

December 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 3:06 PM on December 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, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Attorney Tom Brantley

2. Approve agenda

Chairman Dethlefs stated there were no items for a closed session.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the agenda for 12/12/23. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the November 28, 2023 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 11/28/23 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: Abstain (With Conflict), 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 \$242, Reg of Deeds \$36,641, Co Crt \$20,632, Co Plan \$9,822, Clk Dist Crt \$2,281, Co Sheriff \$1,900, Road Dept \$3,100 & November Treasurer's statement: Collections \$940,287, Disbursements \$2,257,070, Inheritance Tax \$1,596,245, Ending Balance \$13,227,553

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to accept monthly 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- none

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

Kruger stated that the Road Dept worked on removing snow traps on CR 31 and Blair bottoms, box culvert pilings on CR P26 and CR P38, and a tube extension in Nashville. Engineer work is ready to start on the CR 45 project. Mike Anderson spoke.

8. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request by Andy Dickinson to vacate a portion of Washington Avenue in Section 31, Township 17, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., adjacent to 4665 Washington Avenue.

Shewchuk went through the request and stated that per state statute there needs to be a public hearing, but no action is to be taken by the board at this time. Chairman Dethlefs then opened a public hearing for those who wish to speak for, neutral, or against the request. There were no comments.

9. Doug Elting, Berggren Architects: Discuss Nebraska Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

Elting stated the Historic Tax Credits program, developed by the NE Dept of Revenue and Historical Society, is designed to facilitate renovation of older buildings, encouraging economic growth in previously vacant or underutilized spaces. The Act provides up to \$15 million in Tax Credits to be allocated annually. Credit is equal to 20% of eligible

expenditures incurred for improvements to qualifying historically significant real property and is limited to \$1 million of tax credits per projects. Restrictions and terms apply.

10. Michael Rooks: Gateway Development update

Rooks stated the last two months have been very busy with 21 new active projects, 18 of which are in the Blair and Ft Calhoun areas. Rooks also said that the projects have the potential of creating 2,000 more jobs and over \$3 billion in capital expenditures.

11. Washington County Ag Society: Request County to perform a survey of a lot-split of parcel 890088144. D/PA Brian Smith, Fair Manager, noticed on the GIS site that the land they acquired in January 2012 had not been split, and a survey had not been performed. Board members discussed at length and agreed that board action would not be needed as the County Surveyor has the authority to do the survey if he so chooses.

12. Adopt Resolution 2023-30; setting the days the courthouse will be closed for 2024

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Res 2023-30; setting the days the courthouse will be closed for 2024. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2023 – 30

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is required to set the holidays on which the Washington County Courthouse will be closed for 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following holidays will be observed (excluding contract employees) and the Washington County Courthouse will be closed as follows:

THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED FOR 2024

MONDAY, JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 15	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	PRESIDENTS' DAY
MONDAY, MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH DAY
THURSDAY, JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14	COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24* and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

* If Christmas Eve day falls on a regular working day, the Courthouse will close at twelve o'clock noon.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024--The Treasurer's office will close their window at 3:00 p.m. to complete year end business.

The Courthouse will be open on Arbor Day. However, in lieu of Arbor Day, employees shall receive a floating holiday, which can be utilized at any time by the employee during the current calendar year. The holiday cannot be carried over, and if not used, shall lapse. Request for utilization of this holiday shall be made at least three days in advance and shall be subject to agreement and approval by their supervisor.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 12th day of December 2023.

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County, Nebraska.

13. Special Designated License: Washington Count Friends of the Fair, fundraiser, 1/13/24

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Washington County Friends of the Fair. Motion Carried.

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

14. Comments from public

Mike Anderson and Scott Stangl spoke.

15. Committee Reports

Road Committee did a 12-month review of the Hwy Supt and also discussed the 1 & 6-year plan. The Planning & Zoning Committee did a 6-month review with the Building Inspector. The Jail Committee met with the Sheriff's office and the Building and Grounds Supt to discuss issues impacting the jail facility.

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

17. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:21 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12/8/2023	288,892.43
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	20,496.52
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	833.95
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	56,710.98
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	21,164.71
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	8,956.25
AAA GARAGE DOOR INC	Serv	456.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	385.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	19,592.12
ALBIREO ENERGY LLC	Boiler Repairs	986.00
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Copier Lease	48.43
AT&T MOBILITY	Serv	1,403.08
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	153.42
BOB BARKER CO INC	Inmate Care	704.88
TAMMI BURBACH	Reimb/Supplies	754.30
BURT COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	Fees	31.70
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	833.34
CITY OF BLAIR	Library Fees	900.00
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Serv	160.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	385.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Food Serv	142.75
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Tires	512.92
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,575.91
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	24.60
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	1,666.68
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Serv/Repairs	138.10
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	585.74
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	443.07
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	204.14
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Inmate Care	1,031.00
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	936.05

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training	150.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	693.30
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	674.01
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Notices	2,007.89
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training	9.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	227.32
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	498.78
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Meals/Supplies	42.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Supplies	206.71
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	99.49
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies	29.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	443.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	779.76
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training	225.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Supplies	69.99
JUVENCIO HERNANDEZ	Painting	3,100.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	2,322.59
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	833.32
HUG AND JACOBS LLC	Court Appt Atty	1,102.50
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	10.85
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	Training	207.00
J P COOKE COMPANY	Supplies	21.75
JOHNSON & PEKNY, LLC	Court Appt Atty	1,254.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Repairs/Parts	472.12
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Court Appt Atty	1,177.50
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Repairs	25.00
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	867.22
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	833.34
MEBULBS	Supplies	1,795.01
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Inmate Care	11,433.58
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Service	6,543.75
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	5,240.08
ANGELLA MURTAUGH	Reimb/Supplies	9.78
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	842.62
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	Dues	142.00
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	Inspections	324.00
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	Dues	610.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	7.99
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	145.86
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	1,107.91
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	8,014.22
PFI	Storage	60.00
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Inmate Care	443.80
POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	Supplies	228.58
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	Box Rentals	304.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,993.75
ROBINSON ELECTRIC	Inspections	3,720.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	22.50

SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO, INC.	Supplies	6,634.52
ANNIE SMITH	Reimb	49.22
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs/Serv	5,694.84
SPARTAN STORES, LLC	Supplies	29.76
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,791.99
JOY STEWART	Reimb	54.25
THE FILTER SHOP	Supplies	290.30
THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL, INC.	Supplies	522.90
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Serv	7,260.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Serv	270.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv	9,024.03
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	1,067.98
VELOCITY SYSTEMS	Supplies	980.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	53.64
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VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	62.93
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	211.25
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Court Costs	650.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fees	159.03
WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	Taxes	5,603.80
NICHOLAS E. WURTH	Court Appt Atty	5,677.60
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12/8/2023	56,350.43
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	3,803.72
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	350.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	13,861.25
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	4,056.36
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,437.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	104.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	1,571.48
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Tools	409.40
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies	12.61
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	45.23
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	42.10
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Repairs	12,603.88
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	232.39
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	135.95
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts/Labor	1,227.30
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts	3,046.67
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	117.51
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Serv	1,182.16
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Engineering	4,644.09
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	202.05
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Tires/Serv	1,061.88
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	13,065.35
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Supplies	487.04
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	120.00
OMAHA DOOR & WINDOW CO INC	Repairs	511.00

OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	591.85
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	Box Rental	186.00
POWERPLAN	Parts	4,443.40
SAFETY-KLEEN	Serv	648.26
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	263.94
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Parts	30.10
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	691.84
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	2,958.50
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	5,320.13
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	849.41
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	109.70
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	541.64
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12/8/2023	2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	155.93
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	14.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	509.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	175.86
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	93.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	42.87
LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY		
NENCAP	Rent	2,290.07
INHERITANCE TAX FUND		
E-911 SYSTEM FUND	Money Transfer	250,000.00
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	54.52
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,433.75
PRIME SECURED	Serv	7,279.60
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12/8/2023	4,055.90
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	354.91
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	310.26
E-911 FUND		
THOMAS W. CHRISTENSEN	Serv	3,629.86
MOTOROLA	Serv	6,192.31
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS CREDIT COMPANY	Serv	311,174.66

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 December 12, 2023 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
