

October 22, 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 3:04 PM on October 22, 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: Chairman Steve Dethlefs, board members Jon Stewart, Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, and Jay Anderson. Absent: Steve Kruger. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the agenda for 10/22/24. Motion Carried.
Anderson: Aye, Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Absent, Stewart: Aye

3. Approve minutes for the October 8, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 10/8/24 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.

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

4. Approve Claims

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer 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: Absent, Stewart: Aye

5. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to receive correspondence from Blair City and an anonymous letter and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Dave Kruger, Hwy Supt, gave a brief update on projects and personnel

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

7.1. Conditional Use Permit Modification--Jesse Burt is requesting approval of a CUP Modification to temporarily allow two single-family residences on one property zoned A-1. The property is legally described as Tax Lot 3 in Section 10, Township 19 North, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M. Location is 17767 County Road 19, Herman. (D/PA) Shewchuk went through the CUP request and stated that the Planning Commission voted 5-0, with 2 absent, in favor of recommending approval. Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing, where there were no comments.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the request of Jesse Burt for a CUP Modification to extend the term of the CUP by one-year on Tax Lot 3 in Section 10-19-10. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Final Plat--Gary Kirkpatrick is requesting approval of the Final Plat of Kirkpatrick Estates, a platting of Tax Lot 55 in Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M. Location is 5052 State Highway 133, Blair. (D/PA) Shewchuk stated that the Planning Commission voted 5-0, with 2 absent, in recommendation of approval. There were no comments during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the request of Gary Kirkpatrick for the Final Plat of Kirkpatrick Estates on Tax Lot 55 in Section 12-17-11. Motion Carried.

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

7.3. Small Tract Subdivision and Change of Zone--Dan Martinez, for Bruce Schmidt, is requesting approval of Schmidt Subdivision 1st Addition, a Small Tract Subdivision of Tax Lot 62 in Section 3, Township 17 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. and a change of zone from A-1 to RS-1 for Lot 1, Schmidt Subdivision 1st Addition. Location is 25421 County Road 30, Arlington. (D/PA)

Shewchuk went through the request and answered questions from board members. Planning Commission voted 3-2, with 2 absent, to deny the recommendation to approve. Mike Anderson and Dan Martinez spoke during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the request of Dan Martinez, for Bruce Schmidt, for a Small Tract Subdivision of Lot 62 in Section 3-17-9. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve Resolution 2024-22 changing the zoning of Lot 1, Schmidt Subdivision 1st Addition from A-1 to RS-1. Motion Carried.

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

8. Insurance Committee

8.1. Mike Boden, NACO: discuss proposed Employee Benefit Plans for Washington County. D/PA

Mike Boden and Dennis Maggert gave their proposal on self-funded plan using Blue Cross Blue Shield as the health provider. Boden recommend that the county stay on a self-funded plan and not move to a fully insured plan.

8.2. Kipp Kissinger, UNICO: discuss proposed Employee Benefit Plans for Washington County. D/PA

Kissinger passed out a proposal and gave a recommendation to have the county move from Pareto Captive to a traditional market through QBE with a \$50,000 specific deductible. Board member Kramer also provided a comparison summary sheet giving the differences between proposals from NACO and UNICO. Board discussed at length and asked for more time to review the plans. Both UNICO and NACO stated that a decision would need to be made prior to the next regular board meeting to get open enrollment prepared in a timely manner.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to table until next special meeting on Oct 30 at 5:30 PM. Motion Carried.

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

9. Blair Optimists: request approval for a memorial "Buddy Bench" for Jordan Rishel to be placed at courthouse. D/PA Deputy Brian Beckman asked if the board would allow a memorial bench to be placed in front of the courthouse lawn at no cost to the county. Beckman said Jordan Rishel was an instrumental part of the county and city of Blair and gave a rendering of what the bench would look like. Board members were in favor of the buddy bench but, as a point of order and protocol, would like the Building and Grounds Committee to review the details and make a recommendation.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jon Stewart to table until the next meeting on November 12 and get recommendation from Building & Grounds committee. Motion Carried.

