

**January 8, 2013 Minutes**  
**Washington County Board of Supervisors**  
**Supervisor's Room Courthouse**  
**Blair, Nebraska 68008**

The Washington County Board of Supervisors of Washington County met in regular session at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Supervisor's Room at the Courthouse, 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 acknowledgement 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.

County Clerk, Merry Truhlsen, declared the reorganization meeting for 2013 was in session and that the meeting is being recorded. Clerk made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the north wall. Present: Paul Cerio, Jerry Kruse, Jeff Quist, Mary Alice Johnson, Steve Kruger, Ernest Abariotes and Ronald Hinline. Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Abariotes nominated Quist. Johnson nominated Kruger. Kruse moved, seconded by Hinline, that nominations cease. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Board voted by ballot. Clerk tallied votes then announced Quist received 5 votes and is the Chairman for 2013. Clerk next asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Kruse nominated Kruger. Abariotes moved, seconded by Hinline that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Kruger. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Chairman Quist presided over the meeting.

Cerio offered his Certificate of Election to the Board to be placed on file. Kruse moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Next item of business was to designate depositories for County funds. It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Abariotes that Washington County Bank, Two Rivers Bank and the Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) be designated as depositories for County Funds in 2013. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Johnson to authorize County Treasurer, Marj Hoier, to invest County funds in any of the designated depositories. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kruse and seconded by Abariotes that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Dec 27, 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: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Johnson abstained. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Johnson second Kruse to approve monthly fee reports: Co Clerk \$212.00, Register of Deeds \$44,497.00, Co Court \$18,848.25, Co Plan Dept \$5,101.00, Clerk Dist Court \$2203.00, Co Sheriff \$1,863.25 and Road Dept \$57,753.78. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried. The only correspondence was a notice of the 2013 Nebraska Association of County Officials Board Workshop February 6-8. It was moved by Kruse and second by Abariotes that correspondence be received and placed on file. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Assessor said there was nothing for Board of Equalization this Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting.

Cheryl Parsons, Hwy Supt, said she was starting to put the 1and 6 Year Road Program together. Parsons has projects she would like in the Program and asked Board members to contact her about projects they would like to see included. Parsons introduced Dan Norman, Civil Solutions, to discuss a change order for County Road 4, known as the Herman Scribner Road. Norman said the original contract with ME Collins had a completion date of November 30 and they are about 40% done. After looking at several factors, Norman recommended the Board extend the completion date to May 1, 2013 and said one benefit to the Board would be any damage that occurs this winter could be added to the project. Board discussed this project and that it got started late. Motion Hinline second Kruse to approve Change Order No 1 which extends the completion date to May 1, 2013 and added the stipulation to have them use high early strength concrete. Vote- Aye: Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: Kruger. Abstain: Cerio. Motion carried.

Motion Kruse second Kruger to designate Enterprise Publishing /Pilot Tribune as the official county newspaper for 2013 as requested by State Dept of Roads. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mike Smith, Weed Dept, briefly discussed the 2012 expense reports given to Board members. Smith will get a copy to

Cerio. Motion Kruger second Johnson to accept the 2012 Weed Supt year end reports and authorize Chairman to sign. Vote- Aye: Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Abstain: Cerio. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Marj Hoier, County Treasurer, had submitted the Semi Annual Statement to the Board, showing the summary of collections, disbursements and balances of various funds for July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Motion Kruger second Kruse to receive the semi-annual statement and place on file. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Abariotes thanked Johnson for the good job done serving as Chairman for the past two years, with the other members voicing their agreement.

