

May 25, 2021 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 3:08 p.m. on May 25, 2021 in the Conference meeting 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

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

2. Approve agenda- request to add "review PCO (potential change order) #O-16 from Weitz Construction, PA- approve/deny change order" to agenda as an emergency item.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill approve agenda for May 25, 2021 with the addition of review of PCO O-16 from Weitz Construction. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the May 11, 2021 meeting

Motion Bob Frahm and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 5/11/21 meeting be approved but not read at this meeting for the purpose that all Board members were furnished a copy of said minutes prior to this meeting. 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 Kevin Barnhill that the claims at the end of these minutes be allowed and Clerk ordered to issue warrants on the various funds for the same. Motion Carried.

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

5. Accept and place on file correspondence from Douglas County Planning Commission notice of public hearing

1) Notice of Public Hearing from Douglas Co Planning Commission

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to receive correspondence and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Jared Schleifer, Weitz Construction, gave a brief update to Justice Center project then discussed PCO #O-16. Schleifer said the \$14,537.43 change order is based on a number RFI and proposal requests that occurred in the last month and also includes some credits.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jordan Rishel to accept PCO #O-16 for the amount of \$14,537.43. Motion Carried.

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

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

7.1. Accept and approve bids for 3 new dump trucks (held from 5/11 mtg)

Hansel met with Road Comm to discuss the dump truck bids that were received at the previous meeting and gave a recommendation to go with the Mack trucks for \$580,660. Hansel said it is the higher price bid but had better warranties. Kramer suggested that only 2 Mack trucks be purchased at this time in order to change up the trade in rotation and free up budget for other Road Dept items. Board discussed options at length. Mike Anderson and Doug Berry, Truck Center, spoke on the matter

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve purchase of 3 new Mack dump trucks. Motion Failed.

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

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jay Anderson to approve purchase of 2 new Mack trucks. Motion Carried.

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

8. Adopt Res 2021-14; Supporting the Actions of Governor Ricketts and Attorney General Peterson challenging Executive Order 14008

Dethlefs stated that the issue was discussed at the last Supervisor's meeting and now a resolution has been created to formally oppose said order. John Orr gave a summary of how the order could potentially impact the county and answered questions. Board gave opinions on how the order could be interpreted and that the wording in the order is too vague.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to adopt Res 2021-14. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2021-14

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021 the Biden Administration issued Executive Order 14008 also known as the 30 x 30 plan directing the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and other senior officials to “conserve” at least 30% of all lands and waters within the United States by the year 2030;

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, Congress never delegated authority to the President or executive agencies to unilaterally change the policies governing land use in America;

WHEREAS, Section 216 of Executive Order 14008 is a clear overreach of executive authority, which infringes on the sovereignty of the states and rights of the citizens;

WHEREAS, Congress has specifically directed the federal executive branch through the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. §§ 1701 – 1787, the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 1600 – 1614, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 – 4370e, and other laws to coordinate land management plans and policies with states and their local governments and tribes;

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order 14008 the Biden Administration has failed to exercise any of the consultation and coordination responsibilities required by these statutes and by the very provisions of the Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, States, agriculture stakeholders and private landowners have been excluded from any portion of the process of Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, land use for agricultural production, grazing and animal production are essential to our economy and very survival;

WHEREAS, setting aside 30% of land and putting it under federal control for the purposes of “conservation” within every county would destroy livelihoods and economies throughout our country;

WHEREAS, Nebraska Governor Ricketts and 14 other state Governors have co-signed a letter of opposition to Executive Order 14008;

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Attorney General Doug Peterson and Kansas State Attorney General Derek Schmidt have filed a lawsuit challenging the provisions of the Executive Order 14008;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors supports the actions of Governor Ricketts and Attorney General Peterson challenging Executive Order 14008;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Supervisors insists any lands or other rights that may be acquired to fulfill the objectives of the Executive Order 14008 must only be acquired from willing landowners and for the payment full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Washington County, its business, and its citizens.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2021 at Blair Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska

Chairman Steve Dethlefs, Jordan Rishel, Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, Steve Kruger

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan, County Clerk

9. Discuss repairs to Colfax St- D/PA

Kramer said Hansel reached out Western Engineering who does asphalt work for the county and asked them to look at Colfax St where crane was placed during Justice Center construction. City of Blair was contacted as well however Kramer said she has not heard back from them as the City's engineer was not available at the time.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to table until next meeting to give City of Blair time to review and respond. Motion Carried.

