

**April 12, 2011 Minutes
Washington County Board of Equalization
Supervisor's Room Courthouse
Blair, Nebraska 68008**

The Washington County Board of Equalization of Washington County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 11:35 A.M. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 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 made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the north wall. Present: Chairman, Mary Alice Johnson, County Board Members, Kent Clausen, Jerry Kruse, Steven Kruger, Ernest Abariotes and Ron Hinline. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen, Dep Co Atty Ed Talbot, County Assessor Steven Mencke and Bill Kaiser. It was moved by Kruger and seconded by Clausen to enter into Board of Equalization. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Quist was present.

Bill Kaiser, Advanced Appraisal Inc, gave the Board a copy of the statute that allows for a referee during valuation protests and briefly went through the process. Kaiser and Talbot discussed the waiver process with the Board. Quist discussed the importance of having someone of Kaiser's expertise for commercial properties. Clausen motioned, seconded by Abariotes that Bill Kaiser be approved as referee for the 2011 BOE valuation protests at a rate of \$50 per hour. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Abariotes and second by Quist that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the March 22, 2011 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: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Quist and seconded by Clausen to approve Correction #6541 through #6544 as presented by the Assessor. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. It was moved by Quist and seconded by Clausen to approve Valuation Changes for April 12, 2011 as presented by the Assessor. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 11:55 A.M., there being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization at this time, it was moved by Quist and second by Kruger to adjourn meeting until the next regular Board of Equalization meeting date, April 26, 2011. All members present voted aye, Chairperson declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:
Merry M. Truhlsen
Washington County Clerk

Mary Alice Johnson, Chairperson
Washington County Board of Equalization

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 12th meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk