

August 23, 2022 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 3:08 PM on August 23, 2022 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 Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf.

2. Approve agenda- Co Attorney Vander Schaaf stated there is a Resolution required by the state that is time sensitive relating to a road project and will need to be added to the agenda as an emergency item.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the agenda for Aug 23, 2022 with the addition of emergency item per Co Attorney. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the Aug 9, 2022 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes be approved but not read 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: Abstain (Without Conflict)

4. Approve Claims

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill that the claims be approved and the Clerk ordered to issue warrant 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

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive correspondence from Dodge County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Marj Hoier, Treasurer: Receive Distress Warrant Report of Sheriff's activity on the 2021 Distress Warrants

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to receive Distress Warrant Report of Sheriff's activity on the 2021 Distress Warrants and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6.1. Distress Warrant Report of Sheriff's activity on the 2020 Distress Warrants & Credit Bureau Report on old collections. PA- Receive list of taxpayers that have not paid & authorize turning delinquent accounts over to Credit Bureau

Motion Jordan Rishel and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive list prepared by Treasurer of the 2020 taxpayers who have not paid and authorize turning delinquent accounts to Credit Bureau. Motion Carried.

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

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

7.1. Accept & approve financing for a 2022 JD Motor Grader

Hansel opened the following bids for financing: 1) Washington Co Bank, 3.4% interest, \$232,102. 2) Two Rivers Bank, 3.65% interest, \$233,979 total. 3) US Bank, 4.19% interest, \$235,498 total.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve financing with Washington County Bank for purchase of 2022 JD motor grader. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to adopt Res 2022-24; Approval of Preliminary Plans, Specifications, and Estimates for Project #ER-3840(13). Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES
(PS&E)

WHEREAS: Washington County (County) and State entered into an LPA Program Agreement for State to assist County in the development and construction of an LPA Federal-aid transportation project;

WHEREAS: The State of the design consultant has developed the project plans to the point where they are ready to submit to State's PS & E Section for final edits for a bid letting;

WHEREAS: The LPA Program Agreement requires the County to review the preliminary PS & E package and either request modification or approve them as acceptable at this stage;

WHEREAS: County wishes to approve the preliminary PS & E package as prepared.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT: The Chairman, Steve Dethlefs, is hereby authorized to sign the bottom of this resolution and submit it to the State signifying the County's approval of the preliminary PS & E package.

NDOT Project Number: ER-3840(13)

NDOT Control Number: 22831

NDOT Project Description: In Fort Calhoun

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2022 at Blair Nebraska.

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County, Nebraska

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Steve Dethlefs, Chairman

Kevin Barnhill

Jay Anderson

Bob Frahm

Lisa Kramer

Steven Kruger

Jordan Rishel

8. 3:30- Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request of Andy Dickinson to vacate a portion of Washington Avenue right-of-way in Section 31, Township 17 North, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. General location 4665 Washington Avenue, Omaha.

Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing to hear those who wish to speak in favor, neutral or against the request. There were no public comments.

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request of Steve Lupardus, for Cottonwood Cove, for approval of a Lot Merger to combine six lots into one lot in accordance with Section 2.06 of the Subdivision Regulations and a change of zone from A-1 and RA to A-1 (RV/M). Property is described as Tax Lots 24, 26, and 27 in Section 30-19-12, Tax Lot 43 is Section 29-19-12, and Lots 1 and 2 River Shores. General location is 10270 Riverside Lane, Blair. D/PA

Chairman Dethlefs gave a summary of the request. Mike and Steve Lupardus were present and answered questions from board members, then the Chairman opened a public hearing for those who wished to speak in favor, neutral, or against the application. Mark Westergard, E&A Consulting Group, addressed sewer and water concerns and said the Cottonwood is currently running at about 10% of its capacity on water. There were no other public comments.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of Steve Lupardus, for Cottonwood Cove, for a Lot Merger of Tax Lots 24, 26, and 27 in Section 30-19-12, Tax Lot 43 is Section 29-19-12, and Lots 1 and 2 River Shores. 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 approve Resolution 2022-21 rezoning Lot 1 Cottonwood Cove from A-1 and RA to A-1 (RV/M). Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION No 2022-21

WHEREAS, Steve Lupardus, for Cottonwood Cove, has requested approval of change of zone for Tax Lots 24, 26, and 27 in Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Tax Lot 43 in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., and Lots 1 and 2, River Shores; and

WHEREAS, Steve Lupardus, for Cottonwood Cove, is also requesting approval of a Lot Merger for said lots to create a lot known as Lot 1, Cottonwood Cove; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the change of zone and lot merger as requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that the following parcel be rezoned from A-1 and RA to A-1 (RV/M):

Lot 1, Cottonwood Cove

This resolution shall be effective upon the filing of the Lot Merger of Tax Lots 24, 26, and 27 in Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Tax Lot 43 in Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., and Lots 1 and 2, River Shores with the Washington County Register of Deeds.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

10. Benjamin Jewell, Extension Educator: Update on Extension Office Constitution & Bylaws
Jewell distributed copies of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws and stated there were only 2 minor changes to the language from when it was last updated in 2016. Board member Kramer asked to have some of the language changed regarding the section on quorums. Jewell said he will have the document updated with more detail and will bring it to the board later for approval.

11. Budget Resolution; to allow 1% increase to restricted funds for budget year 2022-23. PA-adopt Res 2022-22
Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Res 2022-22; to allow 1% increase to restricted funds for budget year 2022-23. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-22

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Washington County, Nebraska, to allow a one (1%) percent increase to the Washington County budget limit pursuant to the Nebraska Budget Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-518 to 13-522 (1997);

WHEREAS, a majority of the authorized Washington County Board agrees to a one (1%) percent increase of the budget limit as demonstrated by their signatures below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County, Nebraska is authorized to allow a one (1%) percent increase to the Washington County budget limit for the year 2022-2023 pursuant to the Nebraska Budget Act.

