

April 9, 2013 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, April 9, 2013 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 Jeff Quist, County Board Members: Paul Cerio, Jerry Kruse, Mary Alice Johnson, Steven Kruger, Ernest Abariotes and Ron Hinline. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen, County Assessor Steven Mencke and Jean Ray, Deputy.

Motion by Kruger and second by Hinline that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Mar 26th 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: Cerio, Kruse, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Johnson to approve Correction #6652 through 6653 as presented by the Assessor. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

There were no Valuation Changes.

Mencke talked about using William Kaiser as Referee for Board of Equalization to organize and provide a recommendation on the property valuation protests. Kaiser has done this for the County for many years and Mencke spoke of the expertise Kaiser lends to the process. Mencke said in checking the pay for referees in other counties, he found the range was between \$65 and \$85 dollars per hour and suggested raising Kaiser's hourly rate from \$50 to \$60. Hinline moved, seconded by Kruse to use William Kaiser as the referee for Board of Equalization and pay him \$60 per hour. Board discussed the motion. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Kruger and Hinline. Nay: Johnson and Abariotes. Motion carried.

At 8:38 A.M., there being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization at this time, it was moved by Kruse and second by Kruger to adjourn meeting until the next Board of Equalization meeting date, April 9, 2013. All members present voted aye, Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:
Merry M. Truhlsen
Washington County Clerk

Jeff Quist, Chairman
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 April 9th meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk