

August 9, 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 11:40 A.M. on Tuesday, August 9, 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, Jeff Quist, Steven Kruger and Ron Hinline. Ernest Abariotes was absent. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen, Dep Co Atty Ed Talbot, County Assessor Steven Mencke and Ann Therkelsen. It was moved by Kruger and seconded by Quist to enter into Board of Equalization. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Hinline. Abariotes absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Quist and second by Kruger that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the July 19 and the July 26, 2011 meetings 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 and Hinline. Abariotes Absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hinline and seconded by Kruger to approve Correction #6578 as presented by the Assessor. The State informed the County that Black Hills Nebraska Gas filed an appeal of the 2009 certified taxable value and the Nebraska Department of Revenue has reached a settlement agreement. The 2009 State's total taxable value for Black Hills will be reduced and Black Hills will receive a refund on taxes paid for 2009. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Hinline. Abariotes Absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Clausen to approve Correction #6579 through #6581 as presented by the Assessor. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Hinline. Abariotes absent. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board discussed Bill Kaiser's referee rate of pay, which was set at \$50.00 per hour, and agreed as other hours worked are in the Assessor's budget, Mencke has the authority to set Kaiser's pay at the same rate. Dennis McCormick spoke.

At 11:55 P.M., there being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization at this time, it was moved by Clausen and second by Kruse to adjourn meeting until the next Board of Equalization meeting date, August 23, 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 August 9th meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk