAL	Cameras	14,815.00
<b>COMPUTER FUND</b>		
PC SERV	Serv	379.50
<b>WEED FUND</b>		
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY	Supplies	30.30
BOMGAARS	Equip	14.98
FAIRWAY OIL	Fuel	193.80
MAX I WALKER	Serv	34.00
<b>E-911 FUND</b>		
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	819.18
MOTOROLA	Serv & Software	12,881.96
Q WEST	Serv	1,317.40
SIGN-UP LTD	Signs	63.20

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Quist and second by Clausen that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular board meeting date, Jan 27, 2009. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Quist, Clausen, Wilcox, Johnson and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Attest:  
Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk

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 Jan 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors

Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk