

**January 24, 2012 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 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 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.

Chairperson, Mary Alice Johnson declared the meeting was in session and that the meeting was being recorded. Chairperson made note that the Open Meetings Law was 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. County Clerk Merry Truhlsen was also present.

Motion Kruse second Clausen to approve the agenda for January 24, 2012. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. It was moved by Quist and seconded by Kruger that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the January 10, 2012 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. The following correspondence had been received: DOR Lodging Tax remitted for Nov \$1,356.85. Motion Kruger and second Kruse to receive correspondence and place on file. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cheryl Parsons, Hwy Superintendent, talked about the Nebr. Dept of Roads agreement for the 2012 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections. The cost for this mandatory inspection of approximately 15 bridges is estimated to be \$2,859.38 with the County's portion at 20%, or \$571.88. Motion Kruse, second by Kruger to approve the 2012 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Agreement. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Kruger moved, seconded by Quist to adopt Resolution 2012-1, authorizing Chairperson to sign the agreement. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-1

**SIGNING OF AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds.

Whereas: Washington County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

Whereas: Washington County and the NDOR wish to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement to provide fracture critical bridge inspection and re-load rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County that:

Mary Alice Johnson, Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized to sign the attached Engineering Services Agreement between Washington County and the NDOR.

Project No. BR-NBIS(95)

Control No. 00872

Project Name: 2012 Statewide Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections

Adopted this 24 day of January, 2012 at Blair, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County: Ronald E. Hineline, Jeff Quist
Jerry Kruse, Mary Alice Johnson, Kent Clausen, Steven Kruger, G. Ernest Abariotes

Attest: Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk

Parsons said she did a road study on the proposed closure of County Road P35, also known as South 4th Street, as requested by Cargill. Parsons said upon investigation she found this road was vacated in 2000, so no action is required.

Parsons read a letter the Road Committee directed her to write to Julie Ogden, JEO Consulting Group concerning Bridge Project No. C89-2020. The letter stated the Road Committee feels this bridge was not built according to the design and specifications and they decided to not accept the construction of Bridge C89-2020, as constructed by Investors for Infrastructure. Chairman asked for a motion of the full board on this decision. Quist moved, seconded by Kruger to reaffirm the decision of the Road Committee to not accept the construction of Bridge C89-2020. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Scott Wiekhorst, Investors for Infrastructure, asked to meet with the some Board members to discuss different options to correct this issue. Board discussed talking to County Attorney's office for direction.

Parsons reported Johnson, Clausen, Quist and herself met with the State Dept of Roads agency that handles our federal aid funding procedures for various road projects. Parsons felt it was an informative meeting. One project discussed was how to proceed on County Road 32/P32. If the County waits for federal aid, it will be many years before this road is hard-surfaced. Another option would be to pull it out of the federal aid program and use County money, then it could get done sooner. Board talked about the project and decided to discuss this further at a Road Committee meeting. Plans have been drawn up for this project.

Quist discussed a meeting he attended regarding the Natural Resources Committee Legislative Bill 931 and had drafted a letter of support for the Board to consider. Johnson read the letter. Hineline moved, seconded by Abariotes to approve sending the letter of support for LB 931. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Doug Cook, Planning Administrator, reported he and Deputy County Attorney Talbot had worked on preparing forms, guidelines and letters for the appeal process concerning substantial damage assessments relating to the 2011 flood. Cook said the fieldwork for the SDA's is finished. The FEMA computer reports should be completed this week, then the SDA's will be mailed out, along with the appeal information. Board suggested revisions regarding the wording for the attachments and for the work estimates. Clausen moved, seconded by Abariotes to approve the procedure and forms for the SDA appeals, with the corrections as discussed. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board discussed LB 970 which deals with eliminating the inheritance tax. Nebr Assoc of County Officials has opposed this bill, as using inheritance tax money has allowed Counties to help pay for state mandated services and used as a means to lower the levy. Last year the State took state aid funding from the Counties. While the Board is not against eliminating taxes, they felt the State is shifting more and more costs to the County and this will mean raising property taxes. Kruger moved, seconded by Abariotes to send a letter supporting the NACO position to oppose LB 970. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Abariotes. Nay: Hineline. Motion carried. Pam Daly spoke.

Bill Pook, attended the Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight meeting on the performance of the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station. A public meeting was held because of some safety and emergency issues that have occurred. The plant has been in shut down prior to the flood and the NRC is not allowing them to restart until certain safety issues are evaluated. Pook said the plant did a good job fighting the flood but it wasn't perfect and the oversight review process will continue until all concerns are addressed. In the meantime, the County still has to maintain our emergency preparedness program for the power plant. Pook talked about the evacuation route map, saying now all county residents go to Fremont, and he went over the 2012 Drill and Exercise Schedule which is Feb 21 for the dress rehearsal, and March 27 for the NRC Graded Exercise.

