

April 23, 2024 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 April 23, 2024 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, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Bob Frahm. Also present: Sheriff Mike Robinson, Deputy Sheriff Mitch Robinson, Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, and County Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the agenda for April 23, 2024. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the April 9, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 4/9/24 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: Absent, 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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye

5. Accept correspondence, consider, and place on file: None

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

Kruger discussed the project plan for work on Co Rd 4, culverts that were worked on, and drop inlet cover inspections.

6.1. Accept & approve Change Order #1 for Co Rd 34 West. tabled from 3/26/24

Item remained tabled.

6.2. Accept & approve Change Order for new dump truck awarded 5/9/22. D/PA

Kruger said the 2022 dump truck that was ordered could not be fulfilled until now. However, the truck being delivered is a 2025 model, so there is a price adjustment. RDO Truck Centers is still honoring the original trade-in allowance.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve Change Order for dump truck that was originally awarded on 5/9/22 for an increase of \$16,759.98. Motion Carried.

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

7. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request of Roger and Kristin Swenson for a Conditional Use Permit to temporarily allow two single-family dwellings on Tax Lot 7 in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. Location: 4728 County Road 31, Blair. (D/PA) Shewchuk stated that the Planning Commission voted 7-0 in favor to recommend approval of the CUP. Chairman opened a public hearing to which there were no comments.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the request of Roger and Kristin Swenson for a CUP to temporarily allow two single-family dwellings on Tax Lot 7 in Section 14-17-11, for a two-year term. Motion Carried.

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

8. Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel: NACO update

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Association of County Officials, gave an update on new and potential legislation items and discussed upcoming NACO workshops and events for officials to attend.

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Approve financing for 3 patrol cars. D/PA

Sheriff Robinson distributed the following finance bid proposals: 1) WCB, 6.317% interest, 2) RVR Bank, 5.05% interest, 3) US Bank, 6.23% interest. The total financing cost for the three patrol cars, with trade-in and equipment installed is \$152,722.07.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve bid with RVR Bank for financing 3 patrol cars with interest rate of 5.05%. Motion Carried.

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

10. Dan Douglas, Emergency Manager: Approve purchase of Motorola radio as bid. D/PA

Douglas explained the radio would be a mobile unit that could be mounted in a vehicle and a rain box and is a multi-band unit that is compatible with Nebraska and Iowa State systems and Omaha Metro area systems.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to approve purchase of mobile radio unit from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$8,681.28. Motion Carried.

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

10.1. Discuss invoice from Papio NRD for river gauges. D/PA

Douglas said that Papio NRD submitted a invoice last year for 2022 expenses that was denied by the board and was advised to bring the new invoice for 2023 before the board for approval. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf advised the board on how to formulate the motion to deny.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to pay invoice to Papio NRD for expenses for 2023 Papio Flood Warning System. Motion Failed.

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

10.2. Discuss funding for AED maintenance expenses on facility AEDs. D/PA

Douglas said the courthouse has 8 AED units throughout the building that are going to need new batteries and pads and asked the board what department should be responsible for payment. The board agreed that AED maintenance costs should be paid out of the Buildings & Grounds budget.

11. Special Designated License: Nelson's Food Pride, Beef Feeders Meal on 5/17/24

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Nelson's Food Pride for event on 5/17/24. Motion Carried.

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

12. Comments from public: None

13. Committee Reports: Kramer said the new county website, www.washingtoncountyne.gov, is now live, and the Tech Committee is now working with Turnkey to get the old site to re-direct as well as get search engines updated. The Road Committee discussed getting certifications completed for Jay Jensen as the new Weed Supt. The Personnel Committee met with Chad Thies, Zelle HR Solutions, to discuss possible HR and recruiting services available to the county.

14. 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 Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to go into closed session at 4:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 6 board members, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and County Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to come out of closed session at 5:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to authorize Chairman to sign Interlocal Agreement with the City of Blair. Motion Carried.

