

**November 9, 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 3:03 p.m. on November 9, 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 Lisa Kramer, Jordan Rishel, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson and Steven Kruger. Also present, Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Jordan Rishel and second by Bob Frahm to approve agenda for 11/9/21. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the 10/26/21 meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jordan Rishel that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 10/26/21 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 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 Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$331, Reg of Deeds \$43,621, Co Crt \$18,923, Co Plan \$32,624, Clk Dist Crt \$2,188, Co Sheriff \$1,827, Road Dept \$9,157 & October Treasurer's statement- Collections \$2,706,263, Disbursements \$1,226,206, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,515,212, Ending Balance \$12,149,421

Motion Jordan Rishel and second by Jay Anderson to receive and place on file monthly fee reports. Motion Carried.

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file- There was no correspondence

7. Bill Hansel, Hwy Supt, gave a brief update on Road Dept projects

7.1. 3:15- Accept & approve bids for new excavator. D/PA

Hwy Supt Bill Hansel opened the following bids: 1) Murphy Tractor, \$144,050 with trade-in. 2) NMC, \$188,500 with trade-in. 3) Volvo, \$146,905 with trade-in. 4) Bobcat, Standard Arm, \$111,203 with trade-in. 5) Bobcat, Long Arm, \$112,244 with trade-in. 6) A1 Iron, \$159,983 with trade-in. Hansel asked the board to table so he could have time to review.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to table until next meeting so that Hwy Supt has time to review bids further. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Discuss purchase of two sanders. D/PA

Hansel said he received three quotes for 2 pick-up sanders: 1) Big Rig, \$7,377. 2) Midwest \$7,300. 3) Ty's Outdoor Power \$6,594. Hansel stated that the pickup sanders are used to clean up intersections so that the big trucks can go through.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve bid for \$6,594 for 2 sanders with Ty's Outdoor Power. Motion Carried.

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

7.3. Discuss raising purchasing threshold from \$5,000 to \$20,000. D/PA

Hansel provided a copy of the County Purchasing Act and stated that anything under \$10,000 can be purchased in the open market, \$10,000-\$50,000 can be purchased with informal bids, and anything over \$50,000 is to be purchased with sealed bids, however the county's policy states that any purchases over \$5,000 needs board approval. With routine purchases made at the Road Dept and inflation Hansel asked to have the threshold raised.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve raising purchase threshold price to \$20,000 for Road Dept. Motion Carried.

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

7.4. Discuss possible purchase of John Deere motor grader off of State Bid. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve purchase of John Deere motor grader off of state bid for \$346,900 before trade-in. Motion Carried.

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

8. 3:30- Kipp Kissinger, UNICO: Discuss Insurance Committee recommendation for 2022 Health Insurance proposal. D/PA  
Kissinger joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a presentation for moving the county health plan from Fully Insured to Self-funded Medical Captive and provided a breakdown of fixed costs comparisons as well as potential cost savings. Kissinger stated that plan design will remain the same with a 3% reduction in rates and HSA contributions will remain the same. Third Party Administrator would be Auxiant, Network is Midlands Choice Premier, Pharmacy Benefit Manager is Magellan. Board discussed briefly and Brian Beckman spoke on the matter.

Motion Jordan Rishel and second by Steve Kruger to approve committee's recommendation to move the county Health Insurance plans to partially self-funding. Motion Carried.

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

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator: Appointment/reappointment of two members to the Washington County Planning Commission. (D/PA)

Shewchuk stated there were 3 applicants to consider to fill 2 seats, Cliff Herd and incumbents Mike Anderson and Matt Mathiesen. Board members were given ballots and were told to vote for 2. County Clerk read the votes in to record: 7 votes for Mathiesen, 7 votes for Anderson, 0 votes for Herd.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to appoint Mike Anderson and Matt Mathiesen to the Washington County Planning Commission for three-year terms from January 2022 through December 2024. Motion Carried.

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

10. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator: Public hearing on the request of William Rhea for a Conditional Use Permit Modification to operate a borrow pit on Tax Lot 41 located in Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M. (northeast corner of County Road 15 and Highway 30). (D/PA)

Shewchuk went through request then the Chairman opened a public hearing. Applicant Rhea spoke. After no public comment the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of William Rhea for a CUP Modification to operate a borrow pit on Tax Lot 41 in Section 9-17-10, with a two-year review period. Motion Carried.

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

11. Dan Douglas: Emergency Management update

Douglas gave an update of the Emergency Management program and stated they are closing out the 3 yr of the EM Performance grant program and will soon be going through his yearly review. Douglas went on to discuss FEMA and Covid funding as well as some planned events through the county. John Orr spoke

12. Discuss American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Update on Weitz request and Premium Pay. PA- Authorize Lutz to provide guidance on Premium Pay implementation

Dethlefs gave an update on Weitz's request and stated that Lutz is currently reviewing it. Dethlefs also discussed possible use of ARPA funds for premium pay for county employees. One of the reasons for such use is to address the workforce retention in the Sheriff's office. If the board wishes to explore the option further, then Lutz can provide guidance.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jordan Rishel to authorize Lutz to provide guidance on ARPA not to exceed \$10,000. Motion Carried.