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

10. Adopt Resolution 2024-21; Year-End Certification of Highway Superintendent

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to adopt Res 2024-21; Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2024-21

SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2023

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the DNOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent from; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e, meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Washington County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 2024 at Blair, Nebraska

County Board members: Jon Stewart, Bob Frahm, Steve Dethlefs, Kevin Barnhill, and Jay Anderson

Attest: Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

11. Court Appointed Fee Application. D/PA

A claim from Drew Law that was pulled at the last meeting was reviewed by County Attorney Vander Schaaf at the request of the board. Vander Schaaf stated that he had spoken to County Court and Drew Law Firm about filing these types of claims within 90 days of service. Vander Schaaf stated that part of the initial claim is being withheld for purposes that cannot be disclosed.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve claim to Drew Law in the amount of \$5,355.95. Motion Carried.

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

12. Building & Grounds Committee

12.1. Discuss snow removal costs

Board member Frahm discussed a statement from the current contracted snow removal company that explained the cost of services. Board members asked to get informal competitive bids.

12.2. Discuss hiring additional maintenance personnel

Supervisor Frahm discussed the need to hire additional staff to assist Joe Alexander with county building maintenance. Sheriff Mike Robinson also discussed the need for additional help. Board member Barnhill requested more information that would show how many hours are being worked and what work Joe is doing that is outside the scope of the position.

13. Comments from public: Brian Beckman, Dave Kruger, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Mike Anderson spoke.

14. Committee Reports: No committee reports were given.

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 Jay Anderson to go into closed session at 5:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 6 board members, Co Attorney Vander Schaaf, and Megan Eagleton

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to come out of closed session at 6:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

There was no action in open session.

16. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

Meeting Date 10/22/24

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/11/2024	\$ 303,003.81
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 22,478.84
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 849.92
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$ 57,790.94
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 22,377.85
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 9,088.10
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS, INC	Supplies	\$ 185.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Service	\$ 20.58
ANDREASEN, ROBIN	Reimbursement	\$ 341.96
BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$ 84.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Service	\$ 126.20
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 138.67
BRANTLEY THOMAS	Reimbursement	\$ 107.43
CASEYS BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Fuel	\$ 12,265.87
CAVANAUGH NICOLE	Service	\$ 2,708.33
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Maintenance	\$ 4,742.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 550.00
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Patrol Lease	\$ 50.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT FILING FEES	Fees	\$ 38.00
COMFORT INN - KEARNEY	Lodging	\$ 2,552.19
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Meals Training	\$ 51.45
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 3,006.79
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Fees	\$ 472.00
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO INC	Repairs	\$ 160.00
DODGE COUNTY CLERK-MICKI GILFRY	QTR billing	\$ 11,928.70
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 41.60
DREW, DAVID V & GREGORY P LAW FIRM	Fees	\$ 5,355.95
DUNN LAW	Contract	\$ 7,500.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 490.76
EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AG	2nd QTR Appropriation	\$ 22,689.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	Election	\$ 3,419.83
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 183.17
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 113.22
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Dental	\$ 789.00
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS LTD	Service	\$ 260.00
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$ 293.68
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Phone Service	\$ 249.17
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 326.01
FUCHS WORKS LLC	Service	\$ 1,400.00
GONZALEZ LISA	Service	\$ 2,916.66
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$ 196.50
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Service	\$ 2,389.14
GROVES, WALTER III BUTCH	Reimbursement	\$ 69.62
HILLYARD, INC DBA-HILLYARD DESMOINES	Supplies	\$ 124.22
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Maintenance	\$ 1,526.76
HOFERER CASSI	Mile Reimbursement	\$ 85.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 113.56

