

**December 8, 2009 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, December 8, 2009 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. Present: Chairman, Duane Wilcox, County Board Members, Kent Clausen, Jeff Quist, Mary Alice Johnson, Ernest Abariotes and Ronald Hinline. Linda Thomsen absent. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen.

Linda Thomsen was present. It was moved by Clausen and seconded by Quist that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the November 24, 2009 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, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hinline and seconded by Abariotes that the regular Monthly Fee Reports of the following Officials be received and placed on file: Co Clerk \$380.00, Reg of Deeds \$17,509.50, Co Court \$14,690.76, Co Plan Dept \$5,524.00, Clk Dist Crt \$895.74, Sheriff \$3,178.40 and Road Dept \$1,424.94. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following correspondence had been received: Letters from Kevin Wurdeman & LeRoy Janssen candidates for the Sec/Treas position of NACO, letter from Beth Fiegenschuh seeking re-election to NIRMA Board of Directors, Invitation to Nebr innovationzone Commission luncheon Thurs, Jan 7, EAP Report and letters from Susie Paulsen and Karen Madsen regarding officials salaries. It was moved by Quist and seconded by Clausen that the correspondence be received and placed on file. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cheryl Parsons gave an update on Road matters and talked about getting equipment ready for the storm. Closing procedures for the Courthouse in case of inclement weather was also discussed and Road Supt will be contacted to help determine that.

The State had sent Parsons' annual Certification form which is the basis for determining the 2009 Incentive Funds. It was moved by Clausen and second by Thomsen that the Chairman be authorized to sign the annual Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2009 for the Nebr. Dept of Roads. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Clerk read the Resolution setting the Courthouse Holidays for 2010. Motion Hinline second Thomsen to adopt Resolution 2009 – 53. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2009 - 53**

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is required to set the holidays on which the Washington County Courthouse will be closed in 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following holidays will be observed (excluding contract employees) and the Washington County Courthouse will be closed as follows:

**THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED IN 2010**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 18	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15	PRESIDENTS' DAY
MONDAY, MAY 31	MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, JULY 5	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11	COLUMBUS DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**\*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30--**The Treasurer's office will close their window at 3:00 p.m. to complete year end business.

The Courthouse will be open on Arbor Day. However, in lieu of Arbor Day, employees shall receive a floating holiday, which can be utilized at any time by the employee during the current fiscal year. The holiday cannot be carried over, and if not used, shall lapse. Request for utilization of this holiday shall be made at least three days in advance and shall be subject to agreement and approval by their supervisor.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> day of December 2009.

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County, Nebraska.

Duane Wilcox, Chairman

Ernest Abariotes

Jeff Quist

Mary Alice Johnson

Linda Thomsen

Ronald Hinline

Kent Clausen

Attest: Merry Truhlsen, County Clerk

Clerk read the Resolution setting the polling places for the 2010 Election. Motion Abariotes second Hinline to adopt Resolution 2009 – 54. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2009 - 54**

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, that the following Polling Places within the various Voting Precincts in Washington County be designated:

PRECINCT NAME

POLLING PLACE LOCATION

Fort Calhoun East S1-T1

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Social Hall

\*Fort Calhoun West S1-T1

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Social Hall

Kennard S2-T2 & S2-T7

Kennard Auditorium

Lakeland S2-T1 & S2-T2 & S2-T7	Lakeland Community Building
Skyline S3-W2	St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church Education Building
Central S3-W2 & S3-W3	Washington County Courthouse
*Dana S4-W4	First Lutheran Church
Dexters S4-W1 & S4-W4	First Lutheran Church
Herman S5-T5	Herman Community Church
Cuming City S5-T5 & S5-T6	Country Bible Church
*DeSoto S5-T1 & S5-T2 & S5-T6	Living Hope Christian Center
Fontanelle S6-T6 & S6-T5	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Arlington S6-T7	Arlington Auditorium
Arbor S7-W1 & S7-T5	Carter House
Northview S7-W3 & S7-T2 & S7-T1	Blair Area YMCA

\*WHEREAS, pursuant to NRS 32-904, polling places representing different precincts may be combined when potential sites cannot be found, contracts cannot be obtained, or site is not handicapped accessible; or, pursuant to 32-906, when there is no structure within the precinct suitable for use as a polling place the County Clerk may designate a polling place outside the precinct.

THEREFORE, the Washington County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the polling places listed above.