The agenda item to reimburse the Clerk for preparing the budget, was continued from the Dec 27<sup>th</sup> meeting as only 5 Board members were present. Kruger said in past years, someone else was paid for completing the budget, but this year the Clerk prepared the 2012-2013 Budget. Since the Clerk's duties do not include preparing the budget, the finance committee met and recommended the Clerk be paid for this. Kruger made a motion, to get the discussion started, to pay the Clerk \$5,000, which is the amount the previous Clerk was paid for doing the budget. Lengthy discussion was held on this. Hinline voiced his opposition and included comments that this should have been discussed earlier and wondered if it was a violation of open meeting laws. Kruger said he checked with NACO and because it has been on two agendas, and discussed at two meetings, it was not a violation of the open meeting laws. Cerio wanted an accounting of hours spent preparing the budget. Dennis McCormick was opposed to paying the Clerk. Chairman said there was a committee recommendation and Kruger made the motion to pay the Clerk \$5,000. Kruse seconded the motion. There was more discussion. Wes Stamp discussed the budget and the cost of preparing the document. Chairman called for the vote. Vote- Aye: Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger and Abariotes. Nay: Cerio and Hinline. Motion carried.

Tanna Wirtz, Planning Administrator, introduced Steve Martin from the State Agricultural Department. Martin gave the Board information on the state's "Livestock Friendly County" program. This program, started in 2003, is designed to be a marketing tool to nurture and encourage the livestock industry, which includes all the support industries. Livestock and agriculture are very important to the State's economic structure. Martin said this doesn't change or affect zoning, local control is maintained by the County. There is no cost to the program, signs are provided by the State. 21 Nebraska counties have been designated LFC and 5 counties are in the process of looking at the program. Board members questioned Martin and discussed the information. Gary Lambrecht said he saw information on this program at the State Fair and brought it to the Planning Commission. Lambrecht sees this as an opportunity to be recognized as a County that actively supports the livestock industry. A number of interested people were present. The Washington County Farm Bureau Board was present, Chairman Karen Ruwe said they were here to show their support for moving forward with this. Ruwe has been working with the program and because the State relies so heavily on the ag industry, sees this as a win/win situation. Motion Abariotes second Kruger to refer this to the Committee of Six to study this further then bring a recommendation back to the Board. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Wirtz next discussed a situation where the Building Inspector will be on medical leave and the need to find someone to do electrical and other inspections for the interim period. Board discussed the situation. Chairman asked the Personnel Committee to work with Wirtz and bring a recommendation to the next Board meeting.

Jay Weingarten, Prochaska & Associates, gave a recap of the 12/27 meeting where Phase 2, the results of the Law Enforcement Center Needs Assessment Study was presented. The study evaluated the current facility, recommended the number of beds needed in the future, gave a snapshot of the budget for the facility and mentioned staffing changes. Weingarten discussed the different phases involved, as set out by Nebraska Jail Standards. The next step, Phase 3 Preliminary Concept Planning, would work through the results from the study and set out different options, some being: build/add on to the current LEC, build new LEC at new site or close current jail and transport. Board discussed the results of the study and going on with the next step, at a cost of \$15,000, and the purpose of that study. Steve Wiley, Prochaska & Assoc, said one of the goals of the studies was to have a plan in place to meet the County's future needs. Bob Warrick asked about sharing a facility with surrounding counties. Wiley discussed some problems he has seen with planning a regional facility. Sheriff Mike Robinson said the process to review a jail facility involves many steps. Capt. Rob Bellamy said he feels the Board should go ahead with the next phase to get all the information available. Wes Stamp, Dan Flynn and William Burdess spoke. Motion Kruger second Hinline to refer this to the Jail Committee and have them review the contract and then give Board a recommendation. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hinline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Capt Phil Brazelton told the Board the County has an opportunity to upgrade our Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The system currently in use is 6 years old and in another 3 years or so, would need to be replaced. Douglas and Sarpy County are upgrading their shared CAD system and Washington County could join their regional CAD system. The initial cost would be

