

May 23, 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 3:06 PM on May 23, 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.

Vice Chairman Bob Frahm 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: Vice Chairman Bob Frahm, board members Jon Stewart, Lisa Kramer, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Steve Dethlefs. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda for 05/23/2023 meeting

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the agenda for May 23, 2023. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the 05/09/2023 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 5/9/23 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: Absent, 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: Absent, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

5. Accept correspondence, consider, and place on file

6. David Kruger, Hwy Supt: Road Dept update not limited to projects, equipment, and personnel

6.1. Accept and approve gravel bids

The following bids were received for gravel: 1) Stalp Gravel, \$18.50 per-ton road gravel, \$19.00 per-ton armor coat gravel. 2) Johnson Sand & Gravel, \$19.25 per-ton road gravel.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept gravel bids from Stalp Gravel Co and Johnson Sand & Gravel Co. Motion Carried.

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

6.2. Accept and approve rock bids

6.3. Accept and approve culvert bids

Culvert bids were received from B's Enterprises and Metal Culverts Inc

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept all culvert bids and have the Road Dept use at their discretion. Motion Carried.

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

6.4. Accept and approve financing for a 2023 Mack dump truck

The following bids for financing were reviewed for a \$215,733 dump truck: 1) US Bank, 4.96% interest, \$241,273 total, 2) WCB, 5.35% int, \$243,758 total, 3) Two Rivers Bank, 4.55 % int, \$240,298 total. Kruger stated he would

like to look at current loans compared to the dump truck purchase and determine what can be paid off with current fiscal year funds.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to accept and approve financing for 2023 Mack dump truck from Two Rivers Bank pending review of current loans. Motion Carried.

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

7. Matt Geiger: Discuss driveway on new property

Mr. Geiger said should his driveway be placed at the county's recommended location it would make the slope of the driveway very steep and asked the board for a variance from the usual 500 ft of site line distance to 355 ft. Kruger stated that the county's policy of having a 500 ft line of site distance comes from the recommendation from the county's insurance policy from NIRMA. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf gave his opinion on what the county would additionally need to do should the board approve the request.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to deny request for variance and enforce 500feet of site distance.

Motion Carried.

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

8. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the following applications:

8.1. Conditional Use Permit Modification--Dwight Dam, for Dam Farms, Inc., is requesting approval of a CUP Modification to add a location for the application if sludge as a fertilizer substitute and soil conditioner. The property is legally described st the Southwest 1/4, the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, the Northwest 1/34 of the Southeast 1/4, and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, township 19 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. General location is County Road 3 and County Road 8, Hooper. D/PA

Shewchuk discussed the request and stated the Planning Commission voted 7-0 in favor of recommending approval. The applicant was not present at the meeting. Mike Anderson spoke during the public hearing.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of Dwight Dam, for Dam farms, Inc. for a CUP Modification to allow sludge application on the SW1/4, S1/2 NW1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, and SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 4-19-9 with one-year administrative reviews. Motion Carried.

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

8.2. Preliminary Plat and Change of Zone--Craig Linnenbrink, for Amber Linnenbrink and Aaron Bummer, is requesting approval of a preliminary plat to create a 3-lot subdivision and a change of zone from A-1 to RS-1. The property is described as Tax Lot 48 in Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. Property location is 1643 County Road 45, Fort Calhoun. D/PA

Shewchuk reviewed the request and stated the Planning Commission voted 7-0 in favor of approval. Louis and Julie Lester, neighbors of the property owner, voiced concerns and had questions during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve the request of Craig Linnenbrink, for Amber Linnenbrink and Aaron Bummer, for a preliminary plat of a 3-lot subdivision. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve Resolution 2023-11; for a change of zone from A-1 to RS-1 for Tax Lot 48 in Section 35-17-12. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2023-11

WHEREAS, Craig Linnenbrink, for Amber Linnenbrink and Aaron Bummer has requested approval of a preliminary plat of a residential subdivision Hidden Hills and a change of zone from A-1 to RS-1 for the area of the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the preliminary plat and change of zone; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has approved the requested preliminary plat; and

WHEREAS, the proposed preliminary plat is in conformance with the requirements of the RS-1 zoning district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that the following described parcel be rezoned from A-1 to RS-1:

HIDDEN HILLS, LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, BEING A REPLATTING OF TAX LOT 48 LYING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

This resolution shall be effective upon the filing of the Final Plat of Hidden Hills with the Washington County Register of Deeds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2023.

Bob Frahm
Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Special Event/Festival Permit Applications

9.1. Mariel Barreras is requesting approval of a Special Event/Festival Permit to hold "Father's Day Lightning Bugs & S'mores" event on Saturday, June 17th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. D/PA

Shewchuk stated that he has authority to approve special event requests but wanted to have the board decide as he had concerns over parking and safety for both requests. Mariel Barreras spoke and answered questions from board members. Mike Anderson and Angel Murtaugh spoke. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf and board members discussed the matter at length. Some of the board members voiced their concerns about the possibility of alcohol being brought to the event as well as nighttime traffic and parking.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve the request of Mariel Barreras for a Special Event/Festival Permit to hold a Father's Day event on June 17th, from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Motion Failed.

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

9.2. Mariel Barreras is requesting approval of a Special Event/Festival Permit to hold "Independence Day Mulberry Picking" event on Saturday, July 8th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of Mariel Barreras for a Special Event/Festival Permit to hold an Independence Day event on July 8th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. Motion Carried.

