

August 8, 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 3:08 PM on August 8, 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, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Lisa Kramer. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Chief Deputy Mitch Robinson, Assessor Robin Andreasen, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for Aug 8, 2023. Motion Carried.
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Absent, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

3. Approve minutes for the July 25, 2023 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 7/25/23 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: Absent, 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: Absent, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

5. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$335, Reg of Deeds \$47,019, Co Crt \$15,257, Co Plan \$20,563, Clk Dist Crt \$2,613, Co Sheriff \$1,416, Road Dept \$138,126 & July Treasurer's statement: Collections \$1,480,452, Disbursements \$1,862,144, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,883,968, Ending Balance \$12,845,995

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Bob Frahm to receive office fee reports and place on file. Motion Carried.
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Absent, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

6. Accept correspondence, consider, and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to receive letters from Jane Ferneding and NE Probation Sixth District and place on file. Motion Carried.
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Absent, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

7. Assessor Robin Andreasen: Request approval of bids for purchase of vehicle. D/PA

Assessor Andreasen discussed the following bids for vehicle purchase: 1) Woodhouse, 2020 Cherokee, \$29,131, 2) Woodhouse, 2020 Escape, \$29,057, 3) Sid Dillon, 2024 Equinox, \$34,440, 4) Sid Dillon, 2024 Equinox, \$34,170. Andreasen stated that she prefers the Jeep Cherokee as it has the best cargo space for what the office needs. Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve bid from Woodhouse to purchase a 2020 Cherokee for \$29,131. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger displayed photos showing Road Dept completed and ongoing projects throughout the county and answered questions from board members.

9. Tom Kratochvil: Discuss request for Engine Braking sign for Co Rd 15 north of Hwy 30. D/PA

Mr. Kratochvil asked the board to reinstate a no engine braking sign for Co Rd 15 just north of Hwy 30 due to the increase in truck traffic from agricultural and home development in the area. Hwy Supt Kruger was asked if there was any record of an engine braking sign being there before, to which he said he could not find any record of it. Sheriff Robinson said that the Sheriff Dept cannot enforce County Ordinances. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf said the board should look into what was done in the past for Cargill Rd should they want to move forward. Board members Kruger and Anderson voiced their concerns and said consideration for engine braking signs should be criteria driven and not based off a single complaint.

10. Tyler Siecke: Discuss driveway site distance for lots on Co Rd P37. D/PA

Mr. Siecke passed out pictures of his lot which he said is being denied a driveway permit due to site distance requirement. Siecke said there are 2 other lots that would also be affected by the 500-foot site distance requirement and said he would grant an easement to the properties north of his if it would resolve to having an entrance on to his property. Dave Kruger gave his suggestion on where an easement and access road could be placed and offered to talk to the other landowners.

11. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue Update

Robinson said revenue for the month of July totaled \$81,169. Kruger asked about estimated revenues for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

12. Finance Committee: 2023-24 County Budget Review. D/PA

Kruger discussed some of the proposed increases and changes to line items in the General Fund and touched on the proposed use of Inheritance Tax and ARPA funds to reduce the tax asking amounts.

13. Special Designated License: Blair Marina Inc, craft fair on 9/8 & 9/9 at RVR Bank Arena & craft fair on 9/8 & 9/9 at Rybin Building

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to authorize Chairman to sign Local Recommendation Form 200 for Blair Marina Inc for events at RVR Bank Arena and Rybin Building on Sept 8 & 9. Motion Carried.

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

14. Comments from public: none

15. Committee Reports:

Frahm said he is working with Total Fire to get the panic buttons in the south wing of the courthouse rewired in order to get in working condition and said the quote was not to exceed \$2,950. Finance met with Sheriff Robinson to discuss some of his budgets.

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 a closed session.

17. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and seconded by Jay Anderson to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:27 PM.

