

February 27, 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 3:00 PM on February 27, 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, and Attorney Tom Brantley

2. Approve agenda

Attorney Tom Brantley stated there would be no closed session.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the agenda for 2/27/24. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the February 13, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 2/13/24 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 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 correspondence, consider, and place on file- None

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

Forman Bob Smith gave an update and displayed photos of various road projects.

7. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request of Donald and Alice Johnson for approval of the final plat of Blessed Acres, a three-lot residential subdivision. The property is legally described as Tax Lot 52 in Section 3-17-12 and Tax Lot 79 in Section 10-17-12. The general location is 6097 North Ridge Road, Fort Calhoun. D/PA

Shewchuk said it is the final plat of the 3-lot subdivision requested by the Johnsons and that the preliminary plat was approved in December. The Planning Commission voted 5-0, with 2 absent, to recommend approval. Chairman Dethlefs then opened a public hearing to which there were no comments.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the request of Donald and Alice Johnson for the final plat of Blessed Acres in Sections 3-17-12 and 10-17-12. Motion Carried.

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

8. JoEllen Maras, Washington County Food Pantry: Request funding from ARPA or LATCF. D/PA

Kelli Shaner and Cece Tonn discussed their request for ARPA funds for the Washington County Food Pantry. They stated the funds would be used to upgrade the pantry's van as they need a larger cargo van with a high roof for additional shelving space. Shaner said the estimated cost for a new cargo van with wrap and interior shelving work would be about \$81,000. Kramer asked if the current minivan would be sold and asked to have them get a quote after trade. Barnhill

asked if they applied for any grants. Dethlefs suggested that the Finance Committee discuss and make a recommendation at next board meeting. Mike Anderson spoke.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to table and defer to the Finance Committee for recommendation. Motion Carried.

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

9. Ed Lautrup, Veterans Service Officer: Discuss replacement of Veteran grave makers at Ft Calhoun Cemetery. D/PA Lautrup showed board members an example of what the markers look like and said over 80 markers at the Ft Calhoun cemetery went missing sometime after Memorial Day 2023. Lautrup said that the county is responsible for furnishing such markers, but the cost to replace them will exceed the current budget for such expenses. Kruger said adjustments to the General Fund budget can be made at the end of the fiscal year. Kramer motioned to approve up to \$3,500 for grave markers. Barnhill asked if there should even be a motion as there would just need to have a claim submitted. Attorney Brantley agreed that a motion is not necessary. Kramer rescinded the motion.

10. Approval of Final Agreement with MAPA to obtain digital map products for the region. D/PA

Dethlefs stated that the contract was already approved and that the current agreement is just to approve the payment schedule. Kruger said he will not be voting in favor as he believes the service is unnecessary.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign Final Agreement with MAPA for digital map products. Motion Carried.

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

11. Discuss letter from James Peterson regarding Tire Collection in Washington Co. D/PA

Kruger explained that the point of the letter was to ask the board to support and allow the continuation of the tire collection program and that no funds were being requested from the county.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to recognize letter from James Peterson regarding tire collections in Washington County and support the initiative with no funds attached. Motion Carried.

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

12. Special Designated License: Two for Blair Marina Inc, four for Nelson's Food Pride, and one for Dondar Inc, dba Dale's House of Bottles

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Forms 200 for Nelson's Food Pride, Dondar Inc, and Blair Marina Inc. 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: Tech discussed the two outages that affected the phones and analog lines. Kramer believes that the outages should be reported to the Public Service Commission and will get a letter drafted for board to approve and sign at next meeting. Six Pack discussed matrix document.

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- No closed session

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 3:48 P.M. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/16/2024	243,680.89
AMERITAS LIFE INSURNACE	Retirement	17,739.34
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	856.56
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	58,999.91
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	17,744.76
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	9,368.90

AE SUPPLY	Serv	1,850.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Inmate Care	20.54
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Copier Lease	385.33
BISHOP BUSINESS	Copier Lease	84.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Serv	3,207.89
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	46.15
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Public Defender	2,708.33
CHARM-TEX, INC.	Supplies	124.70
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Unit Lease	50.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	184.00
COUNTRY ESTATES TRAILER COURT	Franchise Fees	390.73
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Serv	89.20
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Serv	130.19
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Serv	517.00
DAVE'S AUTO UPHOLSTERY	Repairs	210.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	52.86
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Public Defender	7,500.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs/Serv	115.43
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	267.06
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Repairs	735.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Printing/Notices	842.19
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies	514.29
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	Supplies	1,308.37
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	Repairs	55.57
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Copier Lease	219.48
HD AUTO CREATIONS	Deductible	1,000.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	1,230.43
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs	132.99
BRADY JOHN HOEKSTRA	Public Defender	2,916.66
HOMETOWN LEASING	Copier Lease	288.38
HOODZ OF OMAHA - LINCOLN	Repairs	1,145.00
IDEAL PURE WATER	Serv	186.97
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Serv	210.00
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Repairs	1,599.15
JILL A REEVES-JAZZ PUBLICATIONS	Serv	2,810.00
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Serv	711.35
JONES AUTOMOTIVE, INC	Parts	26.43
LAKE ARROWHEAD INC	Franchise Fees	2,214.12
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Tires/Serv	747.80
JORDAN LUXA	Reimb/Supplies	98.37
JANE MCNEIL	Public Defender	2,708.33
MEBULBS	Supplies	1,281.42
MEDTOX LABORATORIES, INC.	Supplies	185.00
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Serv	382.40
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	185.94
NACO	Registration	40.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Regional Center	186.00
NEBR ASSOC OF CO CLERKS/ROD	Dues	100.00

NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Fees	29.70
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Supplies	161.00
NEBRASKA PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC	Registration	235.00
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	Inspections	360.00
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	255.76
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	251.53
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Serv	178.55
PFI	Storage	60.00
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	2,075.73
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Serv	2,062.50
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	1,445.00
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	735.45
TYLER QUICK	Mileage	77.72
RADIO ACCOUNTING SERVICE	Serv	725.00
WENDY REXROAD	Reimb/Supplies	94.95
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	6.89
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Supplies	2,243.45
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Food Serv	69,560.56
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Inspections	1,153.35
ADAM R TRIPP	Court Appt Atty	522.50
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Serv	299.95
U.S. BANK	Ads	864.34
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Serv	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Serv	891.99
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Unit Lease	50.00
WEX BANK	Fuel	213.70
TAYLER WICKHAM	Reimb/Supplies	180.83
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs	187.88
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/16/2024	54,181.60
AMERITAS LIFE INSURNACE	Retirement	3,657.32
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	350.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	13,861.30
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	3,901.65
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	2,437.50
B'S ENTERPRISE INC	Supplies	7,425.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	2,874.47
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Tires/Serv	355.20
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	Serv	14.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	378.96
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	Supplies	510.00
HI-LINE INC	Supplies	324.84
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Supplies	11,725.00
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts/Labor	5,175.85
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	11,027.65
MEBULBS	Supplies	427.14
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Serv	140.00

MENARDS - FREMONT	Repairs	2,228.87
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	Parts	537.50
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Supplies	46.58
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts/Serv	342.13
EMERGENCY FUND		
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Gravel	2,968.20
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	370.79
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	153.96
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Insurance	164,310.48
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 2/16/2024	2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURNACE	Retirement	155.93
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	14.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	509.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	176.54
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	93.75
COVID ARPA		
VOGTSCAPES, INC.	Serv	53,808.00
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE		
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Serv	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 February 27, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
