

April 22, 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 3:09 PM on April 22, 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 is 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, Kevin Barnhill, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Bob Frahm. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Deputy Sheriff Mitch Robinson, Deputy Treasurer Merri Hightree, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the agenda for 4/22/25. Motion Carried.
Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

3. Approve minutes for the April 8, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 4/8/25 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: Absent, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

4. Approve Claims

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill 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: Aye

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

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

Kruger gave an update on FEMA and culvert projects. Kruger also gave board members a copy of the Township Yearly Report .

6.1. Accept & approve financing for (1) Caterpillar 150-15 and (1) John Deere 772 motor graders

The following bids for financing were opened: 1) WCB, 5.59% int, \$611,792 total for both motor graders, 2) RVR Bank, 5% int, \$602,687 total for both motor graders, 3) CAT Financial, 5.49% int, \$325,375 total for Caterpillar financing, 4) JD Financial, 5.6% int, \$279,991 total for JD financing.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept financing for a John Deere with JD Financial for \$279,991.50. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Steve Kruger to accept financing for a Caterpillar with RVR Bank for \$320,289.36. Motion Carried.

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

7. Dan Knosp: Discuss cancellation of purchase of tax certificate. D/PA

Mr. Knosp said he requests the cancellation of a tax sale certificate due to number the non-sequential numbers that were used in a spreadsheet that corresponded with other identifying information such as parcel number, address, and legal description. Knosp stated that the original list had numbers that corresponded with each legal description, however the list that was distributed at the tax sale had changed from the one that was published which caused confusion for

buyers. Board members argued that the sale is based on legal description and that it is the buyers' responsibility to make sure they are purchasing the correct certificates.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to deny request for cancellation of purchase of tax certificate. Motion Carried.

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

8. Discussion regarding tax sale claim. D/PA

Co Attorney Vander Schaaf stated that this item should be tabled as the person involved is not at the meeting.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to table until more information is available. Motion Carried.

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

9. Angi Heller, NE Extension: Introduce new educators in Washington County

Heller introduced Divya Burlakoti as the new 4-H Educator and Mary Von Seggern as Role Prosperity Educator. Heller discussed the new educators' background and experience and answered questions from board members.

10. Special Designated License: Washington County Friends of the Fair for County Fair July 27,2025 through July 30, 2025

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Washington County Friends of the Fair. Motion Carried.

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

11. Special Designated License: Washington County Ag Society for County Fair July 25, 2025 through July 30, 2025

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Washington County Ag Society. Motion Carried.

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

12. Comments from the public

Terra Uhling, Three Rivers Public Health Dept, gave an update on April 20, 2025 tornado relief efforts.

13. Committee Reports

Kruger discussed upcoming bond payments and how it will impact next year's budget and tax request.

14. 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. No items for a closed session.

15. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

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| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 4/11/2025 | \$ 282,094.95 |
| AMERITAS | Retirement | \$ 20,924.48 |
| BCBS | Life-Dental-Vision | \$ 794.45 |
| BCBS HEALTH | Health | \$ 60,233.90 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | \$ 20,566.88 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | HSA | \$ 10,195.00 |
| ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS, INC | Supplies | \$ 195.00 |
| AIRGAS USA, LLC | Supplies | \$ 23.41 |
| AT-SCENE LLC | Subscription | \$ 1,050.00 |
| BISHOP BUSINESS | Service | \$ 95.45 |
| BLAIR ACE HARDWARE | Supplies | \$ 336.22 |
| BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150 | Service | \$ 195.29 |
| CANON | Service | \$ 2,150.00 |
| NICOLE CAVANAUGH | Service | \$ 2,708.33 |
| CITY OF BLAIR | Library Fees | \$ 775.00 |

