

September 12, 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 3:05 PM on September 12, 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 Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Deputy Treasurer Merri Hightree, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Chief Deputy Sheriff Mitch Robinson, and Deputy Co Attorney Tom Brantley

2. Approve agenda

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for Sept 12, 2023. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the August 22, 2023 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 8/22/23 meeting be approved but not read for the purpose that all board members were furnished a copy of said minutes prior to the 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 Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$413, Reg of Deeds \$40,290, Co Crt \$19,342, Co Plan \$10,196, Clk Dist Crt \$1,272, Co Sheriff \$3,441, Road Dept \$10,541 & August Treasurer's statement: Collections \$4,628,946, Disbursements \$1,959,465, Inheritance Fund \$1,941,260, Ending Balance \$15,515,474

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive office fee reports and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to receive correspondence from Cuming Co Planning & Zoning and Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger provided pictures of some of the projects and engineering work that is being done and discussed grant writing training that he attended. Mike Anderson spoke.

8. Treasurer Marj Hoier: Discuss annual report by Treasurer of delinquent taxes not sold at annual tax sale

Merry Hightree passed out a copy of the delinquent tax listing that was not collected by Credit Bureau or Tax Sale and told the board that no action was needed at this time.

8.1. Request Personal Property Tax to be stricken from the tax rolls. D/PA

Deputy Treasurer Hightree provided the board with a list of real estate and personal property taxes that had been delinquent for 15 years totaling \$1,469.86.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to strike from tax rolls the real estate and personal property taxes that had been delinquent for 15 years as presented by the Deputy Treasurer. Motion Carried.

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

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Update on Jail revenue for August

Total Corrections billing revenue for the month of August was \$92,730.

9.1. Discuss increase in food cost from Summit Food Service. D/PA

Captain Steve Bolton and Sheriff Robinson asked that the board sign a letter to Summit Food Service as a 60-day notice to terminate the contract pending Co Attorney's approval of language. Robinson stated that there have been issues with the quantity and quality of service and the letter would put the vendor on notice. Ben Stangl spoke. Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Chairman to sign letter giving 60-day termination notice to the Food Service Partnership Agreement with Summit pending Co Attorney approval of the language. Motion Carried.

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

9.2. Discuss financing for new patrol vehicles. D/PA- rescind prior motion to approve financing.

Sheriff Robinson stated that there was an error with the presentation of bids at the last board meeting and said it was advised by Co Attorney Vander Schaaf to have the banks submit new bids. The following bids were received: 1) WCB, 5.702% int, \$173,667 total, 2) RVR Bank, 5.75% int, \$173,978 total.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to rescind prior motion to approve financing with RVR Bank. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve financing with WCB for the amount of \$173,667.18 total for three vehicles. Motion Carried.

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

10. Mark Van Der Hart, Chairman of Tekamah Airport Joint Zoning Board: Request approval & appointment of Carl Lorenzen & Nels Christensen to Tekamah Airport Zoning Board. D/PA

Van Der Hart stated that Tekamah Airport is required by State Statute to have two representatives from each political subdivision over which the airport safety zones lay. Carl Lorenzen would like to be reappointed for another term and Nels Christensen would like to serve for the next 4-year term to fill Gary Riibe's position, who declined to be reappointed. Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the appointments of Carl Lorenzen and Nels Christensen to the Tekamah Airport Joint Zoning Board. Motion Carried.

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

11. 4:00- Public hearing on the proposed 2023-24 Washington County Budget

at 4:00 PM Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing for those who wish to speak for, against, or neutral regarding the proposed 2023-24 Washington County Budget. Supervisor Kruger discussed Lid Exemptions and areas of the budget with the biggest increases and stated the proposed budget has not changed since last meeting. Ben Stangl asked about the Treasury Commission that school boards pay the County Treasurer. Chairman Dethlefs closed the public hearing after there were no other comments from the public. Supervisor Kramer asked the board about salaries for elected official's deputies and where the standard of 80% of the official's salary came from. Bob discussed the budget for cleaning services in the courthouse.

12. Tech Committee: Discussion of new website content

Kramer asked board members what content they would like to move over from the current county website to the new homepage and also asked for pictures and/or videos to add as background images.

13. Receive Washington County Inventories and place on file

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill the receive and place on file the Washington County Inventories for 2023. Motion Carried.

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

14. Special Designated License: 1316 Jones LLC, reception on 9/30/23 at Red Barn Chapel

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for 1316 Jones LLC, reception at Red Barn Chapel on 9/30/23. Motion Carried.

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

15. Comments from public:

Deputy Co Attorney Tom Brantley stated that the office received incentive payment from Child Support Division of the Dept of Health and Human Services that covers approximately 90% of Child Support Enforcement office salaries. Ben Stangl spoke.

16. Committee Reports:

Road Committee discussed projects and the request of Gateway Development and Blair City to pave Sheridan St.