approximately \$125,160, with \$66,638 eligible to be paid from the 911 Enhanced Wireless Fund, leaving a balance of \$58,522 to be paid in the 2013-2014 Budget. The annual maintenance fee would drop from \$20,525 to \$11,579. Chairman Quist appointed himself, Johnson and Hine to the 911 Committee. Motion Kruger second Johnson to refer this to the 911 Committee and have them meet with Brazelton and County Attorney's office, then bring a recommendation to the Board. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board discussed Resolution 2009-55 and the cost of living increase for Official's salaries. Kruger said he had discussed this with Nebraska Association of County Officials and was told, based on state statutes, salary resolutions can not be amended until such time a new salary resolution is drawn up. Kruger said, based on this information, he moved to use the Midwest Region November CPI of 1.8% for the Official's salary increase, Kruse seconded the motion. Abariotes wanted to amend the resolution to freeze the Supervisor's salaries. Board discussed the CPI. McCormick said NACO just makes a recommendation. Hine had a November CPI of 1.6% based on midwest cities. Board voted on the motion, Vote- Aye: Kruse, Quist and Kruger. Nay: Cerio, Johnson, Abariotes and Hine. Motion failed. Hine moved to use the US City Average, Midwest region, cities under 50,000, November CPI of a 1.6% increase and freeze the Supervisors salaries, seconded by Abariotes. Vote- Aye: Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: Cerio, Kruse and Quist. Motion carried.

Comments from public: William Burdess read a letter and submitted it for the record, regarding county employees' raises and questioning the Clerk and Board's actions.

Motion Abariotes second Kruse to designate notice of meetings will be published in the local newspaper: Enterprise and Pilot Tribune, on the County's website [www.co.washington.ne.us](http://www.co.washington.ne.us) and for emergency situations will post a notice at the Courthouse. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Chairman announced the Board would go into a closed session, with the reason being to protect the public interest with respect to Sheriff's Office FOP labor negotiations and litigation. Motion Kruse second Kruger to enter closed session at 11:40. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion Kruger second Kruse to end closed session at 12:02. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: None. Motion carried. Chairman again stated the reason for closed session was to protect the public interest with respect to Sheriff's Office FOP labor negotiations and litigation. No action taken.

Claims were received and reviewed, following which it was moved by Kruger and seconded by Kruse that the following claims be allowed and Clerk ordered to issue warrants on the various funds for the same. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kruse, Quist, Johnson, Kruger, Abariotes and Hine. Nay: None. Motion carried.

#### GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	1-4-13 Payroll	151,345.61
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	10,497.10
DEARBORN	Ins	301.10
DEARBORN	Ins	25.51
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS	Ins	38,093.52
WASHINGTON CO BANK	FICA	10,844.75
WASHINGTON CO BANK	Ins	7,081.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	158.97
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Supplies	5.80
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Supplies	62.04
ATS "THE BEEPER PEOPLE"	Serv	234.97
BART MOORE SUBCONTRACTING INC	Sidewalk repair	1,000.00
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	2,017.63
TAMMI BURBACH	Reimb Postage	9.79
BURT COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	Serv	38.25
CARNES PAINT & DECORATING	Supplies	43.99
CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Serv	31.93
CHEROKEE PRODUCTIONS, INC	Seminar Reg	295.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv & Library Fees	764.04
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Jan Lease	50.00
CLERK OF DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Filing Fees	247.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	Supplies	127.12
CONTROL SERVICES INC	Heat Puump	3,903.60

