

January 14, 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 January 14, 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.

County Clerk Barbara Sullivan declared the reorganizational meeting for 2025 was in session and that the meeting is being recorded. Sullivan 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: Board members Jon Stewart, Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Steve Dethlefs, Kevin Barnhill, Mike Mackie, and Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Election of Chairperson

Co Clerk Sullivan asked for nominations for Board Chairperson. Kevin Barnhill nominated Steve Dethlefs. There were no other nominations.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to close the nominations and elect Steve Dethlefs as Board Chairman. Motion Carried.

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

3. Election of Vice Chairperson

Co Clerk asked for nominations for Board Vice Chairperson. Kevin Barnhill nominated Bob Frahm. There were no other nominations.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to close nominations and elect Bob Frahm as Board Vice Chairman. Motion Carried.

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

Chairman Dethlefs then presided over the meeting.

4. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for 1/14/25. Motion Carried.

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

5. Approve minutes for the December 23, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 12/23/24 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

6. Approve Claims

Supervisor Kruger stated that the Maintenance Supervisor explained that the claim to Cerris Systems was for two of the heating units that need to be replaced and was approved when budget was passed.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill that the claims be approved and the Clerk ordered to issue claims on the various funds for the same with the exception of claim to Cerris Systems for \$28,455 until further information is given. 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 amend motion to approve all claims. Motion Carried.

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

7. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$263, Reg of Deeds \$49,502, Co Crt \$17,897, Clk Dist Crt \$1,956, Co Sheriff \$2,085, Planning & Zoning \$12,729, Road Dept \$150,279 & December Treasurer's statement: Collections \$2,455,398, Disbursements \$1,568,148, Inheritance Tax Balance \$769,703, Ending Balance \$11,370,195

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

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

8. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

9. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Appointment/reappointment to the Washington County Board of Adjustment, D/PA

Shewchuk stated that there were two openings for the Board of Adjustments, a regular member and an alternate, and that there were three applicants. Two of the applicants, Ryan Sullivan and Jeff Shaner, are currently on the board and have asked to be reappointed and Ben Stangl has also applied. Shewchuk passed out ballots to board members and asked them to vote for two, then Co Clerk Sullivan tallied the following votes: Ryan Sullivan 6 votes, Jeff Shaner 4 votes, Ben Stangl 3 votes.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to appoint Jeff Shaner to the Board of Adjustment as a regular member and Ryan Sullivan as the alternate member for three-year terms ending January 31, 2028. Motion Carried.

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

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

10.1. Midwest Engineering: Discuss County Bridge Match for Co Rd P43. D/PA- approve and sign state program agreement

Dan Alexander and Josh Keithley, Civil Engineers from Midwest Engineering, talked with board members about the BBMP funding and the state application for county bridge match funding. Alexander said that \$4 million was granted by the state to counties and the bridge on Co Rd P43 was one of those selected. By signing the state agreement, the county would receive up to \$500,000 reimbursement max, up to 55%. Board members asked for time to have the County Attorney review the agreement before approving.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to table approval of state program agreement until County Attorney can review. Motion Carried.

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

10.2. FEMA update

Discussed areas of the county that qualify for mitigation and gave an update of meetings with FEMA

10.3. Accept & approve Master Service Agreement from Speece Lewis & Bowman Co. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve Master Service Agreement. Motion Carried.

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

10.4. Accept & approve Work Order to Master Service Agreement. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve Work Order for 2025 County Services. Motion Carried.

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

10.5. Accept & approve Speece Lewis Agreement for Co Rd 34 FEMA mitigation rip rap. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve Speece Lewis Agreement for Co Rd 34 FEMA mitigation rip rap. Motion Carried.

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

11. Appoint County Highway Superintendent for 2025 as required in order to qualify for annual incentive payment

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to appoint David Kruger as Washington County Highway Superintendent for 2025. Motion Carried.

Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Abstain (With Conflict), Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

12. Ed Lautrup, Veterans Service Officer: Discuss DA Vehicle program

Lautrup stated that the Disabled American Veterans State of Nebraska Commander will bring a DA vehicle to the courthouse on January 31st and will have a test pilot to take veterans to their appointments for the next 6 months. Lautrup also stated that he currently has 6 individuals who are ready and approved as drivers.

13. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail revenue update

Sheriff Robinson stated that the jail took in \$83,973 in revenue for the month of December.

14. Motion to designate WCB, Union Bank & Trust, RVR Bank, NPAIT as depositories for county funds for 2025 Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to designate WCB, Union Bank & Trust, RVR Bank, and NPAIT as depositories for county funds for 2025. Motion Carried.

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

14.1. Authorize the Treasurer to deposit 2025 funds in any of the designated depositories

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Treasurer to deposit 2025 funds into any of the designated depositories. Motion Carried.

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

15. Change meeting day from November 11, 2025 to November 10, 2025 due to the courthouse being closed for Veterans Day

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to move Board of Supervisors meeting from November 11, 2025 to November 10, 2025. Motion Carried.

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

16. Comments from public: Mike Anderson spoke

17. Committee Reports: The Planning Committee met with Lightsource bp to discuss the solar project. No other committee reports were given.

18. 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.

19. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 3:57 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-3-25	\$ 302,422.81
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 22,478.19
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ -
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ -
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 23,135.41
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ -
AAA GARAGE DOOR INC	Repairs	\$ 297.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 808.45
BRIDGET ABRAHAM	Reimbursement	\$ 41.54
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$ 27,826.31
AE SUPPLY	Repairs	\$ 1,075.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$ 382.23
AT-SCENE LLC	Subscription	\$ 3,380.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$ 95.45
ZACHARY BLACKMAN	Dues	\$ 280.00
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 16.17
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	Supplies	\$ 102.95
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	\$ 811.14
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$ 202.45
KAITLYN BOUSKA	Uniform allow	\$ 249.31
BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150	Service	\$ 195.19
TAMARA S BURBACH	Fee's	\$ 480.75
CASEYS BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Fuel	\$ 6,331.74

CERRIS SYSTEMS	Repairs	\$ 28,455.00
CIOX HEALTH	Medical	\$ 20.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 1,768.36
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$ 140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC.	Dues	\$ 50.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 110.00
CONSTELLATION ENERGY	Service	\$ 337.59
MAGGIE COOK	Fees	\$ 3,874.00
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$ 3,784.31
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 1,872.66
DAYTON ARMOR LLC	Supply	\$ 970.00
DODGE COUNTY CLERK	Fees	\$ 11,928.70
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Maintenance	\$ 79.85
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies/Service	\$ 1,280.41
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	Fees	\$ 22,689.00
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 295.50
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT	Lodging	\$ 144.00
FAIRFIELD INN SUITES	Lodging	\$ 124.95
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 140.29
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$ 311.96
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$ 60.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$ 30.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv/Maint	\$ 100.47
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Service	\$ 1,396.87
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Maint	\$ 168.18
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	\$ 121.35
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$ 74.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Supplies	\$ 40.04
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Uniform/Supplies	\$ 2,163.04
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Maintenance	\$ 528.94
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Maint	\$ 1,396.35
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maintenance	\$ 15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Uniform/Service	\$ 39.74
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Uniform/Supplies	\$ 1,517.88
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Training/supplies	\$ 1,895.57
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE	Fee's	\$ 44.07
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$ 2,597.13
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 539.62
DARREL HOWELL	Uniform Allow	\$ 69.44
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$ 282.14
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$ 2,445.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Repairs/Maint	\$ 1,153.10
LANCASTER COUNTY WEED CONTROL	Training/Dues	\$ 350.00
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	Lodging	\$ 1,874.25
MARY LARSEN	Reimbursement	\$ 44.80
ED LAUTRUP	Reimbursement	\$ 566.59
LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MGMNT INST.	Training	\$ 648.00
LOGOS PLUS	Uniform Allow	\$ 53.50
JORDAN LUXA	Mileage	\$ 51.80
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$ 825.30

