

February 13, 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 3:03 PM on February 13, 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, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Chief Deputy Mitch Robinson, and Attorney Tom Brantley

2. Approve agenda

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for 2/13/24. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the January 23, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 1/23/24 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: 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 it 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 \$195, Reg of Deeds \$29,803, Co Crt \$17,258, Clk Dist Crt \$2,759, Co Sheriff \$2,865, Planning & Zoning \$1,767, Road Dept \$50,938 & January Treasurer's statement: Collections \$1,632,946, Disbursements \$1,632,489, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,475,913, Ending Balance \$14,362,930

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive monthly fee reports and place on file. 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. 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 Steve Kruger and second by Bob Frahm to receive and place on file correspondence from Douglas County Planning Commission and the FY23 County Annual Report of the University of NE Extension in Washington County. Motion Carried.

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

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

7.1. Accept & approve bids for Striping Pavement

One bid was submitted from Straight Line Striping for \$25.37 per gallon applied.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to accept bid from Straight Line Striping. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Accept & approve bids for Crack Seal

One bid from Midwest Coatings was received for \$120.00 per linear foot.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to accept bid from Midwest Coatings Co for \$120/ linear foot, estimated cost of \$226,287.30. Motion Carried.

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

8. Tyler Quick, Extension Instructor: Request approval of two Washington Co Extension Board member appointments for a 3-yr term. D/PA

Quick introduced himself as the new Extension Instructor and asked the board for approval of the two nominees who have agreed to fill vacancies on the Extension Board effective 2024. Quick said three members are vacating the board. However, only 2 applications from Keith Mertz and Dr. Nick Schreck were submitted. Quick went on to say they are still actively looking for another person to fill the third seat.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve Keith Mertz and Dr. Nick Schreck as Extension Board members. Motion Carried.

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

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Sheriff Robinson said the revenue for January was \$65,976 and gave a brief report on staffing and maintenance of the jail facility.

10. Dan Douglas, Emergency Manager: Discuss Local Emergency Plan, tabled from 1/23/24 meeting. D/PA

Douglas said changes were made to the plan as requested by the board at the previous meeting. Douglas went on to say that once the state approves the document it will be available for public inspection. Citizens can view the plan at the library or EM office.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to un-table discussion of Local Emergency Plan. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jay Anderson to approve new Local Emergency Plan. Motion Carried.

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

11. Barbara Sullivan, County Clerk: Discuss auditor bids for FY23 Audit of Financial Statements and Single Audit. D/PA

Sullivan explained that the county was informed by the State Auditor's office that they will no longer accept audit reports from the county's current contracted firm due to statutory requirements that were not fulfilled. This would include the FY23 Financial Report and Single Audit that are due June 30 and March 31, 2024 respectively. Sullivan reached out to about 20 firms for bids to complete the FY23 audit but only received proposals from Hayes & Associates, Ric Ortmeier, CPA, and FORVIS. Sullivan and the Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended Ric Ortmeier, CPA from Fremont.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to accept bid from Ric Ortmeier. Motion Carried.

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

12. Special Designated License: Pheasants Forever, fundraiser at RVR Bnk Bldg on 3/23/24.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Pheasants Forever. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke

14. Committee Reports: The Road Comm discussed new onyx surface material that is used on some paved roads and is another option to armor coat. There will also be an internal job posting for the Weed Supt position. Tech Comm said Road Dept had phones switched to Cox VOIP system. Building & Grounds Comm discussed outlets being installed on 3rd floor and got bid from Dicks Electric. Insurance Comm had a quarterly report meeting and stated that the self-funding is on target going into the third year.

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 negotiations involving Washington County. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to go into closed session at 3:55 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, Megan Eagleton, and Attorney Brantley Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to come out of closed session at 3:58 p.m. Motion Carried. Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Aye There was no action in open session.

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 3:59 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/2/2024	245,550.17
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	18,047.00
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	860.70
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	59,415.78
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	17,815.85
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	9,350.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	385.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Inmate Care	18,128.81
ALBIREO ENERGY LLC	Serv	990.00
AT&T MOBILITY	Serv	1,583.08
DARIEN BEATTY	Serv	1,500.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	84.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	4,237.47
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	97.15
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	Supplies	189.90
BOB BARKER CO INC	Inmate Care	1,217.22
TAMMI BURBACH	Reimb	10.75
CASEYS BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Fuel	3,384.54
CITY OF BLAIR	Serv/Library Fees	2,062.43
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Unit Lease	150.00
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Serv	140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	253.00
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Serv	702.35
COX BUSINESS	Serv	3,572.24
SARAH DEEMER	Reimb/Supplies	6.38
DHHS	Serv	200.00
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fees	74.12
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies/Leases	2,788.97
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	ENCOR/ENOA	22,689.00
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Supplies/Serv	4,171.19
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	1,812.94
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	36.30
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Inmate Care	841.00
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	936.05
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC #1657	Supplies	958.56
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel	208.28
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel	295.98

FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies	473.35
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	615.34
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel	531.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	199.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Lodging	120.83
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Postage	370.38
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	75.24
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Fuel	56.24
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Fuel	155.46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel	56.90
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies/Fuel	252.37
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	40.94
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Subscription	160.39
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel	646.16
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	31.51
FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION	Serv	2,800.00
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY	Fees	401.85
BRENT J GROVE	Mileage	29.48
JOYCE HASSELBALCH	Court Appt Atty	395.85
JUVENCIO HERNANDEZ	Serv	7,280.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	2,708.16
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Serv/Repairs	2,269.58
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Snow Removal	14,937.50
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Repairs	452.00
JORDAN LUXA	Mileage/Supplies	252.99
JOHN MANSON	Mileage/Reimb	750.54
MAPA	Dues	5,112.00
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Serv/Repairs	654.75
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	14,963.71
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	749.51
NACO	Registration	20.00
NASCO FORT ATKINSON	Supplies	149.90
NEBRASKA ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	Dues	50.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Supplies	476.99
NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE SERV INC	Juvenile Services	270.00
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	1,460.03
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	9,614.76
POSTMASTER	Stamps	136.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	980.00
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,575.00
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	2,489.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	144.52
RIVERS RESTAURANT	Serv	553.75
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	35.42
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Reimb/Supplies	18.71
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	Serv	484.29
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	29.99

SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	420.00
SIDNER, SVOBODA,SCHILKE,THOMSEN	Court Appt Atty	237.50
ADAM SIPPLE	Court Appt Atty	6,410.20
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs/Serv	1,040.21
SPARTAN STORES, LLC	Supplies	41.31
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	1,536.00
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Serv	7,260.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv/Supplies	10,549.60
U.S. BANK	Serv/Supplies	274.81
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Copier Lease	736.80
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	42.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	53.65
VERIZON	Serv	42.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	921.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	62.93
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Unit Lease	150.00
VITAL RECORDS	Fees	16.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Serv	963.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fees	254.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Petty Cash	249.20
WEX BANK	Fuel	2,415.03
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Serv	482.10
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/2/2024	55,365.49
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	Retirement	3,737.21
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	350.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	13,861.25
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,981.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,437.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Serv	104.00
BADGER BODY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Parts	940.16
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	905.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Supplies	2,846.94
BIG RIG REPAIR, INC.	Parts	1,129.38
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Parts	90.75
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	2,739.95
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Supplies	794.27
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts	845.57
JEFFREY CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	150.00
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Elect Reimb	150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	96.18
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	83.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	239.53
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Notices	173.80
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Propane	33.00
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	14.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies/Fuel	653.55

FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	Parts	5,148.05
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	135.95
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts/Supplies	962.37
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	492.91
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Parts	236.72
DAVID KRUGER	Reimb Meeting	25.47
LINCOLN MARRIOTT CORNHUSKER	Lodging	214.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	208.62
TROY MENCKE	Elect Reimb	150.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	Supplies	4,873.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs	809.72
DOUGLAS M MUHSMAN	Elect Reimb	150.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO, INC.	Rental	8,400.00
NE ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	Registration	160.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	27,835.93
NEBRASKA LICA	Dues	235.00
NELSEN APPRAISAL SERVICES INC	Serv	1,250.00
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	Supplies	2,176.98
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	6,115.28
NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	Parts	151.58
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Supplies	37,641.54
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Parts	100.64
OMAHA DOOR & WINDOW CO INC	Repairs	1,170.67
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	791.84
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Elect Reimb	150.00
POWERPLAN	Parts	16,503.68
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Serv/Parts	814.75
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	8,184.35
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	47.15
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	Parts	649.89
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	691.81
TODD G. WACHTER	Elect Reimb	150.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Serv	667.40
BERT S WISE-WISE HEAVY EQUIPT LLC	Parts	881.86
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs	3,216.25
YANT EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Parts	540.52
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	1,230.08
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	115.05
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Serv	541.64
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Insurance	164,712.45
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/2/2024	2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	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	Serv	42.88
COVID ARPA		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Serv	17,245.14
LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND		
NENCAP	NENCAP	659.00
INHERITANCE TAX		
HARD SURFACE FUND	Transfer	300,000.00
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE		
CENTURYLINK	Serv	54.60
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Serv	419.30
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	1,278.50
PRIME SECURED	Serv	2,101.00
E-911 FUND		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Repairs	1,518.30
MOTOROLA	Serv	6,192.31
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE	Transfer	798.55

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 February 13, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