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

10. Discuss Justice Center laundry equipment sizing and access for installation- D/PA

Jared Schleifer said that laundry equipment for Justice Center cannot be installed as the equipment is too large to fit through door from sally port even when disassembled. Schleifer then discussed different options with board members. Bill Huey, Prochaska & Assoc also spoke on the matter. Co Atty Vander Schaaf advised the board to discuss any further options in closed session.

11. Discuss the 2021/2022 County Budget

Kruger said the Finance Comm has been looking at next year's budget and have suggested giving a 3% increase to personnel line items of budget and leave rest of budget line items flat. Kruger went on to say that if departments are not able to stay under the suggested increase amounts to schedule a time to meet with the Finance Comm to discuss.

12. Special Designated License: 1) Washington Co Agriculture Society, Co Fair concert/ rodeo/ tractor pull/demo, July 30 thru Aug 4 2) Washington Co Friends of the fair, wine tasting and beer garden, July 30 thru Aug 4

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jordan Rishel to authorize Chairman to sign SDL local recommendation forms.
Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public

Mike Anderson spoke and thanked Weitz Construction on keeping public informed and doing a good job with construction.

14. Committee Reports were briefly discussed

15. Closed session: For the purpose of discussing attorney client privileged information regarding current, potential, imminent threat of litigation, and contract negotiations involving Washington County

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Steve Kruger to go into closed session at 4:24 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present were 7 board members, Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf, Sheriff Mike Robinson and Attorney Rob Keith.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to come out of closed session at 5:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

In open session: Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jay Anderson to proceed with upsizing door 209 not to exceed \$16,500. Motion Carried.

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

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jordan Rishel to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/14/2021	203,969.23
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	14,185.82
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	50,505.38
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	14,768.22
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	10,044.20
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	2,744.84
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Copies	30.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	2,856.79
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	76.35
BURT COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	Fees	18.50
BUTLER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER 2	Inmate Housing	3,780.00
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fees	26.85
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	1,875.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv	1,097.63
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Unit Lease	50.00
CJ'S TREE SERVICE	Serv	500.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Food Svcs	178.60
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	125.12

DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	166.88
DAVID CITY DISCOUNT PHARMACY	Inmate Care	102.84
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	6.50
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	116.06
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	300.00
DUGAN PRINTING & PROMOTIONS, LLC	Supplies	800.00
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,250.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	150.98
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	202.95
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Inmate Care	776.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies/Fuel	232.60
GOVERNMENTAL LAW, LLC	Fees	6,173.97
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Serv	35.00
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,500.00
PAMELA LYNN HOPKINS	Court Appt Atty	427.50
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	163.40
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Serv	60.00
SUSAN JOHNSON	Mileage	29.12
ALISON A ADAMS	Juror Fees	287.00
DANIEL R ADAMS	Juror Fees	35.00
BRUCE H BARKLEY	Juror Fees	35.00
LADEANA M BERGMANN	Juror Fees	52.92
ANTHONY M BLACKMAN	Juror Fees	35.00
ROBERT A BORGES	Juror Fees	175.00
MEGAN A BRATETIC	Juror Fees	43.96
MATTHEW R BRINGEWATT	Juror Fees	41.72
CONNIE S CLARY	Juror Fees	46.20
JODI L COMSTOCK	Juror Fees	35.00
JENNIFER A COOK	Juror Fees	287.00
SCOTT A COUFAL	Juror Fees	39.48
JUSTIN L DALL	Juror Fees	51.80
TERRI L DINGFIELD	Juror Fees	46.20
ROBBY J DOLEZAL	Juror Fees	41.72
MICHELLE L FERESTAD	Juror Fees	43.96
GWENETTE J FERRY	Juror Fees	41.72
WENDY FRAZER	Juror Fees	41.72
JENNIFER L GREFE	Juror Fees	287.00
KRISTIN B GUBBELS	Juror Fees	153.44
JOHN W HAMMON	Juror Fees	48.44
BRETT J HENN	Juror Fees	45.08
ERIC P HERBERT	Juror Fees	46.20
CHARLES L HINELINE	Juror Fees	171.36
MICHAEL R HOLMSTEDT	Juror Fees	35.00
TRACEY J JOHNSON	Juror Fees	51.80
LINDA M JONES	Juror Fees	35.00
JENNIFER N KEPHART	Juror Fees	43.96
LAURA L KERN	Juror Fees	196.00
HALEY E KNAPP	Juror Fees	46.20
SANDRA J KRISTENSEN	Juror Fees	35.00