Passed and approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

ATTEST:  
Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk

Duane Wilcox, Chairman

The Official's Salary Resolution for the new term starting January 2011 and going through 2014 was discussed. Chairman stated there will be no raises for officials this coming year as the consumer price index is negative. Board discussed different aspects of the salaries and the option of freezing wages (the Supervisor's wages had been frozen four years ago). Several Officials were present. Sheriff Mike Robinson requested language be added to the Resolution regarding the Ft Calhoun and Arlington law enforcement contracts and the annual administrative fee of \$2,500 per contract be added to his salary amount. Board stated perhaps this could be dealt with apart from the Salary Resolution and that the County Attorney's office will need to advise on this matter. Robinson also discussed the raises appointed office holders received and that they should be in line with the elected officials. Motion Quist second Clausen to adopt Resolution 2009 – 55 with a 1½ % raise on all elected officials salaries starting January 2011 and an annual raise based on Midwest CPI not to exceed 3 %. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist and Wilcox. Nay: Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2009 - 55**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-1114 (Reissue of 1997), the salaries and other compensation package of the elected officials are required to be fixed by the County Board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices; and

WHEREAS, the year 2010 is a general election year for the respective County officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, that the salaries for the elective term commencing with the calendar year 2011 for the following named officers shall be fixed in the amount as set opposite each of the following:

OFFICE	ANNUAL SALARY (beginning January 1, 2011)
Washington County Clerk	\$49,450.00
Washington County Treasurer	\$49,450.00
Washington County Assessor	\$49,450.00
Washington County Register of Deeds	\$49,450.00
Washington County Attorney	\$78,390.00
Washington County Surveyor (part time)	\$34,610.00
Clerk of the District Court	\$49,450.00
Washington County Sheriff	\$61,550.00
Washington County Supervisors	\$18,935.00

In addition to the above salaries, each elected official shall receive an annual cost of living increase, which shall be added to the previous year's salary with said annual increases to be effective on January 1, 2012, January 1, 2013, and January 1, 2014. Said increases shall be based on the Consumer Price Index, Midwest Region, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. The annual increase shall not be a negative number less than zero with the maximum increase being capped at 3% per year. And further, that all Washington County employee benefits shall be available to all County officials during those years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary of the Washington County Board of Supervisors Chairman shall be \$50.00 per month more than the set salaries for County Board members commencing with the calendar year 2011, and continuing each calendar year thereafter during the term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the above-stated salary all elected officials shall receive the full benefits of the Washington County Retirement Plan and Washington County shall contribute to said Plan at the rate established by Statute in affect as of January 1, 1995, or as may be amended by Statute from time to time.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Signed by Duane Wilcox, Chairman, Jeff Quist, Linda Thomsen and Kent Clausen.

Attest: Merry Truhlsen, County Clerk

At the November 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, several people voiced an objection to the vote the Board had made at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding LoHo's request for road deviations in the Glen Oaks subdivision. Board had asked the County Attorney's Office advice regarding the action taken at the November 10 meeting. Clerk read a letter from the County Attorney's Office on this matter. Chairman asked that only new testimony be presented. Pam Daly and Wes Stamp spoke, had handouts for the Board and asked the Board to consider re-voting this issue. As per Attorney's letter, the motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted in the majority and as no motion was made, no action was taken.

At 11:40 the Board convened as Board of Equalization, see separate minutes. Board adjourned from BOE at 11:45 and reconvened in regular session. The Board then recessed for the annual Christmas dinner.

Sheriff Mike Robinson had information pertaining to a question raised at the Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting regarding vehicle benefits for deputies. Robinson had a copy of the IRS regulations for taxable fringe benefits, showing that deputy take home cars are exempt. William Burdess stated he had received incorrect information and apologized to the Sheriff.

At 1:12 the Board convened as Board of Equalization, see separate minutes. Board adjourned from BOE at 1:14 and reconvened in regular session.

Doug Cook, Planning Administrator, reported that two Planning Commission terms expire in January 2010. Board had received copies of the resumes Cook had received in regard to his advertisement for those two positions. The two Planning Commission members whose terms expire, Wes Petznick and Matt Mathiesen, had sent letters asking to be reappointed. Persons submitting letters of interest /resumes are Daniel Rosloniec, Dale Albracht, Ardele Wachter, Holly Bonasera, Steve Nueverth and Terry Rasmussen . Matt Mathiesen was present. Motion Quist second Abariotes to appoint Wes Petznick and Matt Mathiesen to fill the two Planning Commission member positions and to keep the other resumes on file in case there is a mid-term opening and fill the position from these applicants. Vote- Aye: Thomsen, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox and Abariotes. Nays: Johnson. Hinline abstained. 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, Clausen, Quist, Wilcox, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll	182,619.53
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	12,849.55
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	31.42
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	237.77
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	37,909.61
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA	13,107.95
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	158.97
ADVANTAGE LAWN CARE	Serv	25.00
ALLTEL	Serv	47.73
APCO INTERNATIONAL INC	Dues	92.00
ATS "THE BEEPER PEOPLE"	Serv	242.83
AVI SYSTEMS, INC	Speaker System	8,170.65
BILL JACOBS JOLIET, LLC	Push Bumpers	2,085.00
BLAIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Ext Dues	185.00
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	305.48
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	1,698.49
BOYDSTON LAW OFFICE LLC	Crt Appt Atty	903.00

CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Serv	7.74
CITY OF BLAIR	Water	588.29
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Dec Lease	50.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	142.00
COLFAX COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	43.52
CONTROL SERVICES INC	Serv	1,061.44
COUNSEL OFFICE & DOCUMENT	Copier	163.12
SARAH DEEMER	Reimb Postage	20.19
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Serv	21.23
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	19.16
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Copies	2.50
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	29.22
DUGAN BUSINESS FORMS	Supplies	616.77
ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO INC	Not. Minutes	338.85
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	111.40
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	7.72
FERGUSON LAW OFFICE	Crt Appt Atty	1,710.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Chair Repair	39.22
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training Exp	91.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Evidence Freezer	298.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training Exp	184.71
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training Exp	23.86
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	25.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel & Training	120.01
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training Exp	12.17
HEALTH MART PHARMACY	Rx s	592.49
INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF BLOODSTAIN	Dues	40.00
JENSEN TIRE CO	Tires	506.64
JOHNSON & MOCK, ATTORNEYS AT LAW	Crt Appt Atty	4,981.97
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Jail Repair	327.65
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC PC LLO	Child Sup Enf	1,478.16
CAROL KUHR	Reimb Mileage	60.50
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	6.00
STEVE LANDON	Reimb Exp	20.00
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Annex Park Lot	1,456.25
GAYLE E MAINE	Reimb Mileage	221.22
MID AMERICAN SPECIALTIES INC	Promo Supplies	5,357.90
MIPS INC	Programing	1,101.08
NAPE	Dues	15.00
NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSN	Dues	120.00
NCDA	Subscript	85.00
NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	Dues	1,826.13
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRNG CNTR	Training Exp	180.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOC	Co Atty	154.23
NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE SERV INC	Serv	125.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	18.99
OFFICE DEPOT CREDIT PLAN	Supplies	66.14
OFFICE DEPOT INC, CHICAGO IL	Supplies	24.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FINANCE SERVICES	Copier Maint	179.71
OFFICE NET	Copier Maint	1,283.49
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	289.88
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	4,965.83
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	61.45
PERSONALIZED COMPUTER SERVICES	Serv	1,432.40
POSTMASTER	Ext	311.52
POSTMASTER	Treas	397.39

CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,596.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	75.00
REYZLIK ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	177.26
KRIS ROBINSON	Reimb Mileage	848.10
SAUNDERS COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	57.44
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	134.43
SHELL FLEET PLUS	Fuel	4,500.23
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Serv	263.21
SIDNER, SVOBODA,SCHILKE,THOMSEN	Crt Appt Atty	276.00
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Serv	611.05
MARY SNOW	Reimb Exp	10.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	Telecom Serv	1,280.01
TERRASCAN INC	Programing	4,850.00
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	124.63
STEVE TONN	Reimb Mileage	63.20
ULTRA CAR WASH	Serv	200.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Treas	4,000.00
UNIV OF NE EXTENSION IANR	Publication	57.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	227.95
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Dec Lease	69.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Filing Fees	482.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Child Sup Enf	80.60
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	540.90
WATCH GUARD DIGITAL IN CAR VIDEO	Equip	33.00
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll	39,146.53
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	2,642.41
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	28.17
FORT DEARBORN LIFE INS	Ins	57.07
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	8,746.69
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA	2,808.01
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	55.00
ALLTEL	Serv	133.07
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Parts	83.62
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts	507.14
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	62.03
BLAIR SUPERFOODS	Supplies	29.23
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	66.95
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	Scrapper Pymt	4,157.65
CORNHUSKER INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS,INC	Dump Truck Parts	5,698.61
DEEP ROCK WATER COMPANY	Water	59.36
E & A CONSULTING GROUP, INC	Engineering	2,338.50
HIPNAR ELECTRIC CO INC	Bld Repair	1,200.00
INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM SIOUXCITY	Battery	193.90
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Truck Plow Parts	456.31
LARSEN INTERNATIONAL	Parts	35.78
LUXA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC	Co Rd 4 & 15	38,441.17
MAX I WALKER	Serv	191.95
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Testing	46.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	Steel Products	3,529.77
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	4,664.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	48.67
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	467.65
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	12.96
REYZLIK ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	20.97
SCHEMMER	Engineering	8,308.27

SE SMITH & SONS	Lumber	48.21
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Parts	18.89
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	23,410.62
<b>COURTHOUSE ANNEX BOND FUND</b>		
CHASE NYC	Int Pymt	15,551.25
<b>WEED FUND</b>		
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Equip	134.68
BLAIR BOOK & SUPPLY CO	Supplies	77.98
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	301.06
LITTLE ENGINES	Equip Repair	16.05
MAX I WALKER	Serv	43.50
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	Dues	190.00
NEXTEL	Serv	39.13
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	89.99
<b>E911 FUND</b>		
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	830.32
MOTOROLA	Equip Maint	4,236.09
Q WEST	Serv	750.58

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Abariotes and seconded by Clausen that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular Board meeting date, December 22, 2009. All members present voting aye. Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

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 December 8, 2009 meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk