

**May 22, 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, May 22, 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: Chairperson Mary Alice Johnson, County Board Members, Kent Clausen, Jerry Kruse, Jeff Quist, Steven Kruger, Ernest Abariotes and Ron Hinline. Also present, Deputy County Clerk Robin Miller, Deputy County Attorney Ed Talbot, County Assessor Steven Mencke and Jean Ray, Deputy.

Motion by Abariotes and second by Kruger that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the May 8th 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 Kruger and seconded by Hinline to approve Correction #6617 through #6625 as presented by the Assessor. Vote-Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. It was moved by Abariotes and seconded by Hinline to approve Valuation Changes for 5-22-2012 as presented by the Assessor. Vote-Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mencke talked about using William Kaiser as Referee for Board of Equalization to organize and provide a recommendation on the property valuation protests. Mencke further stated in the past, the Board has agreed if the taxpayer, Referee and Assessor are in agreement with the recommendation, they may sign a waiver that carries the understanding the taxpayer won't have to appear at the hearing and the Board will approve the waiver. Motion Quist second Kruse to retain Kaiser as Referee at \$50 per hour for 2012 property valuation protests. Vote-Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Board discussed the waiver process. Mencke said that is way it has been handled in the past. Chairman said if it's standard practice, it's standard practice. Talbot agreed the waiver process would be considered standard practice.

At 8:40 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 Kruger to adjourn meeting until the next Board of Equalization meeting date, June 12, 2012. All members present voted aye, Chairperson declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:
Robin R. Miller
Washington County Clerk, Deputy

Mary Alice Johnson, Chairperson
Washington County Board of Equalization

I, Robin R. Miller, Deputy County Clerk, in and for Washington County, Blair, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings took place during the May 22nd meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization

Robin R. Miller, Washington County Clerk, Deputy