

March 12, 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 March 12, 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 Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the agenda for 3/12/24. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the February 27, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 2/27/24 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 Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$77, Reg of Deeds \$24,129, Co Crt \$16,015 Co Plan \$8,509, Clk Dist Crt \$1,807, Co Sheriff \$2,702, Road Dept \$2,043 & February Treasurer's statement: Collections \$1,775,308, Disbursements \$2,441,982, Inheritance Tax \$1,232,844, Ending Balance \$13,997,054

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to receive and place on file correspondence from Douglas County Planning Commission and the 2023 Nebraska Loess Hill Annual Report. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger briefly discussed road matters and projects.

7.1. Chris Lang, Speece Lewis: Discuss Co Rd 34, Ft Calhoun Bottom Road project

Tim Farmer, Speece Lewis, discussed request for Change Order and distributed a summary sheet detailing the projected costs that were quoted for all items of the Co Rd 34 West project with overrun/underruns amounts for each. Farmer stated that the initial quote for earthwork needed, 2629 cubic yards, was made in error on their part and was recomputed at 3,221 cubic yards. The error resulted in an overrun of \$14,296. However, Farmer noted that other areas of the project had underruns, which made the project total come under the bid price. Farmer is asking the board to approve the change order so the contractor for the dirt work can be paid and discuss what that means between Speece Lewis and the county going forward. Barnhill questioned why the contractor didn't submit an invoice to Speece Lewis

as they made the error. Board members discussed at length and County Attorney Vander Schaaf suggested that Speece Lewis put something in writing indicating what they are willing to do to rectify the issue. Kruger also asked that a claim be submitted for next board meeting. Mike Anderson spoke.

8. JoEllen Maras, Washington County Food Pantry: Discuss request for funds from ARPA or LATCF. Tabled from 2/27/24

Chairman Dethlefs said that the Food Pantry asked to keep the agenda item tabbed until the next meeting.

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Sheriff Robinson stated the Jail took in \$61,582 for the month of February and that the fiscal year total thus far is \$665,484.

9.1. Request ARPA funds to replace and upgrade in-car body worn cameras. D/PA

Board member Kruger said the Finance Committee met with Sheriff Robinson earlier to discuss the request and ask that the agenda item be tabled.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to table until further information is obtained. Motion Carried.

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

10. **4:00 Public Hearing:** Application for Class I Liquor License for Red Barn Chapel

Chad Morford, 1314 Jones LLC and Spencer Hosch, Attorney, spoke and answered questions. Board asked to have Chris Shewchuk explain the current CUP with the owners of Red Barn Chapel, then Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing. Mike Anderson asked a question and there were no other comments.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Res 2024-4; approving the application of Red Barn Chapel for a Class I Liquor License. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-4

WHEREAS, Red Barn Chapel, 16512 County Road 18, Blair, NE 68008 has filed a new application for Class I Liquor License (Alcoholic Liquor on Sale Only) with the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Washington County, Nebraska Board of Supervisors hereby recommends approval of the application of Red Barn Chapel for a Class I Liquor License.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2024

ATTEST: Barbara Sullivan
Washington County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

11. Tech Committee: Discuss letter from Board of Supervisors to the Public Service Commission. D/PA

Kramer said the Tech Comm recommend that this letter be sent to the Public Service Commission outlining the events that occurred at the courthouse during the 2 outages earlier in the year.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve letter to Public Service Commissioner and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion Carried.

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

12. Receive and place on file the March 4, 2024 Tax Sale figures submitted by Treasurer Marj Hoier

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive the Tax Sale Report from Marj Hoier and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: John Orr and Mike Rooks spoke

14. Committee Reports: Kruger gave an update on Inheritance Tax issue being discussed at the State and some of the ideas for revenue replacement. Road Comm discussed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and Weed Supt internal candidates. Kramer is still working to get the new county website finalized as there have been issues with posting the county calendar. Building & Grounds Comm is reviewing the contract with the cleaning service.

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 Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to go into closed session at 3:48 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 Attorney Vander Schaaf, and Co Clerk Sullivan.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to come out of closed session at 3:55 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 Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

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| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 3/1/2024 | 267,876.14 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE | Retirement | 18,785.03 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | 20,492.71 |
| AAA GARAGE DOOR INC | Repairs | 645.50 |
| ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC | Serv | 385.00 |
| ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE | Inmate Care | 4,727.63 |
| ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO | Copier Lease | 30.43 |
| AT&T MOBILITY | Serv | 646.20 |
| BISHOP BUSINESS | Copier Lease | 84.95 |
| BLAIR ACE HARDWARE | Supplies | 110.09 |
| BLAIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | Dues | 250.00 |
| BOMGAARS | Supplies | 11.98 |
| CITY OF BLAIR | Serv/Library Fees | 2,132.07 |
| LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL | Serv | 140.00 |
| CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT | Fees | 181.00 |
| CONSTELLATION ENERGY | Serv | 515.73 |
| COX BUSINESS | Serv | 3,496.90 |
| CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE | Fuel | 70.60 |
| DELUXE | Supplies | 538.76 |
| EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC | Repairs | 36.05 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | Supplies | 1,845.40 |
| EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY | Repairs | 499.57 |
| ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC | Serv | 1,603.94 |
| ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP | Printing/Notices | 377.56 |
| FIFTH THIRD BANK | Serv | 5.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | Serv | 15.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | Training | 395.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies | 561.09 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies | 64.15 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | Conference | 550.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK | Fuel/Supplies | 923.10 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies | 245.25 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA | Conference | 983.96 |

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| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Inmate Care | 47.06 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies | 51.34 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | Parts | 280.00 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies/Serv | 185.51 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies/Dues | 954.68 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | Supplies | 19.21 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA | Supplies | 199.26 |
| FORENSIC SERVICES DIVISION | Serv | 775.00 |
| GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY | Inmate Care | 60.00 |
| GREAT PLAINS REPORTING COMPANY | Fees | 329.00 |
| GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC | Serv | 1,047.29 |
| CLIFFORD HAMILTON | Reimb/Damage | 850.00 |
| HILLYARD, INC. | Supplies | 944.04 |
| IDEAL PURE WATER | Serv | 200.14 |
| JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC. | Serv | 2,660.00 |
| MARY LARSEN | Mileage | 37.52 |
| JOHN MANSON | Mileage | 624.44 |
| MCKINNIS ROOFING & SHEET METAL, INC | Repairs | 927.17 |
| MENARDS - FREMONT | Supplies | 133.89 |
| ROBIN MILLER | Election Help | 468.00 |
| MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC. | Serv | 1,936.50 |
| MOTOROLA | Repairs | 2,000.00 |
| MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION & | Serv | 4,589.80 |
| NEBRASKA LOESS HILLS RC&D | Dues | 1,500.00 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC | Supplies | 64.25 |
| OFFICE WAREHOUSE | Supplies | 507.42 |
| OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | Serv | 8,953.51 |
| JULIE A PELL | Serv | 30.30 |
| PIP MARKETING | Election Supplies | 4,357.61 |
| POTTAWATTAMIE CLERK OF COURT | Fees | 37.62 |
| CALVIN POULSEN | GIS Serv | 1,762.50 |
| PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES | Supplies | 463.00 |
| NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE | Registration | 75.00 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | Supplies | 61.76 |
| SE SMITH & SONS | Supplies | 6.89 |
| SHATTER TACTICAL LLC | Supplies | 40.00 |
| SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC | Serv | 80.38 |
| SPARTAN STORES, LLC | Supplies | 148.22 |
| DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE | Serv | 1,536.00 |
| NEBRASKA STATE PATROL | Serv | 1,756.50 |
| SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC | Food Services | 4,483.58 |
| TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV | Serv | 6,655.00 |
| TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC | Serv | 9,266.40 |
| UNIVERSITY OF NEBRAKSA-LINCOLN | Serv | 1,200.00 |
| US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE | Copier Lease | 1,003.55 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | Serv | 42.88 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | Serv | 53.65 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF | Cost on Fees | 199.00 |

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| WEX BANK | Fuel | 4,609.72 |
| WOODHOUSE FORD INC | Tires | 1,010.71 |
| ROAD FUND | | |
| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 3/1/2024 | 54,264.68 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE | Retirement | 3,662.92 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | 4,151.20 |
| ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC | Serv | 104.00 |
| BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC | Parts/Supplies | 2,414.67 |
| BOBCAT OF OMAHA | Parts | 493.50 |
| CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC. | Parts | 432.33 |
| CARQUEST AUTO PARTS | Supplies/Parts | 344.89 |
| COLONIAL RESEARCH | Supplies | 468.70 |
| CULLIGAN OF OMAHA | Serv | 26.05 |
| DICK'S ELECTRIC CO | Parts/Labor | 2,069.96 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | Supplies | 81.06 |
| ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP | Subscription | 62.00 |
| GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC | Serv | 135.95 |
| HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC | Supplies | 86.84 |
| KIMBALL MIDWEST | Parts | 1,006.54 |
| LIGHT AND SIREN | Supplies | 3,722.80 |
| MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC. | Serv | 7,477.50 |
| MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD | Supplies | 195.48 |
| MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL | Serv | 131.00 |
| MENARDS - FREMONT | Supplies | 538.43 |
| MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC | Repairs/Serv | 431.45 |
| NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY | Fuel | 15,746.23 |
| NMC EXCHANGE LLC | Parts/Labor | 11,759.29 |
| NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP | Parts | 408.63 |
| NSG LOGISTICS, LLC | Supplies | 6,371.65 |
| OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | Serv | 767.18 |
| POWERPLAN | Parts/Labor | 4,806.46 |
| RDO TRUCK CENTER CO | Serv | 212.80 |
| SAPP BROS, INC | Fuel | 7,129.67 |
| SE SMITH & SONS | Supplies | 75.93 |
| THE SIGN DEPOT LLC | Supplies | 25.35 |
| HOWARD D THOMPSON AGENCY | Serv | 100.00 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | Serv | 691.87 |
| WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL | Serv | 915.00 |
| WOODHOUSE FORD INC | Parts/Labor | 1,485.85 |
| YANT EQUIPMENT COMPANY | Supplies | 97.00 |
| REGISTER OF DEEDS | | |
| MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION & | Serv | 541.64 |
| JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT | | |
| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 3/1/2024 | 2,310.00 |
| AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE | Retirement | 155.93 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | 176.72 |
| VERIZON | Serv | 42.88 |
| COVID ARPA | | |

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| B'S ENTERPRISE INC | Supplies | 3,520.00 |
| LOCAL ASSIST & TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND | | |
| NENCAP | Dues | 2,480.00 |
| 911 ENHANCED WIRELESS | | |
| CENTURYLINK | Serv | 27.30 |
| JAIL BOND FUND | | |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK WIRE | Bond Pmnt | 238,104.45 |
| E-911 FUND | | |
| MOTOROLA | Serv | 6,192.58 |

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 March 12, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
