

July 11, 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 3:00 PM on July 11, 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 Lisa Kramer, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Jon Stewart and Bob Frahm. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Chief Deputy Mitch Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Co Attorney Vander Schaaf asked to have item #13, closed session, to be moved ahead of agenda item #8 Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the agenda for 7/11/23. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the June 27, 2023 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 6/27/23 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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

5. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$440, Reg of Deeds \$55,758, Co Crt \$19,276, Clk Dist Crt \$1,510, Co Sheriff \$2,156, Planning & Zoning \$9,867, Road Dept \$121,134 & June Treasurer's statement: Collections \$2,916,004, Disbursements \$5,067,696, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,858,258, Ending Balance \$13,227,687

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to accept the office fee reports and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to receive correspondence from Douglas Co Planning & Zoning and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

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

7.1. Accept & approve Township Agreements for 2023-24. D/PA

Board discussed possibly increasing the cost next year to adjust for inflation as it had not changed in 4 years. Mike Anderson spoke on the matter.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to approve Township Agreements for FY 2023-24 and charge \$1,475 per mile (no price change). Motion Carried.

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

8. Josh Nelson: Noxious Weed update

Nelson said that musk thistle is maturing, and Canada thistle is flowering, and 300 acres of infestation have been reported since spring. Nelson also stated that he has been meeting several landowners to help create programs and provide education. Nelson plans to send letters regarding phragmites to landowners soon.

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Total revenue for the month of June was \$54,429, \$535,855 total for the fiscal year.

10. Tech Committee: Discuss recommendation for new website. D/PA

Kramer discussed Turnkey's proposal for a new county website and said that the county's current website, hosted by the State of Nebraska, has never been upgraded to a secure domain and has not been updated for several years. The proposed site would be more user-friendly as well as have ADA compliance features. Wix hosting cost is around \$264 per year for a premium site, however this is usually discounted for the first year. Additional widgets, such as forms, cost an average of \$30 per month.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the website redesign with Turnkey as proposed. Motion Carried.

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

11. Jail/ EM Committee: Discuss Emergency Manager duties. D/PA

Kramer said that the Jail Committee recommends adding the duties and responsibilities of the Communications Director, who is leaving her position next month and is responsible for the 911 Enhanced Wireless and E911 System Funds, to the Emergency Manager role. Supervision would remain under the Board of Supervisors, EM/Jail Committee and collaboration will remain with the Sheriff's office with regards to setting the budgets for funds involved. Kramer also said that salaries would also be adjusted. Kruger said he would like to see a detailed list of the proposed job description before taking any action.

12. Receive and place on file Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke

14. Committee Reports: Finance gave a proposed budget increase of 4% to county offices. Kruger suggested that members of the Finance Comm meet with other Supervisors to discuss the upcoming proposed budget. Other committee reports were discussed during earlier agenda items.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to go into closed session at 3:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 5 board members, Hwy Supt David Kruger, Shelly Jensen, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to come out of closed session at 3:47p.m. Motion Carried.

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

No action in open session.

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:05 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/7/2023	299,261.80
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	21,072.23
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	797.01
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	51,052.47

WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	22,063.18
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	9,411.52
A UNITED AUTOMATIC DOORS & GLASS	Repairs	310.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	385.00
BRIDGET ABRAHAM	Mileage	41.26
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	19,128.24
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Supplies	260.89
BREWSTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	Cemetery Maint	345.00
TAMARA S BURBACH	Transcript	75.00
CANON USA, INC.	Serv	2,500.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv/Library Fees	3,022.94
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Unit Lease	50.00
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Serv	180.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	72.00
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	203.55
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,575.54
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	36.58
DIAMOND MEDICAL SUPPLY	Inmate Care	295.39
LORI DIEFENBAUGH	Reimb/Supplies	26.50
DODGE COUNTY CLERK	Probation	10,433.08
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fees	28.37
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	961.14
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	Special Election	877.27
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	706.35
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	137.75
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	925.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Lodging/Supplies	218.89
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Repairs	617.68
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv	128.40
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Notices	721.29
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	5.34
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	86.37
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Serv	83.28
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Supplies	16.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training/Supplies	142.46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies	26.40
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Inmate Care	203.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	761.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	119.37
BOB FRAHM	Reimb/Supplies	37.93
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Fees	43.76
HERMAN CEMETERY DISTRICT	Cemetery Maint	600.00
HERMANSON LAW LLC	Court Appt Atty	442.50
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	1,265.58
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs/Serv	767.10
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Lawn Care	2,223.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Repairs	250.00
JOHN MANSON	Supplies/Mileage	895.94

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Serv	200.00
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	4,589.80
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	579.77
NIRMA	Insurance	307,298.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	49.99
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	89.89
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	1,149.52
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	10,153.05
ON TARGET AMMUNITION LLC	Supplies	6,421.69
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,993.75
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	37.12
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	49.38
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	Registration	580.00
REDFIELD & COMPANY INC	Supplies	464.69
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	Serv	15,931.25
RILEY ENTERPRISES	Repairs	175.00
ROBINSON ELECTRIC	Inspections	6,820.00
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	9.28
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Serv/Repairs	1,479.09
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs	148.00
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Supplies	405.65
STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	Serv	222.00
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,280.01
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Serv	7,260.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv	8,972.20
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	460.51
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	46.63
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	53.51
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	62.80
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Unit Lease	50.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	622.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fees	238.70
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Petty Cash	172.34
WEX BANK	Fuel	8,478.21
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/7/2023	44,444.89
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,000.05
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	289.93
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	10,431.26
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,232.42
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,156.25
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	104.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	Signs	3,379.58
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	1,753.87
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Gravel	686.40
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Rock	303.75
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Supplies/Parts	638.93
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies/Parts	119.03

JEFFREY CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	150.00
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	150.00
COLONIAL RESEARCH	Supplies	123.05
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Supplies	14.00
DULTMEIER SALES	Parts	145.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	89.12
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	66.20
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	62.94
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	4,622.05
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts/Labor	639.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	19,019.71
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	169.65
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Serv	146.25
TROY MENCKE	Elect Reimb	150.00
DOUGLAS M MUHSMAN	Elect Reimb	150.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	12,492.14
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	Signs	3,187.35
NIRMA	Insurance	102,941.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	3,172.39
OMAHA DOOR & WINDOW CO INC	Repairs	775.60
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	668.70
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Elect Reimb	150.00
POWERPLAN	Parts	6,713.20
SE SMITH & SONS	Parts	76.33
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	4,907.00
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	Supplies	120.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	167.46
TODD G. WACHTER	Elect Reimb	150.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	Truck Titles	65.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Parts	623.16
YANT EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Parts	1,048.80
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
BRIDGET ABRAHAM	Reimb/Supplies	11.60
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	26.84
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	541.64
INSURANCE FUND		
UNITED STATES TREASURY	Fees	426.00
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/7/2023	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
VERIZON	Serv	42.75

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 July 11, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