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

Motion Steve Dethlefs and second by Bob Frahm to go into closed session at 4:33 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 7 board members, Co Clerk Sullivan, Deputy Attorney Brantley, Megan Eagleton, Sheriff Robinson, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Robinson.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to come out of closed session at 5:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to transfer supervision of maintenance personnel from the courthouse to Sheriff's office. Motion Carried.

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

18. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:12 PM. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/1/2023	255,932.52
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	17,192.14
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	19,578.95
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	385.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	23,276.26
ROBIN ANDREASEN	Reimb	179.34
AT&T	Serv	70.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	254.85
MICKAYLA BLENDER	Reimb/Fuel	28.18
BOB BARKER CO INC	Inmate Care	369.84
BOMGAARS	Supplies	64.98
TAMMI BURBACH	Reimb/Supplies	38.51
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Serv	300.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv/Library Fees	2,202.67
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Serv	140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	216.00
COMFORT INN - KEARNEY	Lodging	119.95
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Food Serv	175.75
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,581.96
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	95.59
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fees	90.65
RON DOWLER	Serv	840.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs	36.05
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	1,346.99
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Serv	4,122.27
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	492.75

FAIRFIELD INN SUITES	Lodging	919.60
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	136.55
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Inmate Care	701.00
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	936.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	48.73
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	21.34
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv	749.27
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Advertising	266.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Meals	23.97
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	187.30
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	26.74
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies	71.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Inmate Care	16.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies	1,307.55
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	787.38
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Serv	816.74
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	Supplies	399.98
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Fees	337.50
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	Inmate Care	30.00
HANSEN AGENCY INC	Notary Bond	70.00
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Serv Fees	43.76
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	3,454.77
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Supplies/Serv	2,386.78
ARRON HODEN	Mileage	272.74
PAMELA LYNN HOPKINS	Fees	50.13
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	40.34
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Serv	1,345.56
JENKINS PC LLO	Court Appt Atty	617.50
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Serv	2,143.00
LACY JOHNSON	Reimb	21.70
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Repairs	387.16
KONEXUS, INC.	Serv	6,325.00
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Court Appt Atty	1,350.00
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	34.10
MARY LARSEN	Mileage	140.17
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	979.88
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Inmate Care	6,352.08
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Repairs	901.05
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	4,916.35
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	1,068.22
NACO	Registration	620.00
NCSEA TREASURER, ROWAN GORDON	Training	125.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	26.99
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	1,264.40
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	12,462.44
PFI	Storage	60.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	3,203.75
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	40.00

BARBARA JOY PRINCE	Court Appt Atty	2,373.75
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	314.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	84.57
ROBINSON ELECTRIC	Inspections	6,700.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Serv	250.00
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC	Supplies	655.77
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Supplies/Serv	1,593.26
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,280.01
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Food Serv	8,488.56
THE FILTER SHOP	Supplies	789.50
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Serv	7,865.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Serv	1,568.50
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv/Supplies	10,156.74
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage Meter	5,000.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	443.24
US CELLULAR	Serv	275.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	42.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	53.52
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	956.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	62.81
VERIZON WIRELESS-VSAT	Serv	200.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Serv	235.00
WALGREENS #11957	Photos	300.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	19.65
WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE	Training	90.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	211.25
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	1,042.94
WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	Vehicle Title	10.00
WEST CENTRAL DIST ASSESSORS ASSOC.	Training	200.00
WEX BANK	Fuel	10,514.95
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/1/2023	47,661.80
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,217.19
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,646.22
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	104.00
BADGER BODY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Supplies	5,387.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	560.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	1,046.12
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	141.84
BOBCAT OF OMAHA	Parts	225.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	2,813.10
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Supplies	229.48
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies	25.65
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	56.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	76.63
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	180.60
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	62.94

FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	Serv	44.80
GETZSCHMAN HEATING LLC	Repairs	234.00
GNUSE MFG. CO.	Supplies	150.00
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Supplies	227.64
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Parts	103.53
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Propane	7,495.00
LOAD KING	Parts	210.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	1,016.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	16,976.67
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	15,094.84
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	745.78
POWERPLAN	Parts/Labor	12,655.22
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts/Labor	916.91
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	9,019.64
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	172.70
T SQUARE SUPPLY	Supplies	11.50
THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN	Parts	460.00
HOWARD D THOMPSON AGENCY	Notary Bond	100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	8,317.96
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	855.88
BERT S WISE-WISE HEAVY EQUIPT LLC	Parts	873.04
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel/Rock	152.85
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Rock	1,551.50
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	1,219.88
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	10,062.97
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	2,150.02
HIGHWAY BUYBACK PROGRAM		
OP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	Repairs	4,640.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	541.64
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/1/2023	2,221.50
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	149.95
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	169.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	42.76
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	6,750.00
LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND		
NENCAP	Serv	2,738.41
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
JAIL BOND FUND 3300	Transfer	607,000.00
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	40.76
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	106.00
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/1/2023	1,822.99

AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	141.28
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	139.46
JAIL BOND FUND		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK WIRE	Bond Pmnt	1,435,827.45
JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		
JAIL BOND FUND 3300	Transfer	325,000.00

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 September 12, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