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

13. Receive and place on file letter from Marj Hoier, Treasurer, stating 82 Distress Warrants, amounting to \$95,389.41 have been turned over to Co Sheriff for collection

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive and place on file letter from Treasurer. Motion Carried.

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

14. Designate notice of public meetings to be published at: Enterprise and Pilot Tribune, on the county's website and for emergency situations will post notice at courthouse

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to designate notice of public meetings to be published at Enterprise, Pilot Tribune and the Washington Co website and for emergency situations at the courthouse. Motion Carried.

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

15. Comments from public: Mike Anderson and Ben Stangl spoke

16. Committee Reports: Building and Ground committee stated that the matting for grass has been installed on east side of courthouse and tree stumps have been removed. Frahm also stated that he is getting bids on cleaning companies. Sheriff Robinson gave a report of billing to other counties for inmate housing for the month of October.

17. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jordan Rishel to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

## CLAIMS:

### GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/29/2021	225,120.90
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	15,505.89
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	60,564.89
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	16,451.80
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	10,513.95
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	311.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Supplies	18,902.57
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Copier Lease	261.59
ARBOR GROUP TREE CARE	Serv	1,900.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	148.18
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	37.26
BLAIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Dues	250.00
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	1,006.60
BOMGAARS	Supplies	63.93
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv/Library Fees	952.21
CLARK PEST & TERMITE CONTROL	Serv	130.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	108.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Meals	194.72
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,543.36
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	76.54
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Serv	2,977.15
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	Supplies	992.94
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	247.95
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	46.50
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Inmate Care	483.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training/Supplies	1,975.86
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training/Lodging	437.57
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	263.04
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv	749.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training/Supplies	729.62
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Training	114.68
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies	885.09
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Training	600.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training/Supplies	957.09

FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	7.96
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Training/Meals	471.51
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training/Supplies	605.88
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training	47.41
FRONTIER MILLS INC.	Supplies	199.07
GALLS, LLC	Supplies	191.53
HTBS CREDIT	Supplies	344.48
HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY	Lodging	233.90
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	176.44
INDOFF INCORPORATED	Supplies	649.35
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Maintenance	157.85
KENNETH JACOBS	Court Appt Atty	330.00
STEVEN KRUGER	Lodging/Mileage	526.61
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Court Appt Atty	3,082.50
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	Lodging	149.00
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Serv/Repairs	20.00
JORDAN LUXA	Mileage	44.80
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	Fees	19.65
MCCHESENEY FAMILY LAW GROUP	Court Fees	2,122.03
MCKESSON MEDICAL - SURGICAL	Supplies	104.83
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	207.00
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	321.66
MONROE SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS INC	Supplies	67.62
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	3,365.12
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Training	895.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Supplies	154.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	Payroll	199.21
NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE SERV INC	Serv	1,087.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	52.24
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	232.40
OFFICE NET	Supplies	1,524.33
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	1,008.95
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	7,828.12
SUSAN PAULSEN	Mileage/Meals	247.68
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Serv	2,307.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	Rental Fees	160.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,250.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	660.80
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	36.47
RAMADA INN KEARNEY	Lodging	234.00
RILEY ENTERPRISES	Repairs	445.00
KRIS ROBINSON	Regist/Mileage	1,268.16
CHRIS SHEWCHUK	Mileage	382.93
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Serv/Supplies	3,095.00
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,280.01
BARB SULLIVAN	Mileage	207.20
THE FILTER SHOP	Supplies	825.44
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Fees/Serv	6,109.85
U.S. BANK	Lodging/Supplies	487.43

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN	Salary	19,257.80
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	183.96
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	51.83
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	41.02
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	672.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	Fuel	182.24
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fees	173.50
WATCH GUARD VIDEO	Supplies	240.75
WEX BANK	Fuel	5,346.24
MICHAEL J. WINCHESTER	Meals	64.00
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/29/2021	49,851.89
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,331.65
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Ins	12,253.39
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,663.16
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Ins	2,511.80
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	82.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	1,562.41
BLAIR TELEPHONE CO	Serv	57.99
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	889.34
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Supplies	134.22
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts	273.05
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP	Rental Fees	7,000.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	43.57
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	34.50
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	22.25
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	199.36
WILLIAM HANSEL	Cell Reimb	54.00
HARMS OIL COMPANY - OMAHA	Fuel	7,815.45
HUFF TIRE, INC.	Repairs	384.00
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts	998.67
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	Lodging	268.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	18,187.39
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	125.55
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Supplies	105.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL &	Serv	129.00
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	Supplies	3,737.34
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Rental Fees	11,009.02
OFFICE NET	Supplies	568.56
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	550.55
POWERPLAN	Parts/Rental	932.39
SCHAEFFER MFG. CO.	Supplies	543.08
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Deductible	250.00
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	1,617.92
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	153.36
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>		
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	527.64
<b>DRUG COURT</b>		

CAPITAL ONE	Supplies	272.27
<b>JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/29/2021	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	65.38
<b>911 ENHANCED WIRELESS</b>		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	536.87
<b>JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</b>		
HORWATH LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT	Justice Center	25,000.00
<b>E-911 FUND</b>		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	264.43
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Serv	5,791.65
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CREDIT COMPANY	Serv	311,174.66

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 November 9, 2021 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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