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized by the Board to execute the Resolution herein and the County Clerk is authorized to file said resolution.

Dated this 23th day of August, 2022.

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County, Nebraska

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Steve Dethlefs, Chairman Kevin Barnhill
Jay Anderson Bob Frahm
Lisa Kramer Steven Kruger

12. Budget Resolution; regarding levy allocations for entities under the county's levy authority. PA- adopt Res 2022-23 Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Res 2022-23; Levy Allocations for entities under the County's levy authority. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION #2022-23

Levy Allocations

WHEREAS, under L.B. 1154 (1996) any property tax for political subdivisions will be included in the County's tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to law, the County has subdivisions levy authority as specified on the County Levy Limit Form. Based on the preliminary levy requests submitted, the County Board grants the following levy authority:

Ag Society.....\$ 145,000
Historical Society.....\$ 106,000
Herman Cemetery District.....\$ 21,000

Townships:

Township #1.....\$ 300,000
Township #2.....\$ 110,000
Township #5.....\$ 153,750
Township #6.....\$ 180,000
Township #7.....\$ 92,000

Rural Fire Districts: (excluding bond amounts)

Arlington Fire District.....\$ 74,069
Blair Rural Fire District.....\$ 212,000
Fort Calhoun Rural Fire Protection District.....\$ 191,000
Herman Rural Fire District.....\$ 57,000
Kennard Fire District.....\$ 94,000

DATED this 23rd day of August, 2022, at Blair, Nebraska.

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

13. Comments from public : none

14. Committee Reports were briefly discussed.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to go into closed session at 3:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jordan Rishel to come out of closed session at 4:24 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

No action in open session.

16. Adjournment

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/19/2022	233,672.85
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	16,339.33
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Life-Dental-Vision	1,173.58
WASHINGTON COUNTY - INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	52,185.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	17,106.08
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	10,125.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Inmate Care	11.85
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Supplies	30.00
AMERICAN BROADBAND	Serv	879.63
BEST CARE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROG	Annual Fees	3,495.00
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	32.97
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Supplies	325.00
MICKAYLA BLENDER	Mileage	131.25
SARAH BOEKA	Damages	1,305.94
BOMGAARS	Repairs	8.69
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	2,291.66
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	108.00
CONSTABLE CHRIS KOZIOL	Fees	14.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs	24.43
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	166.88
SARAH DEEMER	Reimb/Supplies	28.91
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	77.70
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,666.66
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs	852.42
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	887.12
ENGLES, KETCHAM, OLSON & KEITH, PC	Fees	1,102.50
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices/Minutes	215.71
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	557.97
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	120.90
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Serv	200.00
NORA H GOLL	Fees	1,814.50
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Copier Lease	222.45
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs/Serv	7,397.47
HTBS CREDIT	Supplies	143.20
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,500.00
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	92.25
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Shredding	90.00
JERROD JAEGER LAW OFFICE PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	736.25
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
JORDAN LUXA	Reimb/Supplies	8.55
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	2,291.66
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Serv	177.00
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Serv	1,455.50
NACO	Registration	540.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	186.00

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Training	165.00
JOSHUA NELSON	Reimb/Meeting	31.64
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	24.38
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	60.67
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	758.38
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	241.70
PFI	Storage	40.00
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	2,501.55
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Serv	432.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,837.50
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	180.00
RAMADA INN KEARNEY	Lodging	237.00
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	Fees	4,573.57
WENDY REXROAD	Reimb/Supplies	224.54
ROBINSON ELECTRIC	Inspections	2,900.00
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Serv	385.00
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Mileage	55.00
SECRETARY OF STATE NOTARY DIVISION	Fees	90.00
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Supplies	1,051.20
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Supplies	366.60
STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	Supplies	1,235.65
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	81.28
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	53.72
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	1,029.14
WEX BANK	Fuel	418.89
LEILA LUFT-YORK COUNTY COMM CENTER	Registration	118.80
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/19/2022	49,855.20
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,365.17
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Life-Dental-Vision	413.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY - INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	11,201.85
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,650.78
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,531.25
BOMGAARS	Supplies	539.20
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	67.85
DANIELSON/TECH SUPPLY	Serv	326.50
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	99.97
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	Serv	21.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	816.44
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	1,808.87
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	Repairs	197.58
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	213.30
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	214.41
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Supplies	8,200.45
LYMAN-RICHEY SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	10,833.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Serv	90.00
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	196.94
NORTHWEST PROVISIONS-BILLY RHEA III	Gravel	2,683.15

SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, INC	Supplies	4,500.00
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	2,599.54
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Grader Pmnt	38,316.62
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Claims/Fees	142,275.25
DRUG COURT		
CONNIE'S BLAIR BAKERY	Supplies	51.36
THE TROPHY CASE	Supplies	10.00
CAPITAL ONE	Supplies	125.88
JUVENILE SERVICES		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/19/2022	1,923.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	129.80
UNITED HEALTHCARE INS CO	Life-Dental-Vision	17.15
WASHINGTON COUNTY - INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	452.48
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	147.03
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	93.75
INHERITANCE TAX		
KERRY G. HENSON	Fees	709.27
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/19/2022	606.24
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	46.98
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	46.38
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
AMERICAN BROADBAND	Serv	294.15
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	75.26
E-911 FUND		
AMERICAN BROADBAND	Serv	120.15
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	30.74
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Serv	12,307.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CREDIT COMPANY	Serv	43,577.98

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 August 23, 2022 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