HUNTEL SECURITY	Service	\$ 311.40
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$ 22.60
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$ 150.00
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$ 1,580.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maintenance	\$ 1,536.64
JONES CHRISTI	Reimbursement	\$ 15.18
LUXA JORDAN	Reimbursement	\$ 40.00
MCNEIL JANE LAW OFFICE	Service	\$ 2,708.33
MULTI-CO INFO PROGR SERV	Service	\$ 139.70
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	\$ 801.20
NE DEPARTMENT REVENUE-PROPERTY ASSE	Training	\$ 150.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES INSTIT	Service	\$ 366.00
NEBRASKA APCO NENA	Training	\$ 181.00
NEBRASKA ASSOC OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	Training	\$ 110.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	\$ 5.99
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	\$ 88.74
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	\$ 572.00
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 1,039.99
PFI	Service	\$ 60.00
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	Fees	\$ 36.00
POULSEN,CALVIN	Service	\$ 2,090.00
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	Medical	\$ 252.00
REGION 6, BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE	2nd QTR pymt	\$ 15,931.25
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$ 440.00
RR DONNELLEY	Service	\$ 397.94
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 19.36
SAVILLE, DEBBIE	Reimbursement	\$ 412.36
SECRETARY OF STATE	Reproduction/Certif	\$ 40.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$ 485.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 2,495.34
SPILENEK BRIAN	Meal Reimb	\$ 37.38
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	Postage	\$ 898.10
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$ 13,542.36
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Repairs	\$ 810.00
TRANSIT WORKS	Service	\$ 1,500.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$ 9,382.40
UNIV OF NEBRASKA-UNL AEM BSNESS CTR	FY25,QTR 1	\$ 20,365.10
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	Training	\$ 50.00
VANDERSCHAFF, M SCOTT	Reimbursement	\$ 458.85
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Service	\$ 64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS -	Service	\$ 42.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 1,670.76
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Patrol Lease	\$ 50.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Service	\$ 193.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs	\$ 1,217.35
ROADS FUND		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/11/2024	\$ 59,784.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 4,035.45

PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 322.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$ 12,415.40
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,371.54
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 2,062.50
CHRISTENSEN, RUSSELL C.	Reimbursement	\$ 150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	\$ 124.75
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$ 14.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - JENSEN	Supplies/Registration	\$ 417.27
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - KRUGER	Lodging/supplies	\$ 1,176.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - KUMM	Shop/Supplies	\$ 210.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK-NICK SMITH	Lodging/supplies	\$ 2,685.00
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	Parts	\$ 805.02
HI-LINE ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL INC	Parts	\$ 595.83
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	\$ 365.59
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$ 3,729.75
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Medical	\$ 35.00
MENARDS - ELKHORN	Supplies	\$ 35.46
MENCKE, TROY	Reimbursement	\$ 150.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Maintenance	\$ 1,280.02
MUHSMAN, DOUGLAS M	Reimbursement	\$ 150.00
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO, INC.	Rental	\$ 11,700.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Rental/Parts	\$ 16,675.66
PLUGGE NATHAN L.	Reimbursement	\$ 150.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	\$ 105.00
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts	\$ 79.45
WACHTER TODD G.	Reimbursement	\$ 150.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Parts/Labor	\$ 1,010.96
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF FUND		
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Gravel/Rock	\$ 9,221.01
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel/Rock	\$ 460.40
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Rock	\$ 1,086.15
HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK		
OMNI ENGINEERING	Road Repairs	\$ 39,991.75
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 120.00
MULTI-CO INFO PROGR SERV	Service	\$ 543.64
JUVENILE SERVICES		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 10/11/2024	\$ 2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 155.93
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 14.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$ 509.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 176.54
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 93.75
INSURANCE FUND		
AUXIANT	Health Insurance	\$ 154,139.11
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT		
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Service	\$ 4,681.13
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN		
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$ 16,748.73

LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL FUND

NENCAP	Rental Assistance	\$ 128.12
WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY	Pantry Assistance	\$ 20,000.00

ENHANCED WIRELESS SERVICE

CENTURYLINK	Service	\$ 27.60
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$ 419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$ 106.00
POULSEN,CALVIN	Service	\$ 1,870.00

E-911 SYSTEM FUND

MOTOROLA	Service	\$ 6,401.77
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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 October 22, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
