

October 27, 2020 Minutes
Washington County Board of Supervisors
Blair Public Library
2233 Civic Dr
Blair, NE 68008

The Washington County Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 3:07 p.m. on October 27, 2020 in the Conference room at the Public Library 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 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 of the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman Steve Dethlefs declared the meeting was in session and that the meeting is being recorded. Dethlefs made note that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the door and the west wall.

1. Meeting called to order and roll call

Present: Chairman Steve Dethlefs, Board members Jordan Rishel, Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Jay Anderson, Kevin Barnhill, and Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Chief Dpty Sheriff Kevin Willis and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda for October 27, 2020

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill approve agenda for Oct 27, 2020. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

3. Approve minutes for the October 13, 2020 meeting

Motion Jordan Rishel and second by Bob Frahm approve the minutes for 10/13/20. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

4. Approve Claims

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer that the following claims at the end of these minutes be allowed and Clerk ordered to issue warrants on the various funds for the same with the exception of claim to Omaha Electric for \$6,530.76.

Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

5. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

1. Notice of Public Hearing from Washington Co Planning Dept

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jordan Rishel to receive and place on file correspondence. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

6. Jared Schleifer, Weitz Construction: Justice Center project update

Matt Cavanagh, Weitz Construction, gave an update to Justice Center project. Kruger provided a breakdown of up to date projects costs.

7. Bill Hansel, Hwy Supt: Road Dept update not limited to projects, equipment and personnel

7.1. Accept bid proposals for Bridge Replacement on Co Rd 30, project C89-13005. D/PA

Hansel and Tim Farmer, Speece Lewis, opened bids from the following: 1. M.E. Collins, bond included, for \$301,857.20. 2. Gus Construction, bond included, for \$255,790.80. Farmer and Hansel were given time to review bids before board made a motion.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to accept bid from Gus Construction as recommended by Speece Lewis for \$255,790.80. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

7.2. Authorize Chairman to sign contract with Midwest Excavating for the Ft Calhoun Co Rd 34 project (Boyer Chute)-D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Chairman to sign contract with Midwest Excavating.

Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

8. Linda Ingram-Jasa, Jasa Transit Inc: Discuss addition of a Jake Braking or "Engine Braking Prohibited" sign on Industrial Park Drive Rd. D/PA

David Tuttle, on behalf of Jasa Transit, discussed Jasa's request for an "Engine Braking Prohibited" sign to be placed near place of business on Industrial Park Dr. Hwy Supt Hansel stated that he sees no issue with placement of the sign but it would require board action.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Road Dept to install Engine Braking Prohibited sign on Industrial Park Drive Rd. Board asked Co Atty Vander Schaaf if such a sign would be an enforceable infraction to which he asked to have item tabled so he could further review. Anderson amended the motion to authorize Road Dept to install Engine Braking Prohibited sign on Industrial Park Drive Rd upon review and approval from County Attorney. Motion carried.
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

9. Robert Neito, Township #1: Discuss Co Rd P50 redesign and Co Rd P34 out of Boyer Chute

Robert Neito, Township 1 Chairman, stated that the agenda needed to be corrected to state Co Rd P51, not 50. Neito passed out maps showing the area. Anderson suggested that this be discussed at the next Road Committee meeting.

10. 4:00- Annual review of Contract Attorneys-Discussion only

Co Atty Vander Schaaf gave a brief review of program success and cost savings to the county. He also stated that feedback from judges have been positive. Patrick Dunn, Nicole Cavanagh and Jane McNeil gave a summary of what programs they work with and review of the past year's work.

11. Closed Session: For the purpose of discussing attorney client privilege information regarding current, potential, imminent threat of litigation and contract negotiations involving Washington County. Open session: possible action

Those present were 7 board members and Co Atty Vander Schaaf.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jordan Rishel to go into closed session at 6:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to come out of closed session at 6:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

12. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public Hearing on the following items:

12.1. Request for approval of a General Development Plan for a 10-lot subdivision of property in accordance with Section 3.06 of the Subdivision Regulations. Applicant: Robert Tessari for RJT Elkhorn River Ranch. Location: Tax Lot 24 and part of Tax Lot 44, Section 33-17-10, west of Laver Lane and River Bend Lane.

Shewchuk went through request. Chairman opened public hearing. Applicant Robert Tessari spoke. Leslie Fletcher and John Klosterman spoke in opposition of the project. Dan Douglas, Emergency Manager, also spoke. Chairman closed public hearing.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jay Anderson to deny the application of RJT Elkhorn River Ranch for approval of a General Development Plan for a 10-lot subdivision. Motion Failed.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Nay, Dethlefs: Nay, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Nay, Rishel: Nay

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to table item until further review. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

12.2. Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate an electrical generation plant (solar farm). Applicant: Will Greene for Big Elk Renewables, LLC. General Location: Northeast of the intersection of County Roads 15 and P30 and southwest of the intersection of County Roads 23 and 32 (the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4, the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4, and Tax Lots 4, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 16, Section 4-17-10; Tax Lots 9 and 15, Section 3-17-10; the northeast 1/4, the north 1/2 of the southeast 1/4, the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4, and Tax Lot 4, Section 12-17-10).

Several citizens were present for this agenda item. Shewchuk went through request and stated that project includes 2 separate areas but is considered one project. Planning Commission voted 6-0 to deny the CUP. Matt Robinette, Bluestem Energy Solutions, spoke on behalf of applicant and gave a presentation of proposed solar project as well as answered questions from board members. Chairman opened public hearing. Denny Wilkins, Mike Rooks (Gateway Development) Tim O'Brien (OPPD), and Bill Rhea spoke in favor of the project. Tom Vogt, Jane Rogers, John O'Dell, Kathy Wirsén, Larry Rogers, and Carlos Yandell spoke in opposition. Mike Champayne spoke neutrally. Chairman closed public hearing. Board discussed at length and considered setting additional conditions. David Levy, Attorney for Bluestem, addressed some of the board members concerns.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jordan Rishel to approve the request of Big Elk Renewables, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an electrical generation plant (solar farm) with the condition that a review of the bond decommission study every 5 years and work with Road Dept for any road work. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

13. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Discussion and possible action on revisions to the County's erosion control policy on lots in platted, named subdivisions.