Motion carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/4/2023	236,675.47
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	16,355.21
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	792.84
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	50,300.83
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	17,290.95
WASHINGTON COUTNY BANK	H.S.A.	8,850.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	385.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	19,622.34

TWILA ALEXANDER	Reimb/Supplies	12.00
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Supplies	30.00
LORI BENSEN	Reimb/Postage	172.81
BOB BARKER CO INC	Inmate Care	369.84
BURT COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	Fees	18.50
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Serv	900.00
RANDY CAMPBELL	Mileage	265.28
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv/Library Fees	2,314.15
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Serv	140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Filing Fees	146.00
CONNIE'S BLAIR BAKERY	Supplies	36.20
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	13.14
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs	1,238.33
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,577.41
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	46.46
SARAH DEEMER	Reimb/Supplies	27.12
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Reairs/Serv	151.36
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	889.98
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Serv	1,742.01
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	1,316.21
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	78.50
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	925.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Taining	378.07
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Advertising	70.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training	225.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	188.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Training/Repairs	261.12
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	588.04
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	21.39
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Lodging/Supplies	641.93
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	36.99
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Serv	60.00
JENNIFER HANSEN	Reimb/Postage	268.11
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	723.96
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs	748.89
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	18.49
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Serv	2,489.14
JAEGER LAW OFFICE PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	256.50
JAKES BAR & GRILL	Juror Lunch	196.06
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Serv	2,143.00
JETTER'S PLUMBING INC	Repairs	151.24
JOHNSON & PEKNY, LLC	Court Appt Atty	292.50
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Repairs	72.50
KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	Copier Lease	199.48
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	8.74
JORDAN LUXA	Mileage	189.40
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	751.29
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Repairs	2,056.40

MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	4,589.80
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	732.47
NACO	Registration	150.00
NEBR ASSOC OF CO CLERKS/ROD	Registration	50.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	170.60
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	156.79
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	10,923.86
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC	Maint.	8,208.72
PFI	Storage	60.00
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Inmate Care	69.94
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,787.50
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	352.00
ROBINSON ELECTRIC	Inspections	5,620.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	37.07
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	Maint.	12,366.12
SIDNER, SVOBODA,SCHILKE,THOMSEN	Court Appt Atty	484.50
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Serv	154.86
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,280.01
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Food Services	8,263.38
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Supplies	2,865.20
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Serv	7,865.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Serv	540.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv/Equipt.	10,595.00
U.S. BANK	Supplies	122.39
ULTRA CAR WASH	Serv	650.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	453.39
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	42.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	53.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	62.81
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	544.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	Fuel	364.08
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fees	246.55
WEX BANK	Fuel	8,004.31
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Serv	283.19
MARY WORTMAN	Reimb	34.35
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/4/2023	47,378.40
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,198.06
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	303.70
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	11,286.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,419.68
WASHINGTON COUTNY BANK	H.S.A.	2,387.76
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	104.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	2,094.61
BOBCAT OF OMAHA	Parts	233.18
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Supplies	53.47
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts	43.68

CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	37.10
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	1,264.80
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	112.00
ENVIROTECH	Supplies	18,153.87
FASTENAL COMPANY	Supplies	120.15
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	62.94
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Supplies	673.86
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	191.88
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Serv	106.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	Supplies	2,092.07
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Serv/Supplies	3,888.41
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO, INC.	Parts	8,200.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	12,462.10
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	21,176.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	37.28
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	609.59
POWERPLAN	Parts/Labor	5,986.17
THURMAN PSYCHOLOGICAL	Serv	1,550.00
SAPP BROS, INC	Propane	4,000.00
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	68.34
TEAM LABORATORY CHEMICAL CORP	Supplies	921.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	2,860.30
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Parts	657.17
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Rock	1,673.65
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Rock	3,525.55
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	12,643.21
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Rock	28,087.94
HIGHWAY BUYBACK FUNDS		
GERHOLD CONCRETE COMPANY, INC	Serv	5,268.69
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	103.93
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	541.64
STEVE STODOLA	Reimb/Supplies	322.90
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/4/2023	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 COUTNY BANK	H.S.A.	93.75
VERIZON	Serv	42.76
COVID ARPA		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	4,253.00
LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND		
NENCAP	Serv	3,868.40
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	40.76

FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	106.00
E-911 FUND		
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Serv	6,192.31

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 8, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