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

10. Sheriff Mike Robinson: To approve financing for two patrol cars

Robinson received the following finance bids for two 2023 Chargers totaling \$73,078 after trade ins and equipment: 1)

Two Rivers Bank, 4.55% int, 2) WCB, 5.35% int, 3) US Bank, 6.67% int

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve financing for two patrol cars from Two Rivers Bank.

Motion Carried.

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

11. Dan Douglas, Emergency Manager: discuss Tri-County Planning Education and Training (PET) MOU with City of Omaha, Douglas and Sarpy Counties. D/PA

The purpose of the MOU is to designate the Tri-County Planning, Exercise and Training (PET) Region Working Group as responsible for implementing and overseeing SHSGP (State Homeland Security Grant Program) awards to the Tri-County PET Region. Douglas stated that the contributions are based on each jurisdiction's population. Washington County's cost would be \$4,024 over three years.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Vice Chairman to sign MOU. Motion Carried.

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

12. Mary Loftis: Request for continued funding for SHIP

Loftis provided a copy of the SHIP/SMP Medicare Education Impact report for 2022-23 and discussed some of the work that is being done. Loftis stated that the fund request from Washington County would be the same amount as last year, \$2,416.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to approve request for continuing funding for SHIP in the amount of \$2,416.00. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: none

14. Committee Reports were briefly discussed.

Madison J D C, \$.25 assessment fee in order to be a priority member. Jail and EM Committee discussed opportunities on how to coordinate a 24 hr operation with Building and Grounds. Roads Committee discussed road and shoulder ditch improvements and personnel issues.

15. 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 Jay Anderson to go into closed session at 5:35 pm. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 6 board members, Co Clerk Sullivan, and Co Attorney Vander Schaaf

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to come out of closed session at 5:46 pm. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to extend an offer the position of Building Inspector to John Manson. Motion Carried.

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

16. 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.

17. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/12/2023	253,735.28
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	17,793.10
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	788.07
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	50,517.22
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	18,613.62
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	9,050.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	18.93
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Copies	139.34
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Supplies	30.00
ROBIN ANDREASEN	Mileage	564.49
ANDREA BARNES	Class	200.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Supplies	21.40
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	90.90
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	4,539.40
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	53.80
BOMGAARS	Supplies	342.45
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Serv	600.00
RANDY CAMPBELL	Mileage	264.75
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	2,291.66
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	101.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH	Supplies	914.68
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Service	645.01
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	166.88
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fees	3.25
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	91.03
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	6,666.66
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs/Serv	520.72

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	302.75
ENGLES, KETCHAM, OLSON, KEITH PC	Atty Fees	472.50
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	944.55
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	94.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies/Fuel	2,126.18
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Copier Lease	213.73
GWORKS	Subscription	5,292.00
HAMPTON INN KEARNEY	Lodging	1,214.00
HAMPTON	Lodging	1,040.00
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Fees	225.64
DONNA HENTON	Supplies	37.50
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	404.68
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs	496.75
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,500.00
HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY	Lodging	371.97
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	113.56
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	217.94
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Serv	120.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS INC	Supplies	166.00
MCKINNIS ROOFING & SHEET METAL, INC	Repairs	651.87
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	2,291.66
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Inmate Care	310.00
METHODIST PHYSICIANS CLINIC	Inmate Care	210.00
ROMONA MILLER	Reimb/Supplies	19.84
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	180.00
KYLEE NIELSEN	Mileage	99.14
NMS LABS	Serv	555.00
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	170.71
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	94.20
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	646.84
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	588.70
ERIK PETERSEN	Mileage	288.62
PFI	Storage	40.00
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	1,710.15
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Serv	5,245.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,952.50
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies/Repairs	446.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	171.18
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Serv	385.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	21.09
SECRETARY OF STATE	Subscription	40.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Serv	250.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Food Service	15,160.60
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv	349.90
ULTRA CAR WASH	Serv	650.00
M SCOTT VANDERSCHAAF	Mileage	258.07
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01

VERIZON	Serv	42.75
VOSS LIGHTING	Supplies	299.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE	Fees	35.50
WEX BANK	Fuel	198.84
MICHAEL J. WINCHESTER	Mileage	288.07
WINSUPPLY	Supplies	88.66
MARY WORTMAN	Mileage	282.13
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/12/2023	46,299.70
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,125.25
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	289.52
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	10,431.26
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,370.65
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,062.50
BOMGAARS	Supplies	68.49
CIVIL SOLUTIONS LLC	Serv	2,975.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	342.38
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	40.38
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	1,636.45
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	392.81
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	111.70
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	118.56
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	7,786.24
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Repairs	896.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs	448.89
SCHAEFFER MFG. CO.	Supplies	545.28
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	363.84
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Supplies	140.00
ROAD/BRIDGE IMPROV DIST FUND		
BOKF, NA-CORPORATE TRUST SERVICES	Bond Pmnts	644,341.25
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	104.03
DONNA HENTON	Supplies	37.50
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Fees	136,460.16
DRUG COURT		
BRANDON JERRED	Reimb	32.71
CAPITAL ONE	Supplies	121.12
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/12/2023	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
COVID ARPA FUNDS		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	19,016.66
VOGTSAPES, INC.	Serv	156,127.99

911 ENHANCED WIRELESS

CENTURYLINK	Serv	536.60
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	75.26

E-911 FUND

B'S ENTERPRISE INC	Supplies	1,305.00
CENTURYLINK	Serv	219.17
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	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 May 23, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