MAPA	Fees	\$	6,660.00
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	758.72
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	4,810.40
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	\$	1,725.72
NACA - NE ASSOC OF COUNTY ASSESSORS	Dues	\$	100.00
NACO PLANNING & ZONING	Dues	\$	40.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	\$	178.11
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	\$	147.35
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	\$	192.30
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	8,455.26
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	118.30
JULIE A PELL	Service	\$	171.60
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	\$	3,779.88
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	2,626.25
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	\$	598.00
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Service	\$	125.00
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	\$	39.17
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	Service	\$	15,931.25
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$	224.91
SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORPORATION	Repairs	\$	1,705.00
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	\$	32.07
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maintenance	\$	111.04
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Maintenance	\$	360.13
SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS, INC.	Subscription	\$	4,100.00
STANEK FIRE PROTECTION	Repairs	\$	215.00
STATE OF NEBR. AS CENTRAL SERVICES	Service	\$	1,536.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$	23,060.42
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Supplies	\$	32.50
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$	7,260.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Supplies/Maint	\$	287.76
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$	9,388.89
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	Reimbursement	\$	270.12
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$	526.61
US BANK	Lodg/Dues/ Fee's	\$	533.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	53.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	63.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Service	\$	428.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	88.42
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fee's	\$	432.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Fee's	\$	172.50
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	1,779.63
ZELLE LLC	Service	\$	6,500.00
88 TACTICEL	Service	\$	1,200.00
ROADS			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-3-25	\$	61,476.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	4,149.66
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision		
BCBS-HEALTH	Health		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	4,702.98
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A		

ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$	110.00
ASPEN EQUIPMENT	Parts	\$	585.83
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	Supplies	\$	2,571.35
BIG RIG REPAIR, INC.	Parts	\$	2,038.79
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	\$	1,375.47
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY	Parts	\$	847.35
DANIELSON/TECH SUPPLY	Parts/Labor	\$	380.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	165.29
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	18.49
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Parts/Supplies	\$	2,811.71
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Parts/Supplies	\$	384.24
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	Parts	\$	228.21
FREMONT ELECTRIC, INC. - BLAIR	Repairs	\$	5,064.96
GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL	Supplies	\$	1,332.24
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	135.95
RANDALL GULICK	Reimbursement	\$	18.00
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Repairs	\$	462.40
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Supplies	\$	354.90
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Parts	\$	248.00
LAQUINTA INNS & SUITES	Lodging	\$	374.85
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Supplies	\$	896.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$	269.45
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	\$	13,285.92
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts	\$	637.22
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Supplies	\$	10,471.11
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	759.40
PLATTE VALLEY EQUIPMENT LLC	Parts	\$	61.62
POWERPLAN	Parts	\$	1,303.94
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Repairs	\$	937.88
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$	8,673.45
SCHAEFFER MFG COMPANY	Supplies	\$	903.36
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$	450.00
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	\$	14,845.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts	\$	101.41
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	692.12
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	727.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER	Licensing	\$	15.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Parts	\$	360.14
EMERGENCY FUND			
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Materials	\$	18,811.47
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$	7,826.76
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	111.98
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	543.64
INSURANCE FUND			
HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	Insurance	\$	49,168.11
CHAD LAKE	Reimbursement	\$	360.00
JUVENILE SERVICES			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-3-25		2310
AMERITAS	Retirement		155.93

BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision		
BCBS-HEALTH	Health		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	176.72
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A		
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.94
ARPA			
CORE CPA	Service	\$	280.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Engineering	\$	632.50
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS			
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$	110.91
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	450.62
E911 SYSTEM FUND			
EAGLE TECHNOLOGIES	Service	\$	22,590.24
MOTOROLA	Service	\$	6,401.77

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 January 14, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
