

**March 28, 2023 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 PM on March 28, 2023 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 Jon Stewart, Lisa Kramer, 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 Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for 03/28/2023. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the 3/14/23 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 3/14/23 meeting 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, Stewart: Aye

4. Approve Claims

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill that the claims be approved, and the 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, Stewart: Aye

5. Accept correspondence, consider, and place on file: None

6. Road Dept update: not limited to projects, equipment, and personnel

The road crew continue to haul rock and as soon as the spring rains subside, they will start laying gravel. Crowning projects will also be starting soon. Crack sealing work is about 3/4 complete on all the paved roads and patch work has started on Co Rd 32 in Ft Calhoun.

7. Julie Ashton, Washington County Historical Museum: Discuss placing historical marker on the courthouse grounds. D/PA

Ashton displayed examples of the two different signs that the Historical Museum is erecting in different areas of the county. Ashton stated they would like to have a sign installed for the courthouse and would like the board to give permission and suggestions on where to be placed. There is no cost to the county as the project is funded by a grant and the City of Blair. Board members stated they would like the Building and Grounds Committee to recommendation on location.

8. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on a request for approval of a Lot Merger of Lot 5 Lakeview Estates and Tax Lot 62 in Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. Applicant: Joel Fredericksen. Location: 11244 County Road 34, Blair. (D/PA)

Shewchuk went through the request and stated that the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of lot merger. Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing. There were no comments from the public.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the request of Joel Fredericksen for a Lot Merger of Lot 5 Lakeview Estates and Tax Lot 62 in Section 13-17-11. Motion Carried.

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

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Conditional Use Permit review for Event Venue CUP approved for Ross and Danielle Ridenoure at 16512 County Road 18, Blair. (D/PA)

Shewchuk said the CUP that was originally approved is now up for the 1-year review and stated that the Planning office is not aware of any issues and no complaints have been received regarding the event venue. Applicant Danielle Ridenoure spoke and asked if the allowable event schedule could be extended another month as there is a demand for events in the late fall. The board agreed that any changes to the CUP should go back to the Planning Commission for consideration. Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve continued operation of the Big Red Barn Event Venue with annual administrative reviews. Motion Carried.

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

10. Dan Douglas: Emergency Management update

Douglas discussed some of the continuous training courses he has been attending as well as completing mock emergency drills. Douglas also discussed how citizens can get a permit for burn permits through the fire districts and the differences between prescribed burns and brush pile burns.

11. Adopt Resolution 2023-06; Disposal of County Property. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Res 2023-06. Motion Carried.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2023-06**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.R.S. 23-3106, the county board of supervisors is required to draw up and enforce standard specifications which shall apply to all personal property purchased for the use of the county government; and,

WHEREAS, items purchased for the use of the county government that are broken, obsolete, or of no significant monetary value would not necessarily need to be declared surplus before disposing of them; and,

WHEREAS, each elected county government official is responsible for the items purchased for the use of the county government by their office and must maintain an inventory of all such items;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that any elected county government official may dispose of any non-mobile personal property purchased for the use of the county government by their elected office without needing to have such property first declared as surplus and without first having to attempt to sell said property when said property is determined to be broken, obsolete, or of a monetary value equal to or less than \$500.00. Such disposal shall be noted on the official's office inventory for each item.

Adopted and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan  
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs, Chairman  
Washington County Board of Supervisors

12. Finance Comm: Adopt Resolution 2023-07; Transferring Inheritance Tax as per Budget

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Res 2023-07; Transferring \$100,000 from Inheritance Tax Fund to E911 Fund as per Budget. Motion Carried.

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

### **RESOLUTION 2023 – 07**

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the following transfers of INHERITANCE TAX FUNDS (Budget Code Fund 2700 98200 70200) to the following FUNDS, be made as per 2022-2023 adopted fiscal year budget:

FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Inheritance Tax Fund	\$100,000.00	E911 System 5907 59003

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THAT THE County Treasurer of Washington County is hereby directed to make transfers immediately from INHERITANCE TAX FUNDS on hand as of this date.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan  
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs, Chairman  
Washington County Board of Supervisors

13. Special Designated Licenses: The Tow Line Co for 4-15-23, Nelson's Food Pride for 5-19-23 and 6-3-23. Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for The Tow Line Co and Nelson's Food Pride. Motion Carried.