Shewchuk stated reasons for revisions and answered questions from board members.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve revisions to the County's erosion control policy for lots in platted, named subdivisions. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

14. Adopt Resolution 2020-28; For Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA Intergovernmental/ Interlocal Agreement
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Res 2020-28; extending membership with NIRMA. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Rishel: Aye

RESOLUTION 2020-28
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Washington County has previously entered into intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board hereby;

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIMRA II for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Interbovermental/interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 day of October, 2020.

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

Washington County Board
By: Steve Dethlefs, Chairman

15. Jail Committee: Discuss recommendation of courthouse and Justice Center space. D/PA
Kramer stated that this item could be removed from agenda.

16. Comments from public
There were no public comments

17. Committee Reports
Board briefly discussed committee meetings

18. Motion to adjourn meeting
Chairman declared meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/16/20	203,548.66
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	14,163.04
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	50,792.58
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	14,725.64

WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	10,478.72
AMERICAN COUNCIL/CRIMINAL JUSTICE	Training	700.00
ANDERSON, BRESSMAN & HOFFMAN	Court Appt Atty	378.75
ANDY'S MOW TOWN INC	Parts	64.12
ANTELOPE COUNTY SHERIFF	Inmate Housing	12,510.00
ASI SIGNAGE INNOVATIONS	Supplies	125.00
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	Supplies	748.00
BALLS OUT MOTORS, LLC	Parts/Serv	324.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	1,225.80
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	54.93
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	61.75
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Supplies	153.99
BOMGAARS	Supplies	258.17
BRADLEY LAW, P.C., LLO	Court Appt Atty	1,216.00
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER 2	Inmate Housing	8,415.00
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	County Burials	2,000.00
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fees	18.61
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	1,875.00
CHILDRENS HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER	Training	100.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv	839.82
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	314.00
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT	Fees	126.00
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT NEBRASKA	Fees	2.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH	Supplies	1,410.50
CONNIE'S BLAIR BAKERY	Supplies	6.90
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Serv	141.92
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	166.88
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fees	6.50
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,250.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	Supplies	11,870.36
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	1,203.05
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	350.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Training	303.83
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Serv	10.00
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Serv	87.82
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Court Appt Atty	2,500.00
PAMELA LYNN HOPKINS	Court Appt Atty	541.50
HUNTEL SECURITY	Serv	275.40
INDOFF INCORPORATED	Supplies	48.60
INTRNAT'L ASSOC FOR IDENTIFICATION	Dues	80.00
JOHNSON & MOCK ATTORNEYS AT LAW	Court Appt Atty	3,418.68
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Supplies	208.40
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Mower Tires	113.90
MCCHESNEY FAMILY LAW GROUP	Drug Court	1,507.50
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	1,875.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	310.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	Dues	450.00

NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	180.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Supplies	154.00
GLADYS NELSON	Serv	305.00
OFFICE NET	Supplies	165.43
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	127.44
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	191.82
OUR SPECIALTEA	Food Serv	3,124.00
WILLIAM H OUREN	Serv	150.00
PFI	Storage	40.00
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	394.56
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Supplies	181.71
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Serv	1,150.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,300.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	354.00
RADAR ROAD TEC	Supplies	801.00
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	Serv	15,077.25
KRIS ROBINSON	Training/Reimb	373.00
SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE	Dues	25.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Serv	3,637.46
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Safekeeping	3,089.75
TAYLOR OIL CO	Fuel	35.98
TELRITE HOLDINGS, INC.	Serv	374.99
THE WASHTUB	Serv	333.16
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Serv	890.00
U.S. BANK	Training	1,231.59
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	88.29
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	54.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	110.67
WEX BANK	Fuel	706.67
WOODBURY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	38.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs/Serv	264.29
88 TACTICEL	Fees	250.00
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/16/20	48,115.36
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,247.76
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	12,334.76
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,537.92
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	2,531.25
AKRS EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS	Parts	389.98
BOMGAARS	Supplies	1,122.08
BRADLEY CARSON	Gravel	306.88
LEO CHARLES & MICHELLE LUETTICKE	Right of Way	50.63
COLONIAL RESEARCH	Supplies	263.80
MATTHEW D. CONRADSON	Right of Way	165.64
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	138.33
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	72.80
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	Serv	48.40

FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	179.73
NORETTA GLUP	Supplies	247.25
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	228.25
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	30.55
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Gravel	30,780.31
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Supplies	138.70
SAUTTER FAMILY TRUST	Right of Way	1,068.22
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Parts/Labor	321.86
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	5,646.07
THE CURE, INC	Supplies	515.47
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	283.34
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Motorgrader	15,206.42
ROAD/BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	27,620.83
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
OFFICE NET	Supplies	404.08
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/16/20	1,923.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	129.80
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	483.62
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	144.19
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	93.75
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	11,658.77
JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		
PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES INC	Justice Center	7,334.53
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Justice Center	169.90
E-911 FUND		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	4,312.15
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Serv	5,600.10

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
Washington County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs, Chairman
Washington County Board of Supervisors

I, Barbara Sullivan, County Clerk, in and for Washington County, Blair, Nebraska, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings took place during the October 27, 2020 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
