

**September 28, 2021 Minutes**  
**Washington County Board of Supervisors**  
**Supervisor's Room Courthouse**  
**1555 Colfax Street**  
**Blair, NE 68008**

The Washington County Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 3:07 p.m. on September 28, 2021 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 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 Steven Kruger. Also present, Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Treasurer Marj Hoier and Co Atty Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger approve agenda for Sept 28, 2021. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the Sept 14, 2021 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes 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 the 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 correspondence, consider and place on file-There was no correspondence

6. Bill Hansel, Road Supt, gave an update to Road Dept projects

6.1. Seek bids for a new excavator. PA- approve going out for bids

Hansel said Road Dept currently has 2 excavators to which one was traded in back in 2018. A 2002 Caterpillar with about 8,000 hrs on it is due to be replaced.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to allow Hwy Supt to seek bids for new excavator to replace 2002 Caterpillar. Motion Carried.

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

Sheriff Mike Robinson entered the meeting

6.2. Going off of State bids for two new pick-up trucks. PA-approve State bids

Hansel said that 2 trucks that are used to plow and pretreat roads are needing to be replaced. State bids have a price of \$28,158 per a truck, \$34,153 with plow.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve State bids for 2 pickups with plows. Motion Carried.

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

7. Marj Hoier, Treasurer: Discuss annual report by Treasurer of delinquent taxes not sold at annual tax sale

Hoier passed out Real Delinquent Report and asked board to give direction at next meeting per Nebr Statute 77-1918

7.1. Request Personal Property Tax to be stricken from the tax rolls

Hoier requested that four parcels that have been delinquent for 15 years be stricken from tax rolls and explained how the county could still collect the taxes.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Treasurer to strike parcels 890060333, 10898, 4482 and 890040285 for a total of \$1,625.89 from tax rolls. Motion Carried.

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

8. Mike Robinson, Sheriff: Approval of contract addendums for Arlington and Ft Calhoun Law Enforcement Contracts  
Robinson said the addendum is for salary increases for the school resource officers.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to approve contract addendums for Arlington and Ft Calhoun Law Enforcement Contracts and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion Carried.

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

9. Phillip Mueller, property owner: Discuss land locked parcel

Mueller discussed property he had purchased that had been filed by the Reg of Deeds but was denied the issuance of parcel number by the county as property does not touch a county road. Mueller requested the board give direction moving forward to remedy the situation and to perhaps put measures in place to prevent it happening again in the future. Chris Shewchuk gave suggestions on the matter. Surveyor Gary Tinkham also spoke.

10. Closed session: To protect the public interest with respect to attorney/client discussions regarding Contract Attorney Contract negotiations. D/PA

Co Attorney Vander Schaaf stated that a closed session would only be necessary should the board have any questions regarding proposed Contract Attorney Contracts.

11. 3:45- Renewal of Contract Attorney Contracts. D/PA

Vander Schaaf discussed contract salary adjustments compared to prior contract salaries and summarized the success of the contract program since its inception. Contracted Attorneys Brady Hoekstra, Jane McNeil and Nicole Cavanaugh were present and spoke. Mike Anderson spoke.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jordan Rishel to approve Contract Attorney Contracts and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion Carried.

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

12. Building & Grounds: Discuss landscaping around Courthouse. PA- Approve tree and shrub removal

Frahm discussed with board members several areas around courthouse lawn that needs to be cleaned up as well as trees that need to be removed.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Lisa Kramer to approve landscaping and the removal of trees around power lines and shrubs around Courthouse up to contracting service not to exceed \$5,000. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke

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/or contract negotiations involving Washington County. D/PA

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to go into closed session at 4:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present were 7 board members, Hwy Supt Bill Hansel and Co Atty Scott Vander Schaaf

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to come out of closed session at 4:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Chairman to negotiate with Ft Calhoun on road maintenance. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to direct Co Attorney and Bill Hansel to pursue bond and any legal remedies available against Sibbersen Excavating and any other entities associated with Co Rd 34. Motion Carried.