Mitch McGowan discussed a disagreement he has with the Building Inspector regarding the State Department of Environmental Quality, Title 124 on the distance between a septic tank/lateral field and an inground swimming pool. McGowan has corresponded with the State DEQ numerous times requesting clarification but has not received anything at this time. Clausen talked to the DEQ about this, at the request of McGowan, but didn't receive an answer. Board discussed the situation.

Hineline moved, seconded by Clausen to refer this to the County Atty's office to see if there is a county regulation regarding the distance between swimming pools and septic tank/lateral fields, and to inform McGowan of the findings. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Dan Flynn addressed the Board about appointing an election commissioner for Washington County now that the County's population is over 20,000. Flynn had handouts for the Board and spoke of problems he sees with the County Clerk's office. Flynn asked the Board to appoint a committee to look into appointing an election commissioner. Pam Daly thought forming a committee was a good idea. Daly suggested merging the Register of Deed's Office with the Assessor's Office to make room for the Election Commissioner's Office and save money. Hineline read a letter the County Clerk had given the Board. Chairman declined to appoint a committee at this time but said this year the Board will look into many things and this will probably be one of them.

Mike Smith, Weed Supt, had year end reports for the Board's approval. Board asked Smith to reschedule this for the 2/14 meeting to give them time to look the reports over. Smith talked about potential weed problems on ground that was covered with flood water.

Marj Hoier, Co Treasurer gave the Board a list of county certificate properties that had matured and now have Treasurer's Deeds issued on them. Hoier asked the Board's approval to strike the delinquent tax amounts off the tax rolls on these properties. Clausen moved, seconded by Quist to approve taking the following delinquent taxes off the tax rolls: BC TL 136 in Sec 13-18-11 for \$129.84 for years 2002 through 2010; BC TL 619 in Sec 11-18-11 for \$79.98 for years 1998 through 2010; TL 23 in Section 18-18-12 for \$1,533.14 for years 1999 through 2010; TL 6 in Section 20-18-9 for \$29.58 for years 1993 through 2002; and TL34 in Section 3-17-12 for \$685.44 for years 2004 through 2010. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Jesse Gonzalez, Courthouse maintenance, had two bids to repair the tuckpointing on the Courthouse where the water had leaked in at two roof peaks: Karr Tuckpointing- \$12,024.00 and V&V Construction- \$5,700. Board asked for references for V&V Construction. Gonzalez also spoke of the need to reroof the flat part of the Law Enforcement building. Clausen moved, seconded by Kruse to authorize Gonzalez to advertise for bids to reroof the Law Enforcement building. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairperson handed out the 2012 list of committees the Board members were appointed to.

Parsons went through the One and Six Year Road Plan with the Board. Various projects were discussed. The public hearing for the 1& 6 Year Plan will be held on Feb 6th at 7:00 PM in the Courthouse lower level multi-purpose room. Chairperson Johnson asked that Quist, Kruger and herself meet with Dep Co Atty Talbot to discuss Bridge C89 2020, as discussed earlier in the day. Quist moved, seconded by Kruse to allow the subcommittee to spend up to \$2,500 for a written review by a certified engineer on Bridge C89-2020. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Claims were received and reviewed, following which it was moved by Kruger and seconded by Hineline to not pay a claim in the amount of \$1,319.50 to JEO Engineering and that the following claims be allowed and Clerk ordered to issue warrants on the various funds for the same. Vote- Aye: Clausen, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	1-20-12 Payroll	141,033.17
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	9,572.84
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	42,580.21
WASHINGTON CO BANK	FICA	10,129.81
WASHINGTON CO BANK	Ins	6,646.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Serv	2,098.62
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	Equip	635.93
AMERICAN BULLET	Supplies	466.08
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Serv	56.01
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	614.12
BLOOMFIELD PRINTING	Supplies	174.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	237.36

BOMGAARS	Parts	21.44
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Coroner Serv	600.00
LAW OFFICE OF ERIC R CHANDLER	Crt Appt Attny	252.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv & Library	893.89
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	271.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Training Exp	57.00
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	2,125.26
CONTROL SERVICES INC	Heat Pump	1,536.00
DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	91.89
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	Serv	24.00
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Light	173.37
DISASTER RESTORATION SYSTEMS INC	Serv	126.50
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	7.76
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Cert Copies	5.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	88.40
ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO INC	Semi-Annual	81.20
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	163.82
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	Serv	318.10
GRAINGER	Supplies	435.05
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Serv	143.50
MARJORIE HOIER	Reimb Mileage	39.96
PAMELA LYNN HOPKINS	Crt Appt Attny	138.00
IDEAL PURE WATER	Ser	9.63
J P COOKE COMPANY	Ser	157.00
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	Equip	2,454.00
DAVID J JASKIERNY LLC	Coroner Serv	900.00
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC PC LLO	Child Support Enf	1,500.00
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Crt Appt Attny	1,680.00
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	8.34
MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	Supplies	121.94
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Serv	1,275.40
MENARDS - FREMONT	Equip	57.96
STEVEN MENCKE	Reimb Mileage	135.51
MOTOROLA	Equip	382.50
MR. ROOTER PLUMBING OF OMAHA	Serv	360.00
NACO	Workshop	80.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Serv	93.00
NEBRASKA ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	Dues	75.00
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Training Exp	80.00
GLADYS NELSON	Transcript	75.00
NEXTEL	Serv	40.07
NO FRILLS SUPERMARKET INC	Jail Supplies	10,611.74
OFFICE NET	Supplies	688.02
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	160.33
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	230.29
ORTMEIER'S TV & APPLIANCE INC	Supplies	58.05
PAMIDA INC	Supplies	10.98
PERSONALIZED COMPUTER SERVICES	Serv	430.00
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	1,412.17
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Supplies	55.27
PITNEY BOWES INC	Postage Meter	978.00
SCOTT I POLSKI	Crt Appt Attny	2,238.00
POSTMASTER	Treas Feb DMV	417.56
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	955.50
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	197.00
REGISTER LAW OFFICE	Crt Appt Attny	1,830.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Serv	55.16
SEC OF STATE, ELECTION DIVISION	Supplies	30.00

SIDNER, SVOBODA,SCHILKE,THOMSEN	Crt Appt Attny	1,128.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	Network	98.25
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Serv	483.36
EDMOND E TALBOT III	Reimb Mileage	158.78
TALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Parts	47.88
DAVID TARRELL	Crt Appt Attny	2,040.00
TELRITE CORPORATION	Serv	309.70
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	1,224.53
ADAM R TRIPP	Crt Appt Attny	690.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Elec Postage	2,000.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	66.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	51.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	Ser	43.01
WASHCO FEED & SUPPLY	Supplies	79.98
WEST PAYMENT CENTER	Subscript	419.00
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	1-20-12 Payroll	38,567.02
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	2,603.31
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	10,087.68
WASHINGTON CO BANK	FICA	2,880.35
WASHINGTON CO BANK	Ins	1,907.00
A+UNITED RADIATOR REPAIR	Serv	750.00
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Serv	77.88
BOMGAARS	Parts	199.68
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS STORES	Parts	602.76
JEFFREY CHRISTENSEN	Reimb Electric	150.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Parts	102.80
FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG	Engineering	766.21
MICHAEL FREBURG	Reimb Electric	50.00
HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS INC	Tires	978.21
INVESTORS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, LLC	Pymt Box Culvert	9,176.66
JEO CONSULTING GROUP, INC	Engineering	2,075.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Pymt Grader	3,153.36
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	318.74
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	5,239.59
RICHARD C KRUSE	Reimb Electric	150.00
CHAD LAKE	Reimb Electric	150.00
RICHARD MADSEN	Reimb Electric	150.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	4,937.27
TROY MENCKE	Reimb Electric	150.00
MOMAR	Erosion Control	2,103.95
DOUGLAS M MUHSMAN	Reimb Electric	150.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	4,408.61
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	Ice Control	4,657.30
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	4,289.41
OFFICE NET	Supplies	20.20
ORTMEIER'S TV & APPLIANCE INC	Supplies	60.89
PERSONALIZED COMPUTER SERVICES	Supplies	58.95
GALE D PETERSON	Reimb Electric	150.00
STEVE SORENSEN	Reimb Electric	150.00
SUPERIOR SIGNALS INC	Lights	586.98
WHITMER WELDING SUPPLIES INC	Supplies	80.98
WINGATE INN	Conference	265.85
ZEP SALES & SERVICE	Supplies	246.94
HARD SURFACING FUND		
FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG	Engineering	918.84
SCHEMMER & ASSOC	Engineering	1,355.00
HI-WAY SAFETY FUND		

EMPLOYEES	1-20-12 Payroll	3,161.25
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	239.64
WASHINGTON CO BANK	FICA	241.84
E 911 FUND		
TX RX SYSTEMS INC	Repair Wk	493.74

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Quist and seconded by Kruger that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular Board meeting date, Tuesday, Feb 14, 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 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 Jan 24, 2012 meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Merry M. Truhlsen
Washington County Clerk