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

14. Comments from public : No comments

15. Committee Reports were briefly discussed.

16. Closed session: To be made in order to protect the public interest with respect to discussion regarding personnel. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to go into closed session at 4:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present were 7 board members, Co Clerk Sullivan, and Co Attorney Vander Schaaf.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to come out of closed session at 4:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize the Board to allow Road Committee to negotiate job & salary for selected candidate for the Highway Superintended position. Motion Carried.

Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Abstain (Without Conflict), Stewart: Aye

17. Closed session: For the purpose of discussing attorney client privileged information, attorney client privileged information regarding current, potential, imminent threat of litigation, and contract negotiations involving Washington County. D/PA– There were no items for this closed session.

18. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/17/2023	240,999.97
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	16,837.46
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	797.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	52,534.71
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	17,602.27
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	9,351.22
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Supplies	35.93
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	18.33

ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Copier Lease	30.00
ROBIN ANDREASEN	Mileage	121.18
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Service	4,518.01
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	98.93
LORI A. BLUME	Service	183.75
TAMMI BURBACH	Supplies	11.21
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	2,291.66
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Unit Lease	150.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.	Regist.	75.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	72.00
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATION	Supplies	267.63
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs	29.68
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Service	868.90
WENDY C. CUTTING	Fees	30.25
DARREN DAGEFORDE	Mileage	262.66
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,666.66
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs	737.84
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	768.72
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Service	620.00
FAMILY DENTAL CENTERS PC	Inmate Care	293.00
FARO TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	Service	796.08
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Phone	484.36
FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO	Vehicle Pmnts	9,859.50
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	Inmate Care	8.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Copier Lease	236.32
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	343.35
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs/Serv	252.14
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,500.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	232.79
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	10.85
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	60.00
JAEGER LAW OFFICE PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	2,835.75
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
ED LAUTRUP	Mileage/Fees	259.50
MARY LOFTIS	Service	604.00
JORDAN LUXA	Fuel Reimb	73.97
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	2,291.66
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Inmate Care	3,226.24
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Tires	1,011.96
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	58.72
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	486.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	8.99
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	339.21
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	164.83
SUSAN PAULSEN	Mileage	117.25
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	1,257.15
POSTMASTER	Postage	1,125.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,392.50

POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	1,102.70
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	411.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	199.51
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	797.00
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	9.29
SECRETARY OF STATE NOTARY DIVISION	Service	30.00
ADAM SIPPLE	Court Appt Atty	8,333.33
BARB SULLIVAN	Mileage	100.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Food Serv	8,311.48
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Service	5,151.99
GARY TINKHAM	Reimb/Supplies	230.06
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Service	149.50
ADAM R TRIPP	Court Appt Atty	209.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Equipment	311.95
U.S. BANK	Supplies/Fees	264.57
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	7,000.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Service	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	40.01
VERIZON	Service	42.78
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	956.48
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Unit Lease	150.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Service	360.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	15.72
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Vehide Pmnts	48,811.42
WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	Fuel	65.55
WEX BANK	Fuel	665.89
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/17/2023	46,613.10
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,146.40
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	289.52
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	10,431.26
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,394.64
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,062.50
ANG REFRIGERATION, HEATING & AIR	Repairs	582.00
MARILYN G. BARTLING	R.O.W.	554.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	115.64
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	37.80
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	5,276.33
VERA I. KUSS	R.O.W.	766.00
NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN COMPANY	Supplies	28,903.66
NELSEN APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	Service	1,150.00
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	1,500.00
VERMEER HIGH PLAINS	Parts	324.21
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	599.25
WARNER DISTRIBUTING	Supplies	218.72
<b>INSURANCE FUND</b>		
AUXIANT	Insurance	140,260.67
<b>JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT</b>		

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/17/2023	2,221.50
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	149.95
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	13.77
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	466.05
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	169.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	93.75
<b>COVID ARPA FUNDS</b>		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	2,900.00
<b>911 ENHANCED WIRELESS</b>		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	75.26
<b>E-911 FUND</b>		
DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS	Serv/Maint	123,728.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	30.74

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 March 28, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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