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

15. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 4/12/24	268,452.48
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	19,554.94
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	850.67
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health ins	58,309.31
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	19,622.45
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	11,739.74
AE SUPPLY	repairs	750.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	medical	21.54
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	lease	348.94
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	service	43.53
AT&T MOBILITY	service	21.48
BISHOP BUSINESS	service	84.95
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	maint	55.57
TAMARA S BURBACH	reimburs	39.52
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	public defender	2,708.33
BECCA COLEMAN	reimb	10.12
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	tax	65.16
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	fees	517.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	fees	34.30
WILLIAM P. DUNN	public defender	7,500.00
PAT DUNN	reimb	824.92
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	service and supply	572.09
EAST ADMAH CEMETERY ASSOC	donation	345.00
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	pmnt	22,689.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	election	6,057.62
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	maint	485.25
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	publishing/ minutes	515.26
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	maintenance	514.75
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	radio maint	257.98
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	maintenance	1,643.16
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	supplies	267.45
BRENT J GROVE	mileage	89.78
HD AUTO CREATIONS	deductible	1,000.00
JUVENCIO HERNANDEZ	maintenance	7,100.00
HILLYARD, INC.	supplies	1,324.80
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	repair	1,652.53
HTBS CREDIT	materials	203.75
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	public defender	2,916.66
CASSI HOFERER	mileage	75.71
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - YORK	lodging	214.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	lodging	113.56
IDEAL PURE WATER	service	127.10

INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	service	120.00
INTAB, LLC	supplies	94.25
LACY JOHNSON	reimb	17.62
JORDAN LUXA	mileage	397.48
JANE MCNEIL	public defender	2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	medical	2,200.06
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL & ROBIN MILLER	medical	484.00
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	election help	427.50
MORLEY CEMETERY	preventative maint	5,237.00
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION & MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	maintenance	300.00
NACO	receipts	536.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	supplies	898.44
NEBRASKA ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	conference	125.00
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	medical	591.13
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	meeting	150.00
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	materials	142.00
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	notary	156.00
PFI	supplies	403.24
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	service	180.62
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	service	60.00
POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	fuel	779.20
CALVIN POULSEN	service	4,581.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	supplies	456.92
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	GIS services	1,787.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	supplies	670.00
QUILL CORPORATION	workshop	540.00
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	supplies	379.75
RILEY ENTERPRISES	supplies	81.47
DEBBIE SAVILLE	medical	61.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	maintenance	211.00
STERICYCLE, INC.	supplies	27.81
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	fees	40.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MED CENTER	service	96.04
VERIZON WIRELESS	service	9,520.16
VERIZON	service	12,000.00
WEX BANK	service	40.01
WOODHOUSE	service	42.86
	fuel	471.48
	patrol repairs	187.44
ROADS		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 4/12/24	54,181.60
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	3,657.32
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	350.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health ins	13,754.37
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,961.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,343.75
A+UNITED RADIATOR REPAIR	repairs	195.00
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	maintenance	1,565.00

BOBCAT OF OMAHA	supplies	663.08
BOMGAARS	maintenance	621.84
CINTAS CORPORATION	medical	20.82
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	lodging	385.20
FASTENAL COMPANY	supplies	316.41
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	service	14.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	supplies	176.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	supplies and parts	263.45
HI-LINE INC	supplies	333.78
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	fuel	4,536.80
DAVID KRUGER	reimb	35.02
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	medical	105.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	maint supplies	2,100.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	repairs	533.12
NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	parts	1,885.94
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	service	3,634.10
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	supplies	61.19
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	gravel	5,744.50
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	gravel	601.18
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	insurance	162,538.42
DRUG COURT		
VISA	fees	855.00
CAPITAL ONE	supplies	125.02
JUNENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 4/12/24	2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	155.93
PRINCIPLE	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
PUBLIC SAFETY FUND		
BOKF, NA-CORPORATE TRUST SERVICES	supplies	2,511.25
COVID ARPA		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	service	12,003.83
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 4/12/24	2,525.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	220.93
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	193.17
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS		
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	911 services	419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	services	106.00

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 April 23, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