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| CONSTELLATION ENERGY | Service | \$ | 1,073.22 |
| CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES, INC. | Deliquent Taxes | \$ | 490.87 |
| CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE | Fuel | \$ | 2,893.87 |
| DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE | Fee's | \$ | 472.00 |
| JACK DEIN | Uniform Reimb | \$ | 134.91 |
| DICK'S ELECTRIC CO | Service Call | \$ | 160.00 |
| DOJO TOYS | Supplies | \$ | 609.01 |
| DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF | Fee's | \$ | 47.65 |
| WILLIAM P. DUNN | Service | \$ | 7,500.00 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | Supplies | \$ | 188.40 |
| EAST ADMAH CEMETERY ASSOC | Maint | \$ | 445.00 |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC | Supplies | \$ | 1,576.80 |
| ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC | Service | \$ | 1,685.96 |
| ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP | Media | \$ | 785.99 |
| JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW | Service | \$ | 2,916.66 |
| GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP-MI10 | Service | \$ | 365.00 |
| GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS | Service | \$ | 203.69 |
| GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC | Uniform Allowance | \$ | 276.98 |
| HILLYARD, INC. | Supplies | \$ | 2,029.97 |
| HOMETOWN LEASING | Service | \$ | 262.23 |
| HORWATH LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT | Service | \$ | 316.80 |
| INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC | Service | \$ | 120.00 |
| JORDAN LUXA | Reimb | \$ | 186.53 |
| JANE MCNEIL | Service | \$ | 2,708.33 |
| MEBULBS | Supplies | \$ | 266.01 |
| MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL | Medical | \$ | 62.00 |
| NEBRASKA ASSC OF PROPERTY/EVIDENCE | Membership | \$ | 30.00 |
| NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | Service | \$ | 93.00 |
| NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER | Medical | \$ | 270.00 |
| NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES | Lodgin | \$ | 250.00 |
| O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC | Supplies | \$ | 13.29 |
| ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC | Supplies | \$ | 72.51 |
| OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | Service | \$ | 386.95 |
| OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC | Service | \$ | 4,459.35 |
| PFI | Service | \$ | 60.00 |
| PHOENIX SUPPLY | Supplies | \$ | 549.87 |
| BRIANA PLACKE | Mileage | \$ | 23.10 |
| CALVIN POULSEN | Service | \$ | 1,856.25 |
| POUNDS PRINTING INC | Supplies | \$ | 96.50 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | Supplies | \$ | 256.32 |
| RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC | Medical | \$ | 28.00 |
| ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION | Service | \$ | 440.00 |
| KIM SWANSON | Maint | \$ | 560.00 |
| DEBBIE SAVILLE | Reimb | \$ | 228.53 |
| SEC OF STATE, ELECTION DIVISION | Supplies | \$ | 40.00 |
| SECRETARY OF STATE | Subscription | \$ | 40.00 |
| SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC | Maint | \$ | 98.10 |
| BARB SULLIVAN | Mileage | \$ | 95.20 |
| SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC | Service | \$ | 31,518.09 |
| THE FILTER SHOP | Supplies | \$ | 911.60 |

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| TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC. | Service | \$ | 760.00 |
| TRU BY HILTON LINCOLN EAST | Lodging | \$ | 550.00 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | Service | \$ | 40.01 |
| VERIZON WIRELESS | Service | \$ | 1,690.38 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | Supplies | \$ | 242.83 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF | Supplies | \$ | 131.90 |
| WOODHOUSE FORD INC | Maint | \$ | 191.96 |

ROAD FUND

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| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 4/11/2025 | \$ | 56,681.60 |
| AMERITAS | Retirement | \$ | 3,826.05 |
| BCBS | Life-Dental-Vision | \$ | 302.80 |
| BCBS HEALTH | Health | \$ | 13,202.85 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | \$ | 4,175.41 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | HSA | \$ | 1,968.75 |
| BIG RIG REPAIR, INC. | Supplies | \$ | 144.07 |
| BOMGAARS | Supplies | \$ | 725.86 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK | Supplies | \$ | 21.39 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK | Supplies | \$ | 172.82 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK | Supplies | \$ | 983.78 |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA | Supplies | \$ | 408.59 |
| GERHOLD CONCRETE COMPANY, INC | Concrete | \$ | 386.88 |
| HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES, LLC | Supplies | \$ | 1,565.00 |
| KNUDSEN OIL & FEED | Fuel | \$ | 4,808.70 |
| MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC | Medical | \$ | 108.00 |
| MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC | Repairs | \$ | 47.00 |
| NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP | Parts | \$ | 2,546.70 |
| RAKA RENTALS | Service | \$ | 12,180.00 |
| SAFETY-KLEEN | Supplies | \$ | 644.95 |
| SHOTWELL GLASS LLC | Repairs | \$ | 415.28 |
| TITAN MACHINERY | Repairs | \$ | 891.74 |
| YANT EQUIPMENT COMPANY | Parts | \$ | 297.00 |

EMERGENCY FUND

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| BOWSER TRANSFER LLC | Rock/Gravel | \$ | 752.90 |
| BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC | Rock/Gravel | \$ | 8,940.45 |

REGISTER OF DEEDS

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| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | Supplies | \$ | 154.12 |
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INSURANCE FUND

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| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | Insurance | \$ | 76,515.33 |
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PUBLIC SAFETY FUND

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| BOKF, NA-CORPORATE TRUST SERVICES | Service | \$ | 1,422.50 |
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JUVENILE SERVICES

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| EMPLOYEES | Payroll 4/11/2025 | \$ | 2,310.00 |
| AMERITAS | Retirement | \$ | 155.93 |
| BCBS | Life-Dental-Vision | \$ | 13.64 |
| BCBS HEALTH | Health | \$ | 486.46 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | FICA/MEDI | \$ | 174.69 |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK | HSA | \$ | 93.75 |

911 ENHANCED WIRELESS FUND

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| FASTWYRE BROADBAND | Service | \$ | 450.62 |
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E-911 FUND

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| DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS | Service | \$ 125,795.46 |
| HIGH MAINTENANCE AND MODS, INC. | Service | \$ 2,209.50 |

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 22, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