HERBERT C COULTER, D.D.S.	Inmate Serv	228.00
COUNSEL OFFICE & DOCUMENT	Supplies	235.75
SARAH DEEMER	Supplies	40.75
DIESEL POWER EQUIPMENT CO	Inspection	396.20
DODGE COUNTY C/O FRED MYTTY	Reimb Probation Costs	8,449.44
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Service	12.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	Supplies	386.75
ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO INC	Notices & Minutes	345.96
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	216.58
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Jail Dishwasher	304.60
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	23.88
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Equip	69.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	AntiVirus	83.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Equip	218.17
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Equip & Supplies	219.63
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Service	205.00
FORNOFF & SCHUTT PC	Crt Appt Attny	564.00
SHURIE GRAEVE	Reimb Cell	135.14
GREAT PLAINS CHEMICAL COMPANY SOUTH	Testing	885.00
GREAT SOUTHERN BANK	Patrol Unit Payments	3,646.05
HARDING & SHULTZ PC LLO	FOP	364.55
HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY	Conv Exp	189.90
PAMELA LYNN HOPKINS	Crt Appt Attny	414.00
ROBERT L. KEITH	Crt Appt Attny	1,845.00
KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	Copier Exp	132.07
STEPHEN J KRAVIEC PC LLO	Child Support Enf	1,536.20
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Crt Appt Attny	2,100.00
STEVE LANDON	Supplies	12.92
STEVEN MENCKE	Reimb Meals	20.00
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION & PROGRAM	Programing	1,346.77
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB	Serv	294.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	9.28
OFFICE NET	Copiers & Supplies	1,101.85
OLSEN LAW OFFICES PC LLO	Crt Appt Attny	1,260.00
OLSON & STEWART CONSTRUCTION	Snow Removal	675.00
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	5,225.44
PAY-LESS OFFICE PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	717.28
PETERS PERSONNEL, INC	Placement Fee	520.00
PITNEY BOWES INC	Postage Machine	571.06
POSTMASTER	Extension	675.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	861.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	427.00
PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES INC	Jail Study	2,661.52
REYZLIK ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	73.38
KRIS ROBINSON	Reimb Mileage	615.50
SARPY COUNTY COURT	Cert Copy	3.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Detention Serv	532.16
SECRETARY OF STATE	Cert Copy	20.00
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Serv	2,708.14
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Stamped Envelopes	1,355.75
STATE OF NEBR, AS CENTRAL SERVICES	Telecom	1,280.01
TALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Parts	15.42
THE CLEANER CO	Supplies	274.54
THOMAS & THOMAS COURT REPORTERS	Deposition Fee	384.10
TLO LLC	Dec Dues	24.00
ULTRA CAR WASH	Serv	200.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage Meter	1,500.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	46.74

VICTORY MARINE LLC	Boat Serv	208.19
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Jan Lease	69.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Imprest Acct Fees	132.20
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	937.30
TANNA WIRTZ	Reimb Mileage	13.88
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	1-4-13 Payroll	47,665.73
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	Retirement	3,217.41
DEARBORN	Ins	76.88
DEARBORN	Ins	22.26
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS	Ins	9,872.85
WASHINGTON CO BANK	FICA	3,475.18
WASHINGTON CO BANK	Ins	1,906.50
A & L HYDRAULICS INC	Parts	69.40
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	55.00
B & D TRUCK PARTS, INC	Parts	100.00
B'S ENTERPRISE INC	Culverts	5,666.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts & Supplies	689.02
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Erosion Control	50.00
BLAIR SUPERFOODS	Supplies	83.68
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Internet	76.99
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Equip Rental	527.58
CIVIL SOLUTIONS LLC	Engineering Serv	2,225.00
CMA TRUCKING INC	Equip Rental	276.69
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Tires & Repair	953.98
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Water	74.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	170.04
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	220.22
HUSKER CHEM SALES	Ice Control	531.00
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	142.93
RONALD KERSTETTER	Equip Rental	88.44
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Asphaltic Material	3,428.36
ME COLLINS CONTRACTING CO INC	Repair Concrete	26,911.08
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	Blades	1,527.68
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	9,602.86
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	Chemicals	1,643.29
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	243.08
OFFICE NET	Supplies	32.90
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	463.88
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	72.00
POWERPLAN	Parts	158.31
REYZLIK ACE HARDWARE	Parts	36.23
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	2,082.00
SCHEMMER & ASSOC	Engineering Serv	7,380.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Parts	39.28
STERN OIL CO INC	Oil	4,672.38
THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN	Tools	199.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	118.83
WINGATE INN HEARTLAND HOSPITALITY	Conf Exp	116.95
<b>911 ENHANCED WIRELESS SERV</b>		
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	221.54
CENTURYLINK	Serv	21.68
<b>E 911 FUND</b>		
CENTURYLINK	Tech Service	1,644.07
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	221.55
CENTURYLINK	Serv	21.69
MOTOROLA	Nov,Dec,Jan Maint.	11,958.39

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Kruger and seconded by Kruse that the meeting be adjourned until the next regular board meeting date, Jan 22, 2013. All members present voted aye, Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:  
Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk

Jeff Quist, Chairman  
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 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors

Merry M Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk