

May 27, 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 3:00 PM on May 27, 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 and roll call

Present: Chairman Steve Dethlefs, board members Lisa Kramer, Kevin Barnhill, Mike Mackie, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Jon Stewart and Bob Frahm. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf, and Chief Deputy Sheriff Mitch Robinson.

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the agenda for 5/27/25. Motion Carried.
Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Absent

3. Approve minutes for the May 13, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the May 13, 2025 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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Absent

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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Absent

5. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file- NONE

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

7. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearings on the following two applications:

7.1. Lowell Mueller, representing Vi View Farms, Inc., is requesting approval of a one-time lot split in the South one-half of the Southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. and a change of zone from A-1 to A-LSR for the newly created parcel. General location is County Road 3 and County Road 14, Hooper. D/PA

Shewchuk discussed request and answered questions from board members. The Planning Commission voted 6-0, one absent, to recommend approval of the one-time lot split. Applicant Lowell Mueller spoke during the public hearing. Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the request of Lowell Mueller, for Vi View Farms, Inc., for a one-time lot split in the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21-19-9. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve Resolution 2025-4 rezoning a portion of the S1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21-19-9 from A-1 to A-LSR. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION No. 2025-4

WHEREAS, Lowell Mueller, representing Vi View Farms, Inc., has requested approval of a one-time lot split of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M.; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Commission has recommended approval of the lot split as requested; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors has approved the requested lot split; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Subdivision Regulations state that all lot splits shall be zoned A-LSR;

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 THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (S1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 09 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N00°04'17"E (AN ASSUMED BEARING RELATIVE TO ALL BEARINGS CONTAINED HEREIN) FOR 343.01 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID S1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 21; THENCE S89°27'07"E FOR 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S89°27'07"E FOR 282.44 FEET; THENCE S00°04'17"W FOR 310.01 FEET; THENCE N89°27'07"W FOR 282.44 FEET ALONG A LINE 33.0 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID S1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 21; THENCE N00°04'17"E FOR 310.01 FEET ALONG A LINE 33.0 FEET EAST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID S1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4 OF SECTION 21 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

-CONTAINS 2.010 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

This resolution shall be effective upon the filing of the Lot Split of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. with the Washington County Register of Deeds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of May, 2025.

Steve Dethlefs
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

7.2. Sidney Richey is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate an event venue on Tax Lot 30 in Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. General location is County Road 14, west of US Highway 75. D/PA

Shewchuk went through the request. Applicant Sidney Richey spoke and answered questions from the board. Mike Rooks spoke in favor of the request during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve the request of Sidney Richey for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an Event Venue on Tax Lot 30 in Section 28-19-11, with the following conditions: the driveway be moved to the east to a location approved by the Road Superintendent; the building shall be constructed in accordance with all applicable building codes, Fire Marshall requirements, and ADA Guidelines; no amplified music shall be played outdoors after 10:00 pm; all events shall end by midnight and all guests shall have left the property by 12:30; and alcohol may be served in accordance with Nebraska Liquor Control Commission regulations; with a review before the Board of Supervisors after one year of operation. Motion Carried.

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

8. Nancy Smutko: NE Nebraska Community Action Program update

Smutko provided copies of the NENCAP Annual Report as well as a list of agencies that provide services to citizens in need of assistance. Some of the services available are rental, utility, ADC, SNAP, Child Care, Medicaid, and other economic assistance.

9. Mary Loftis: Medicare Education update & budget request for 2025-26. D/PA

Loftis provided an Medicare Impact Report that showed cost savings for individuals in Washington, Burt, and Dodge counties that used the SHIP/SMP Counselor services. Loftis also discussed her request for \$3,100 in funding, the same as prior year's funding.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve budget request of \$3,100 for FY 2025-26. Motion Carried.
Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Absent

10. Karen Walburg: Discuss driveway access for new home construction on Co Rd P43. D/PA

Walberg stated that she had just received a letter from the City Engineer for Fort Calhoun that stated the city's intention to annex the property. The letter is asking the Board of Supervisors to provide relief from the current site and conditions and approve the driveway conditioned upon annexation in the next 6 months. County Attorney Vander Schaaf said that the county's site line regulations are in place for safety purposes and unless the City of Fort Calhoun would assume liability until the property is annexed, he recommends the board deny the request. Board members said that while it is the City of Fort Calhoun's intention to annex the property it has not yet been approved.

11. Accept and approve Audit Proposals. D/PA

Proposals were submitted by Hayes & Associates, LLC and Ortmeier CPA, PC. Bids were priced similarly for services rendered for the next three years. Jeff Ortmeier addressed and answered questions from board members.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept proposal from Ortmeier CPA for the next three years. Motion Carried.

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

12. Finance Committee: Discuss printer consolidation bid proposal

Kruger shared a copy of the offices' current inventory of printers and gave some suggestions on potential savings by eliminating needless printers and consolidating to one service provider for all printing needs.

13. Special Designated License: Whis's End Zone Lounge, fundraiser on 6/14/25

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Whis's End Zone Lounge. Motion Carried.

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

14. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke.

15. Committee Reports: Kramer said that there may be a request from ENSHA to front load payments in the next fiscal year. The Road Committee discussed subdivisions and SIDs and what the county's responsibility is with regard to road maintenance. The Six Pack Committee met to discuss accessory dwelling units, in home businesses, and animal feed lot setbacks.

16. 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. There were no items for a closed session.

17. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/23/25	\$ 282,599.12
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 20,959.26
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 796.22
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 61,019.13
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 20,662.94
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$ 10,321.25
A & K CONSULTING	Training	\$ 595.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Service	\$ 194.01

BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Service	\$ 1,134.90
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Service	\$ 228.92
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Supplies	\$ 374.98
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$ 34.48
BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150	Service	\$ 195.29
DIBYAJOTI BURLAKOTI	Reimb	\$ 384.00
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$ 2,708.33
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Service/Repairs	\$ 28,539.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 550.00
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$ 140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 36.00
BECCA COLEMAN	Reimb	\$ 15.21
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 3,582.91
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC.	Fee's	\$ 25.00
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$ 472.00
LORI DIEFENBAUGH	Reimb	\$ 29.40
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fee's	\$ 114.28
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Service	\$ 7,500.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Maint	\$ 82.25
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 327.68
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$ 2,916.66
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$ 293.04
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$ 213.66
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$ 60.00
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Service	\$ 3,155.92
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$ 2,143.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maint	\$ 199.83
KUENY & BEGLEY LAW OFFICES	Service	\$ 2,220.00
LONG'S OK TIRE STORES	Repairs/Maint	\$ 28.00
JORDAN LUXA	Reimb	\$ 24.43
MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	Fees	\$ 30.41
MAXIMUS, INC	Service	\$ 2,600.00
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$ 2,708.33
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 135.98
ANDREA MURPHY	Reimb	\$ 277.99
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$ 310.00
NORTHEAST NEBR JUVENILE SERV INC	Service	\$ 1,620.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	\$ 39.51
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	\$ 384.54
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	\$ 87.54
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	\$ 241.90
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 373.16
ERIK PETERSEN	Reimb	\$ 333.66
PFI	Service	\$ 60.00
BRIANA PLACKE	Reimb	\$ 11.34
POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	Supplies	\$ 420.00
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$ 1,856.25
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	\$ 525.00

QUALITY PLUMBING SUPPLY	Supplies	\$ 995.60
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	\$ 310.91
RANDY COLE SMITH	Repairs/Maint	\$ 320.00
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$ 440.00
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Reimb	\$ 231.58
SEALAND MARINE	Service/Repairs	\$ 851.65
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maint	\$ 98.10
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Service	\$ 6,126.17
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$ 1,168.49
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 42.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 53.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 1,690.66
MARY VON SEGGERN	Reimb	\$ 203.69
MICHAEL J. WINCHESTER	Reimb	\$ 351.92
ROAD FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/23/25	\$ 54,804.80
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 3,699.39
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 289.37
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 12,412.21
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,046.27
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$ 1,968.75
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 214.81
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$ 2,384.15
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts	\$ 238.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 186.49
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 948.16
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 279.48
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$ 3,718.42
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$ 106.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 290.78
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Supplies	\$ 43.00
THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN	Supplies	\$ 43.50
HARD SURFACE FUND - 300		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Fee's	\$ 742.50
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF - 600		
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Rock/Gravel	\$ 17,293.44
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Rock/Gravel	\$ 4,437.75
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Rock/Gravel	\$ 8,009.95
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY	Rock/Gravel	\$ 640.01
INSURANCE FUND - 1275		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Insurance	\$ 51,119.04
DRUG COURT FUND - 2390		
VISA	Incentives	\$ 60.49
CAPITAL ONE	Conference	\$ 410.48
JUVENILE SERVICES - 2506		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/23/25	\$ 2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 155.93

BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	13.65
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$	486.47
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	175.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	HSA	\$	93.75
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.	Service	\$	215.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.94
ARPA - 2580			
A&R CONSTRUCTION CO.	Road Construction	\$	365,784.09
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS - 2913			
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	212.00
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND - 2980			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 5/23/25	\$	2,726.16
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	222.76
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	208.55
E911 SYSTEM FUND - 5907			
PS RAD COM, LLC	Service	\$	7,008.60

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 May 27, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