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

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jordan Rishel to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES

Payroll 9/17/2021 258,996.67

AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	18,193.55
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	51,902.23
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	19,057.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	10,054.76
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Serv	544.25
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Copier Lease	933.90
AUMENTUM TECHNOLOGIES	Serv Fees	7,363.00
LORI BENSEN	Mileage/Postage	93.04
BLACK HAWK COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Fees	41.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	31.35
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	435.26
MICKAYLA BLENDER	Mileage	167.44
BOMGAARS	Supplies	59.98
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Serv	1,000.00
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	1,875.00
TOM CHRISTENSEN	Serv	275.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv	2,253.40
CLARK PEST & TERMITE CONTROL	Serv	135.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	251.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Training	224.63
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs	24.49
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Serv	221.90
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	Supplies	396.23
SARAH DEEMER	Reimb/Supplies	30.09
DES MOINES STAMP MFG CO INC	Supplies	69.00
DREW LAW FIRM PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	3,067.50
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,250.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs/Serv	1,334.97
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	98.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	402.98
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Serv	362.50
GOVERNMENTAL LAW, LLC	Serv	1,877.30
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Supplies	181.89
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs/Serv	1,043.15
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,500.00
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC	Serv	5,157.00
IDENTISYS INC.	Supplies	154.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	1,875.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	310.00
MYTTY PC CONSULTING & TRAINING	Serv	451.88
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	249.00
NEBRASKA APCO/NENA	Training	260.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Serv/Fees	60.00
NIRMA	Deductible	5,000.00
OFFICE DEPOT BUSINESS CREDIT	Supplies	57.98
OFFICE NET	Supplies	107.70
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	170.27
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	253.03

JEAN M BECKMAN - OUR SPECIALTEA	Food Serv	8,665.50
SUSAN PAULSEN	Mileage	100.24
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	1,667.10
POSTMASTER	Fees	265.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,537.50
RILEY ENTERPRISES	Serv	183.00
JESSE ROBINSON	Inspections	660.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	21.02
SECRETARY OF STATE	ID Cards	30.00
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs/Serv	5,589.48
SPARTAN STORES, LLC	Food Serv	727.16
BARB SULLIVAN	Mileage	88.48
SCHANK ENTERPRISES, LLC	Serv	657.36
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Supplies	14.95
TWO RIVERS BANK	Vehicle Pmnts	30,032.71
U.S. BANK	Fuel/Supplies	79.66
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	88.29
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	849.86
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	35.84
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Vehicle Pmnts	24,157.86
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fees	26.00
WEX BANK	Fuel	85.00
HOWARD WOLFE JR.	Mileage/Inspect	1,037.84
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Serv	217.04
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/17/2021	55,009.72
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,713.12
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	11,292.13
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	4,062.48
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	2,250.00
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	36.94
BOMGAARS	Supplies/Parts	152.73
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC - ANDREW BOWSER	Gravel	547.44
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	4,686.41
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	Serv	16.70
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	58.26
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	1,158.81
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	1,567.15
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	36.78
LYMAN-RICHEY SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	44,509.86
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Serv	70.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	100.00
MIDWEST EXCAVATING SERVICES, LLC	Serv	115,293.37
NORTHWEST PROVISIONS-BILLY RHEA III	Gravel	2,431.59
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	37,554.24
STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING, INC.	Serv	19,339.85
THE CURE, INC	Supplies	46.97

WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	357.26
<b>DRUG COURT</b>		
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Meeting Reimb	843.08
BRANDON JERRED	Meeting Reimb	127.05
MCCHESENEY FAMILY LAW GROUP	Meeting Reimb	625.14
ABBEY MOLEK	Meeting Reimb	97.11
TRISHA TROIA	Meeting Reimb	119.00
U.S. BANK	Meeting Fees	943.49
<b>JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/17/2021	1,923.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	129.80
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	483.63
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	147.03
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	93.75
VERIZON	Serv	72.24
<b>911 ENHANCED WIRELESS</b>		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	75.95
<b>JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</b>		
OMAHA ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.	Serv	3,230.00
<b>E-9 11 FUND</b>		
TOM CHRISTENSEN	Serv	565.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	37.41

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 September 28, 2021 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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