

**July 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 3:10 PM on July 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: Steve Dethlefs, board members Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Jon Stewart. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan and Sheriff Mike Robinson

2. Approve agenda

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the agenda for July 23, 2024. Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

3. Approve minutes for the July 9, 2024 meeting

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 7/9/24 meeting be approved but not read for the purpose that all board members were furnished a copy of said minutes prior to this meeting. Motion Carried.

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

4. Approve Claims

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Bob Frahm 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: Absent

5. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to receive correspondence from OPPD and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger showed photos and video of projects that have been worked on over the last couple of weeks and discussed roads that will need repair from flood damage and upcoming projects.

6.1. Accept and approve bids for projects C89 (642) and C89 (644)

The following bids were opened and considered: 1) ME Collins, \$880,021, start 4/2025, 2) JMN Construction, \$795,190, start 10/2024, 3) A & R Construction, \$748,766, start 6/2025, 4) Votgscapes, \$773,986, start 5/2025, 5) Heartland Concrete Construction, \$918,619, start 4/2025, 6) General Excavating, \$1,178,284, start 9/2024. All bids include the price of both projects.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to accept bid from A & R Construction. Motion Carried.

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

7. Western Engineering: Discuss additional funding for asphalt work. Tabled from 7/9/24 meeting

8. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearings on the following items:

8.1. Conditional Use Permit--Brad Brown is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to construct an accessory building prior to the primary building on property zoned A-1. The property is described as Tax Lot 51 in Section 30,

Township 18 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. General location is County Road P35 & Stardust Ln., Blair, NE. (D/PA)

Lori Diefenbaugh, Planning & Zoning, discussed the request and answered questions from board members. Chairman opened a public hearing to which there were no comments.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the request of Brad Brown for a Conditional Use Permit to construct an accessory structure prior to the primary structure on Tax Lot 51 in Section 30-18-12, with a two-year term. Motion Carried.

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

8.2. Final Plat--Perly and Sandra Schoville are requesting approval of a Final Plat for a 2-lot residential subdivision, Perly Gates. The property is described as Tax Lot 65 in Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. General location is 5079 County Road P35, Blair, NE. (D/PA)

Diefenbaugh went through the request and the property owner was present and answered questions. There were no comments during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the request of Perly and Sandra Schoville for the final plat of Lots 1 and 2, Perly Gates located in Section 7-17-12. Motion Carried.

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

8.3. Lot Split and Change of Zone--Stephen and Kristell Reynolds are requesting approval of a one-time lot split on property zoned A-1 and a change of zone from A-1 to A-LSR on Tax Lot 3 in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. General location is 16297 County Road P10 Herman, NE. (Request two separate motions from the Board) (D/PA)

Diefenbaugh and applicants were available and answered questions from board members. There were no comments during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of Stephen and Kristell Reynolds for a one-time lot split of Tax Lot 3 in Section 18-19-11. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve Resolution 2024-12 rezoning a portion of Tax Lot 3 in Section 18-19-12 from A-1 to A-LSR. Motion Carried.

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

### **RESOLUTION No. 2024-12**

**WHEREAS**, Stephen and Kristell Reynolds have requested approval of a change of zone for a portion of Tax Lot 3, Section 18-19-11; and

**WHEREAS**, such request is in accordance with the Washington County Zoning Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the requested change of zone;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that the following described parcel be rezoned from A-1 to A-LSR:

PART OF TAX LOT 3, LYING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW1/4 SE1/4) OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NW1/4 SE1/4) OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE S00°38'03"W (AN ASSUMED BEARING) FOR 340.43 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 18 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING S00°38'03"W FOR 619.60 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NW1/4 SE1/4 OF SECTION 18 (ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF SAID TAX LOT 3); THENCE N75°35'59"W FOR 405.69 FEET; THENCE N06°52'52"E FOR 284.40 FEET; THENCE N57°07'55"E FOR 435.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINS 3.89 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

This resolution shall be effective upon the filing of the related lot-split survey with the Washington County Register of Deeds.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23rd day of July, 2024.

Steve Dethlefs  
Board of Supervisors Chairman

Attest: Barbara Sullivan  
County Clerk

9. Terra Uhing, Three Rivers, & Kristina Kintziger, UNMC: Washington County Tornado Assessment  
A presentation was given that gave a detailed report of the Washington County Tornado Recovery Survey. Uhling stated that the full report is available on the Three Rivers Public Health Dept website.

10. Ed Lautrup, Veterans Service Officer: Discuss DAV Vehicle program. D/PA, tabled from 6/25/24 meeting  
Lautrup stated that the program is to assist veterans with transportation to and from medical appointments using vetted volunteer drivers. County Attorney Vander Schaaf was contacted via phone to give his opinion on possible liability issues with the program. Vander Schaaf stated that the only concern he had was if Lautrup would be responsible for the scheduling of the drivers and transportation, the county could be liable should there be any accidents. Lautrup stated he would look into finding another entity who can take care of the scheduling. Board discussed at length.  
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to un-table DAV Vehicle Program. Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent  
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve trial run for DAV program. Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

11. Receive and place on file Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement  
Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement and place on file.  
Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

12. Finance Committee: Discuss FY2024-25 County Budget  
Kruger gave a summary of the submitted budget requests for the county funds and discussed reasons for some of the increases and decreases.

13. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke

14. Committee Reports: Road committee discussed ongoing projects and calls from citizens regarding road conditions on Co Rd 34 and other ongoing projects. The insurance committee met with the sheriff's office as well as representatives from NACO to discuss health plan options for FOP employees.

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 4:50 p.m. Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent  
Those present in closed session were 6 board members, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Co Clerk Barb Sullivan, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf via phone.  
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to come out of closed session at 5:03 p.m. Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent  
There was no action in open session.

16. Motion to adjourn meeting  
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to adjourn from the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 5:05 p.m.  
Motion Carried.  
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Stewart: Absent

**CLAIMS:**

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/19/2024	\$290,760.96
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	\$21,316.95
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	\$903.42
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	\$60,869.45

WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$21,406.62
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$9,754.34
PRINCIPAL ADJUSTMENT		\$29.12
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$20,535.82
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Medical	\$21.20
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$348.94
CODY ANDERSON	Uniform Reimb	\$549.19
BEBENSEE COLTIN	Uniform Reimb	\$709.35
LORI BENSEN	Postage Reimb	\$305.46
BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$84.95
ZACHARY BLACKMAN	Supplies	\$415.00
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$55.50
TAMARA S BURBACH	Service	\$203.45
GREGORY BYELICK	Uniform Reimb	\$98.11
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$2,708.33
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	Supplies	\$1,136.82
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$1,350.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Service	\$196.45
GREG CORNS	Uniform Reimb	\$308.63
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Service/Repairs	\$1,957.03
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$653.00
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$517.00
DAYTON ARMOR LLC	Supplies	\$14,520.00
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS	Fees	\$19.00
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Service	\$22,314.52
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$67.50
PAT DUNN	Service	\$7,500.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$819.40
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	Fees	\$22,689.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$316.47
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$66.40
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$293.56
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Services	\$453.37
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$2,916.66
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniforms	\$1,638.37
HD AUTO CREATIONS	Service	\$3,000.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$2,029.64
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$113.56
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$173.10
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY USA LLC	Maintenance	\$5,970.00
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$120.00
ALEX JUDKINS	Uniform Reimb	\$777.00
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$620.42
MCKINNIS ROOFING & SHEET METAL, INC	Maintenance	\$406.42
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$4,897.04
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Maintenance	\$1,220.50
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	\$668.01

NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$180.00
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Training	\$75.00
RUSS NELSEN	Service	\$1,181.25
NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE SERV INC	Services	\$5,284.25
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	\$810.26
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$889.31
PFI	Service	\$60.00
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$2,035.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	\$545.00
PRECISION IRRIGATION	Maintenance	\$529.00
PS RAD COM, LLC	Maintenance	\$3,565.42
REDFIELD DIRECT LLC	Supplies	\$465.25
WENDY REXROAD	Supplies Reimb	\$7.46
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$20.82
SECRETARY OF STATE	Fees	\$40.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$850.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maintenance	\$96.18
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Maint/Repairs	\$971.88
US POSTAL SERVICE	Supplies	\$905.20
STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	Maintenance	\$225.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$9,389.28
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Supplies	\$2,865.20
ADAM R TRIPP	Fees	\$741.00
BRADY TUCKER	Uniform Reimb	\$235.15
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$9,350.40
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$40.01
VERIZON	Service	\$42.90
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	\$229.49
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Maintenance	\$609.90
88 TACTICEL	Training	\$1,500.00
ROADS FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/192024	\$52,908.08
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	Retirement	\$3,571.34
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	\$335.51
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Ins.	\$13,244.45
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$3,838.89
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$2,062.50
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$1,391.73
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Electric Reimb	\$150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Medical	\$127.75
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$12.72
FILTER CARE OF NEBRASKA	Maintenance	\$24.70
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$2,724.88
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies Training	\$749.94
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$162.63
GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY EQUIP CO	Supplies	\$1,572.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$135.95
HALL BROTHERS	Road Maintenance	\$234,180.00

HI-LINE INC	Shop Supplies	\$576.37
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$5,047.87
MENARDS	Supplies	\$131.79
TROY MENCKE	Electric Reimb	\$150.00
DOUGLAS M MUHSMAN	Electric Reimb	\$150.00
NEFF TOWING SERVICE	Service	\$412.50
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Supplies	\$10,477.06
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Electric Reimb	\$150.00
SAPP BROS, INC	Propane	\$2,598.75
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$595.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts	\$56.19
TODD G. WACHTER	Electric Reimb	\$150.00
WELDON PARTS INC	Parts	\$147.60
HARD SURFACING FUND		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$63,705.02
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Gravel	\$21,239.10
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	\$3,238.30
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	\$5,136.89
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$49,517.45
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Insurance	\$164,045.01
UNITED STATES TREASURY	Excise Tax	\$463.68
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7/19/2024	\$2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	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 AMERICAN RESCUE FUND		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$11,144.97
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE FUND		
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$53.88
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$16,644.24
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$106.00
E-911 SYSTEM FUND		
MOTOROLA	Service	\$12,803.54
PS RAD COM, LLC	Maintenance	\$6,218.74

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 July 23, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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