DANIEL L LOSEKE	Juror Fees	35.00
JEFFREY B LUSCHEN	Juror Fees	180.60
LAURIE A MASSA	Juror Fees	50.68
ASHLEY M MCCOY	Juror Fees	175.00
BRIGET K MILLER	Juror Fees	281.40
DAVID K NADGWICK	Juror Fees	175.00
LYNN OHANLON	Juror Fees	37.24
SCOTT A PARSON	Juror Fees	55.16
BERNICE PEARSON	Juror Fees	35.00
MICHELLE M PETERSON	Juror Fees	35.00
TRACIE L QUINN	Juror Fees	55.16
NICHOLAS C RADLOFF	Juror Fees	175.00
EMILY C ROSENBAUM	Juror Fees	57.40
MARDELL K RUGGER	Juror Fees	35.00
LINDA S RYAN	Juror Fees	35.00
SEAN SMAL	Juror Fees	51.80
JON H STEWART III	Juror Fees	35.00
BENNETT L TAYLOR	Juror Fees	57.40
NICHOLAS L THALLAS	Juror Fees	37.40
SYNDA R TINDALL	Juror Fees	242.20
SEEMA D TRIVEDI	Juror Fees	50.68
NATALI P URICK	Juror Fees	242.20
JOEL E WHITE	Juror Fees	35.00
MELANIE A WIMER	Juror Fees	39.48
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
MARY LARSEN	Reimb/Supplies	101.67
PAM LEMAN	Reimb/Jury Fees	273.00
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Repairs	20.00
MCKESSON MEDICAL - SURGICAL	Supplies	33.73
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	1,875.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & MICROSOFT	Serv	310.00
MID AMERICA FIRST CALL	Serv	4,621.56
MOBILE MARINE	Coroner Costs	200.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Serv	286.28
NEBRASKA ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	Regional Center	267.00
NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	Registration	100.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	Dues	2,758.78
NFPA	Dues/Regist	330.00
OFFICE DEPOT	Membership	175.00
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	171.99
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	75.35
OFFICE NET	Supplies	43.19
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	199.04
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Supplies	1,124.00
JEAN M BECKMAN - OUR SPECIALTEA	Serv	171.50
PFI	Food Svcs	3,971.50
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Storage	40.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Fuel	648.57
	Coroner Costs	5,122.00

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	Fees	77.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,637.50
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	693.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	233.87
KRIS ROBINSON	Reimb/Supplies	11.51
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Reimb/Supplies	159.54
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Supplies/Serv	251.57
SPARTAN STORES, LLC	Food Svcs	601.71
STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	Supplies	675.17
BARB SULLIVAN	Reimb	32.08
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Supplies	411.63
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage Meter	2,000.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	88.29
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	889.40
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Unit Lease	50.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fees	3.75
WEX BANK	Fuel	345.06

ROAD FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/14/2021	47,502.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,206.35
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	11,866.79
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,446.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	2,437.50
BADER'S HIGHWAY & STREET MAINT, INC	Serv	19,606.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	171.80
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	1,574.00
JEFFREY CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	300.00
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	300.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	56.80
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	187.91
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	207.72
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	163.71
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	313.08
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	13,615.35
KENNARD TRANSFER	Gravel	8,619.52
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Supplies	169.99
CHAD LAKE	Elect Reimb	300.00
DAVID W. LIVINGSTON	Elect Reimb	300.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	395.58
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	193.00
TROY MENCKE	Elect Reimb	300.00
DOUGLAS M MUHSMAN	Elect Reimb	300.00
NORTHWEST PROVISIONS-BILLY RHEA III	Gravel	3,215.64
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Elect Reimb	300.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	69.90
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	26,356.35
SHAUN M. SWAN	Elect Reimb	300.00

THE CURE, INC	Supplies	58.00
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Supplies	79.32
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts/Labor	2,079.23
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Repairs	389.90
TWISTED R TRUCKING LLC	Gravel	1,151.12
TODD G. WACHTER	Elect Reimb	300.00
WESTERN ENGINEERING COMPANY INC	Serv	85,624.73
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	109.01
PUBLIC SAFETY FUND		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Interest	5,639.17
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/14/2021	1,346.10
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	90.86
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	1.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	102.98
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.	Serv	20.00
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	77.08
JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		
BULLER FIXTURE CO	Justice Center	111,450.00
MIDWEST STORAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.	Supplies	26,537.08
E-911 FUND		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	36.28
HIGH MAINTENANCE AND MODS, INC.	Serv	1,234.00

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 May 25, 2021 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
