

**February 14, 2012 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 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 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, Ernest Abariotes and Ron Hinline. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen, County Assessor Steven Mencke, Jean Ray and Deputy County Treasurer Merri Hightree. Motion by Hinline and second by Clausen that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Jan 24th 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.

Motion by Quist second by Kruse to open a public hearing for Motor Vehicle Exemptions. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Hightree went through the list of motor vehicle exemptions. Board discussed the exemptions and had a question on the exemption from Memorial Community Hospital as to which exempt use was applicable. There were no comments from the public. Motion Clausen second Abariotes to close the public hearing. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Hinline, second Kruger, to refer the MCH exemption to the County Attorney's office for their review and upon their clarification, approve all the Motor Vehicle Exemptions as presented by County Treasurer. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At the January 24th meeting, the Board had requested Dana College be present to review their applications for permissive exemptions. Mencke went through his reasons for denying their exemption requests, stating for someone to qualify for an exemption they must be an educational, religious or charitable organization. Mencke said the closing of Dana changed their educational exemption. Mark Wagner was present. He is employed with Cordes and Company who was appointed as receiver of the assets of Dana College. Wagner stated Dana College suspended operations in July of 2010 but the property is still owned by Dana College, a non-profit organization. Wagner said they believe the law specifically talks to the purpose of the property and how it is used. The property over the past 1½ years has been used for educational, charitable and religious purposes. They have had a few leases and many facilities' use agreements. Board questioned Wagner about the property and asked which facilities are being used. Hinline moved, seconded by Kruger, to refer this to the County Attorney for further review. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Hinline. Nay: Abariotes. Motion carried.

There were no corrections or valuation changes.

Abariotes moved, seconded by Clausen, to approve the software maintenance agreement for the County's geographic information system (GIS) for \$2,600 with Environmental Systems Research Inst (Esri). Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:56 A.M., there being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization at this time, it was moved by Abariotes and second by Kruse to adjourn meeting until the next Board of Equalization meeting date, Feb 28, 2012. 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 February 14th meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization.

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk