

April 8, 2025 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 3:10 PM on April 8, 2025 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, Mike Mackie, and Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Chief Deputy Mitch Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for 4/8/25. Motion Carried.
Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

3. Approve minutes for the March 25, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 3/25/25 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.

Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: 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.

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

5. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$375, Reg of Deeds \$35,197, Co Crt \$13,467, Clk Dist Crt \$1,847, Co Sheriff \$, Planning & Zoning \$13,705, Road Dept \$5,288 & March Treasurer's statement: Collections \$1,942,564, Disbursements \$1,977,878, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,019,361, Ending Balance \$11,308,771

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive monthly fee reports and place on file. Motion Carried.

Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: 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 discussed projects and displayed photos of culvert project that had been completed. Kruger also discussed event with students from local high schools at the Road Department.

7.1. Accept & approve bids for 2 new motor graders with wings

Kruger stated that they are trading in a 2020 Caterpillar 140-15 and a John Deere 772GP 6WD. The following bids were opened and reviewed: 1) Murphy Tractor, JD 772-GP, \$390,000 trade-in, \$545,425 total. 2) NMC, Caterpillar 150-15, \$343,450 trade-in, \$601,150 total. After board made initial decision it was discussed further and decided that there would be a savings to have each vendor do one trade-in and buy one motor grader from each.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to accept bid from Murphy Tractor for two motor grades totaling \$545,425 after trade-ins. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to rescind the previous motion. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to purchase from NMC a 150-15 Caterpillar for a total after trade \$280,950 and to purchase from Murphy Tractor a JD 772-GP for a total after trade \$247,712.50. Motion Carried.

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

8. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Request to amend Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024-08 by extending the applicable waiver ending dates from April 25, 2025 to April 25, 2026 for tornado damaged structures. D/PA Shewchuk said the original resolution waived permit fees for those impacted by last year's tornado for one year and that is set to sunset in a couple of weeks. Shewchuk went on to say that the Planning & Zoning office is still processing permits and are aware of more houses that have yet to start rebuilding so that is the reason for the request.

Motion Bob Frahm and second by Jon Stewart to amend Resolutions 2024-07 and 2024-08 by extending the ending waiver dates from April 25, 2025, to April 25, 2026. Motion Carried.

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

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Victoria and Barry Kolterman are requesting an amendment to the road use dedication for the Final Plat of Lots 1 through 11 and Outlot A, Homestead 77 Replat. D/PA Shewchuk went through the request and answered questions from board members. The board discussed concerns about the potential for future land locked parcels. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf recommended that the board send to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

10. Sharon Hammarlund, CPA: Discuss County Audit for FY 2024

Hammarlund said there were no significant negative findings in the report and answered questions from the board. Hammarlund also told the board that she will be available to do the audit for the next couple of years but that the county may want to look for another CPA as she is looking to retire.

11. Jay Jensen, Weed Supt: Update on 2024 State Inspection and 2025 Weed Dept

Jensen said some of the things he is working on in 2025 helping the Road Dept with any snow traps and getting those areas sprayed, getting spraying done along the river for phragmites, and communicating with land owners. Jensen also shared a copy of the 2024 State Inspection and said he was pleased with the report.

12. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Revenue for the month of March was \$64,132.

12.1. Presentation on an outdoor severe weather warning sirens system and options. D/PA

Sheriff Robinson stated that the board had tasked the Emergency Manager with getting information on expanding the county's Severe Weather Notification Systems after last year's tornado. Robinson passed out cost estimates and options for installing outdoor sirens outside of cities and villages and went through the county's current alert systems that citizens are already utilizing. Robinson said that Washington County would need between 140-175 sirens to cover the entire county and the estimated cost would be \$3.5 to \$4.4 million. Board members discussed and stated they believe current alert systems and social media are effective in alerting citizens and that outdoor sirens would be obsolete in the near future. Mike Anderson spoke.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Mike Mackie to accept information and quote for Severe Weather Notification Systems and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

13. Receive and place on file the March 3, 2025 Tax Sale figures correction submitted by Treasurer.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to receive the corrected 2025 Tax Sales figures and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

14. Special Designated License: Julie Ann Johnson, Prime Rib Dinner on 5/16/25 and Villasenor LLC, reception on 5/3/25

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Julie Ann Johnson and Villasenor LLC. Motion Carried.

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

15. Comments from public: Scott Liberty spoke

16. Committee Reports: Emergency Management discussed sirens for county. Tech Committee still waiting to get figures on printers from TurnKey. Insurance Committee discussed end of quarter claims. Building & Grounds discussed roof replacement schedule.

17. 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 4:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 7 board members and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to come out of closed session at 5:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

There was no action in closed session.

18. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND-100

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/28/25	\$ 291,546.80
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 21,649.76
BCBS BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 807.15
BCBS HEALTH	Health	\$ 61,268.37
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 21,394.40
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$ 10,195.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 380.00
BRIDGET ABRAHAM	Mileage Reimb	\$ 70.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$ 22,416.59
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	\$ 22.33
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$ 382.23
AT&T MOBILITY	Service	\$ 88.87
ANDREA BARNES	Service	\$ 200.00
ZACHARY BLACKMAN	Supplies	\$ 706.18
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 242.05
TAMARA S BURBACH	Supplies	\$ 240.32
BURT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	Workshop	\$ 75.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	Supplies	\$ 522.70
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Repairs/Maint	\$ 5,936.25
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 1,182.92
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$ 140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 72.00
COUNTRY ESTATES TRAILER COURT	Fees	\$ 415.47
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$ 3,768.01
CROWN TROPHY	Supplies	\$ 72.20
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$ 1,536.00
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Repairs/Maint	\$ 415.00
DODGE COUNTY CLERK	Fees	\$ 11,928.70
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$ 2.00
E T TOWING	Service	\$ 200.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies/Service	\$ 1,157.33
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	4TH QTR Approp	\$ 22,689.00
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Repairs	\$ 538.16
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Service	\$ 233.61

FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$	32.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies/Maint	\$	381.87
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$	45.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$	333.30
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	\$	589.87
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Maint	\$	194.31
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Uniform Allowance	\$	907.72
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$	226.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$	33.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Training	\$	885.57
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Maintenance	\$	37.40
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Lodging	\$	330.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$	629.57
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies/Service	\$	695.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$	211.40
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maintenance	\$	55.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$	440.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies/Maint	\$	420.29
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies/Maint	\$	308.28
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	17.24
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$	3.95
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies/Maint	\$	106.74
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniforms	\$	660.88
SHARON HAMMARLUND, CPA	Service	\$	35,000.00
HD AUTO CREATIONS INC	Service	\$	2,000.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$	50.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$	217.17
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$	276.59
JAEGER LAW OFFICE PC LLO	Service	\$	636.50
JAY JENSEN	Training	\$	31.97
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$	5,920.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Repairs	\$	95.00
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel/Propane	\$	431.73
KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC.	Repairs	\$	166.28
LAKE ARROWHEAD INC	Fees	\$	2,354.36
MARY LOFTIS	3rd qtr SHIP	\$	775.00
JORDAN LUXA	Mileage Reimb	\$	84.07
JOHN MANSON	Mileage Reimb	\$	779.80
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	5,619.20
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$	365.28
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	4,652.40
NACO	Training	\$	225.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	\$	7.49
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	8,040.90
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC	Inspections	\$	4,459.35
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	\$	3,528.54
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Supplies	\$	549.87
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	Postage	\$	730.00
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	1,691.25
POWERDMS, INC.	Service	\$	4,934.36

PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	\$	108.75
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	\$	541.99
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	Medical	\$	28.00
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	Healthcare	\$	15,931.25
RELX INC DBA LEXISNEXIS	Service	\$	348.00
SAUNDERS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$	51.58
SHARP IMAGE, INC	Repairs	\$	240.75
CHRIS SHEWCHUK	Conference	\$	398.32
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	230.04
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	2,755.16
BRIAN SPILINEK	Uniform Allowance	\$	450.05
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Service	\$	5,827.33
BARB SULLIVAN	Mileage Reimb	\$	112.00
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Service/Repairs	\$	2,276.69
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$	7,260.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Inspections	\$	239.84
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$	9,388.89
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$	716.13
US BANK	Supplies	\$	353.08
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	63.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	107.44
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	95.88
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	32.44
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$	410.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Reimbursement	\$	296.39
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	1,150.28
ZELLE LLC	Service	\$	6,500.00
ROADS FUND-200			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/28/25	\$	60,076.71
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	4,055.21
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	303.02
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$	13,203.05
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	4,449.58
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$	1,968.75
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$	110.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Part/Supplies	\$	950.19
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Tools	\$	1,402.31
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts/Supplies	\$	402.94
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Medical	\$	92.93
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	42.98
FREMONT ELECTRIC, INC. - BLAIR	Repairs	\$	4,717.12
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	135.95
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Repairs	\$	234.00
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts	\$	602.57
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts/Labor	\$	1,129.15
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Parts	\$	453.25
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Supplies	\$	896.00
MENARDS	Supplies	\$	22.27

TROY MENCKE	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs	\$	197.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	\$	15,133.57
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Supplies	\$	3,236.85
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Supplies	\$	2,180.32
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	762.61
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
POWERPLAN	Parts	\$	3,435.45
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts	\$	574.44
REDS WELDING SUPPLY	Parts	\$	119.37
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, INC.	Supplies	\$	718.04
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$	4,614.24
KENDALL VERHAGE	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	692.12
TODD G. WACHTER	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	690.47
BERT S WISE-WISE HEAVY EQUIPT LLC	Parts/Supplies	\$	1,036.09
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Parts/Labor	\$	5,674.79
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELEIF FUND-600			
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Rock/Gravel	\$	2,690.45
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Rock/Gravel	\$	2,790.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock/Gravel	\$	963.68
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Rock/Gravel	\$	3,101.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS-1150			
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	93.55
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	543.64
INSURANCE FUND-1275			
HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	Insurance	\$	49,997.48
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Insurance	\$	53,147.83
DRUG COURT FUND- 2390			
CAPITAL ONE	Incentives	\$	68.11
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND-2506			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/28/25	\$	2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	155.93
BCBS BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	13.65
BCBS HEALTH	Health	\$	486.47
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	175.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$	93.75
ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE FUND- 2913			
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$	55.74
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	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 8, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
