

**May 9, 2016 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 Monday, May 9, 2016 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 Lorenzen declared the meeting was in session and that the meeting is being recorded. Chairman made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the north wall. Present: Chairman Carl Lorenzen, County Board Members, Paul Cerio, Lisa Kramer, Mary Alice Johnson, Jeff Quist, Ron Hineline and Steven Kruger. Also present, County Clerk Merry Truhlsen, County Assessor Steven Mencke, Deputy Jean Ray and Co Atty Scott VanderSchaaf.

Motion by Cerio and second by Johnson that the agenda for May 9 be approved. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kramer, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Lorenzen and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried. Motion by Cerio and second by Kramer that the rules be suspended and that the minutes of the Apr 26 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, Kramer, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Lorenzen and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hineline and seconded by Cerio to approve Correction #6765 and #6775 as presented by the Assessor. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kramer, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Lorenzen and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried. There were no valuation changes.

Chairman opened a public hearing on Avantech Inc, appealing a Penalty Imposed on Personal Property Assessment. Mencke went through the protest of penalty on Personal Property Assessment and cited State Statute 77-1233.04 (3) (4) & (5), saying he has to enforce the Statute which states penalty can not be waived if properly applied. Chairman closed pubic hearing. Motion Kruger second Hineline to uphold State Statute 77-1233.04 (3) (4) & (5) and not waive the penalty assessed Avantech Inc. Vote- Aye: Cerio, Kramer, Johnson, Quist, Kruger, Lorenzen and Hineline. Nay: None. Motion carried.

At 8:40 A.M., there being no further business to come before the Board of Equalization at this time, it was moved by Cerio and second by Quist to adjourn meeting until the next Board of Equalization meeting date, May 24, 2016. All members present voted aye, Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Attest:  
Merry M. Truhlsen  
Washington County Clerk

Carl Lorenzen, 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 May 9 meeting of the Washington County Board of Equalization

Merry M. Truhlsen, Washington County Clerk