

September 9, 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 3:06 PM on September 9, 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

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

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for September 9, 2025. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the August 26, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 8/26/25 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: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

4. Adopt Resolution 2025-8; transferring funds from Inheritance Tax to the Jail Bond Fund. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Resolution 2025-8; transferring \$375,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to Jail Bond Fund and direct the Treasurer to transfer funds back to Inheritance Tax funds prior to the end of fiscal year. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-8

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the following transfer of INHERITANCE TAX FUNDS (Budget Code Fund 2700 98200

70200) to the following FUND, be made:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TO</u>
Inheritance Tax Fund 2700	\$ 375,000.00	Jail Bond Fund 3300 59002

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF

WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, THAT the County Treasurer of Washington County is hereby directed to make transfers immediately from INHERITANCE TAX FUNDS on hand as of this date.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that County Treasurer of Washington County is hereby directed to make transfer of \$375,000.00 from JAIL BOND FUND to INHERITANCE TAX FUND as soon as funds are available.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

5. 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: Aye, Kramer: Aye, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

6. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$426, Reg of Deeds \$43,265, Co Crt \$18,944, Co Plan \$12,907, Clk Dist Crt \$1,172, Co Sheriff \$2,906, Road Dept \$1,996 & August Treasurer's statement — Collections \$3,320,062, Disbursements \$2,648,186, Inheritance Tax \$1,507,735, Ending Balance \$12,007,157

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

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

7. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file- None.

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

Kruger showed photos of a sinkhole that is being repaired on Co Rd P32, as well as building repairs that were done at the Road Dept and concrete work at the Courthouse.

9. Beth Ferrell: NACO update & legislation discussion

Farrell discussed some upcoming bills, unfunded mandates, districts and legislative conferences, salary studies that will be shared with counties soon, and any issues that the county board would like to address at the state level.

10. **4:00**- Public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 Washington County Budget

At 4:00, Chairman Dethlefs opened a public hearing for those who wish to speak for, against, or neutral on the proposed 2025-26 county budget. Supervisor Kruger gave a brief summary of the proposed budget and touched on areas that had substantial increases from the previous year. Kruger went on to say that the largest part of the budget (73%) is for personnel costs with an increase of \$584,831 over last year's budget. Another notable increase was made to the Jail Bond Fund. Mike Anderson spoke.

11. Robin Andreasen, Assessor: Discuss Assessor Evaluation Procedures and New Transparency Measures. D/PA
Assessor Andreasen discussed her request to have language placed on the county's website that outlined the Assessor's office evaluation procedures and transparency measures. Supervisor Kramer said that the Tech Committee discussed the request and felt that it should not be placed on the website as they believe it is not necessary to post internal policies. They also took issue with some of the language and legal grounds for the body and dash camera video use. Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to table until Co Attorney can review the language. Motion Carried.
Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Nay, Kruger: Aye, Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Aye

12. Accept & approve proposal from Stanard Appraisal Services Inc. for Commercial/ Industrial property appraisals. D/PA

Supervisor Kramer stated that she reached out to Turnkey to address any potential security and network issues when granting any new contractors remote access to equipment that was being utilized by Bill Kaiser, the current commercial appraiser for the county.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve the contract with Stanard Appraisal Services Inc and have the Tech Committee work with Turnkey Nerds to set up remote access. Motion Carried.

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

13. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Revenue for the month of August was \$68,101, Sheriff Robinson stated that his office is looking into other sources of revenue. Captain Bolton said last year at this time, Lancaster County had a spike in inmates and that this year's inmate count is at a normal level. Bolton said that our rates are competitive with other Nebraska counties.

13.1. Discuss permit fees for people who were impacted by the storm on August 9. D/PA

Sheriff Robinson asked the board to offer the same waiver procedures that were given to those who had been impacted by the tornado that occurred in 2024.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to waive permit fees for people who were impacted by the storm that occurred on August 9, 2025 provided proof of loss is provided, valid until Aug 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

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

14. Receive Washington County Office Inventories and place on file

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to receive the Washington County Office Inventories and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

15. Special Designated License: Andreasen LLC, fundraiser on 10/7/25

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Andreasen LLC. Motion Carried.

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

16. Comments from public: None.

17. Committee Reports: Tech Committee discussed website change requests forms for county offices. The Finance Committee is still collecting information for the printer services proposals. Building and Grounds is looking to meet with the cleaning company to do a review and discuss expectations.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to go into closed session at 4:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in the closed session were 7 board members and Hwy Supt Dave Kruger.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to come out of closed session at 4:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

No action in open session.

19. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND 100

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8-29-25	\$ 292,170.25
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 21,483.39
BCBS- HEALTH	Health	\$ 60,131.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 10,492.50
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 780.10
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 21,342.25
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 380.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$ 23,586.70
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$ 419.19
AT&T MOBILITY	Service	\$ 27.38
BLAIR GARDEN CENTER	Supplies	\$ 501.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	\$ 858.61

BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$	359.93
PHILIP E BRAZELTON	Reimb supplies	\$	106.22
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Service	\$	300.00
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Maint/Repairs	\$	1,026.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$	2,226.52
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS	Service	\$	100.00
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Patrol Lease	\$	50.00
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$	140.00
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$	2,666.98
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES	Service	\$	70.00
CUBBY'S INC	Fuel	\$	108.60
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$	1,536.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fee's	\$	6.00
DWS LLC	Maint/Repairs	\$	17,986.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service/Supplies	\$	803.19
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Service	\$	1,400.00
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Service/Repairs	\$	1,744.98
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	262.71
FAIRFIELD INN SUITES	Lodging	\$	404.85
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$	34.00
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Medical	\$	774.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies/Fuel/Service	\$	402.90
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maint/Uniform All	\$	405.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$	75.46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Service	\$	98.20
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Serv/Supp/Uniform	\$	343.74
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$	117.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maint/Fuel/Uniform	\$	755.34
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Conference	\$	205.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies	\$	288.53
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Uniform Allowance	\$	784.53
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Maint/Training	\$	260.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supplies	\$	252.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supplies	\$	154.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Uniform all	\$	390.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maint/Uniform All	\$	590.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	\$	234.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Fuel/Uniform	\$	970.03
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supplies/Uniform	\$	557.96
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	\$	71.08
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maint	\$	30.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maint	\$	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	208.66
FULCRUM BIOMETRICS	Software	\$	600.00
GLOBAL ASSETS INTEGRATED	Training	\$	2,875.00
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$	375.88
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	425.00

GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniform Allow	\$	563.47
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$	342.23
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$	330.73
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$	365.20
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maint	\$	636.32
KYLEIGH JEWEL	Reimb Mileage	\$	69.01
CHRISTI JONES	Reimb	\$	4.25
LIL JONESY'S LINES	Service	\$	685.00
REID LIVERMORE	Uniform Allowance	\$	321.87
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$	968.10
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	Service	\$	1,262.95
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	553.84
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$	511.24
MONROE SYSTEMS FOR BUSINESS INC	Supplies	\$	395.00
MOTOROLA	Repairs/Maint	\$	729.12
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	Repairs/Maint	\$	67.15
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	4,515.33
ANGELLA MURTAUGH	Reimb Conf	\$	307.43
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT	Training	\$	500.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Service	\$	193.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	Fees	\$	2.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Maintenance	\$	28.78
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	\$	116.13
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	12,220.02
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC	Service	\$	865.80
ERIK PETERSEN	Mileage Reimb	\$	81.64
PFI	Service	\$	60.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	Postage	\$	5,000.00
BRIANA PLACKE	Mileage Reimb	\$	383.60
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	1,801.25
RELX INC DBA LEXISNEXIS	Service	\$	348.00
WENDY REXROAD	Reimb	\$	42.19
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	1,318.88
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Maint	\$	137.14
SPARTAN STORES, LLC	Supplies	\$	26.97
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Service	\$	10,629.47
RYAN SULLIVAN	Reimb Meeting	\$	30.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$	9,460.74
SURFACE SEALERS, INC.	Maint/	\$	7,500.00
THE FILTER SHOP	Maint/Repairs	\$	763.70
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$	7,865.00
BRADY TUCKER	Uniform Allowance	\$	321.87
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$	9,370.89
ULTIMATE TRAINING MUNITIONS	Supplies	\$	3,302.70
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	Conf Registration	\$	115.00
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$	491.47
US BANK	Supplies	\$	192.43
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	39.91

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VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Patrol Lease	\$ 50.00
MARY VON SEGGERN	Conf Registration	\$ 60.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 40.55
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fee's	\$ 1,791.81
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fee's	\$ 128.50
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Maint/Repairs	\$ 1,028.94
ZELLE LLC	Service	\$ 6,500.00
ROAD FUND 200		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8-29-25	\$ 58,523.23
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 3,950.39
BCBS- HEALTH	Health	\$ 13,226.94
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 2,250.00
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 303.01
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,258.38
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 110.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Supplies/Parts	\$ 373.94
BOBCAT OF OMAHA	Parts/Labor	\$ 1,335.75
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel/Borrow	\$ 1,395.25
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Borrow	\$ 2,703.30
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts	\$ 505.43
CONTINENTAL BATTERIES COMPANY	Parts	\$ 795.76
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel/Borrow	\$ 1,920.86
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	Equipment	\$ 175.66
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$ 135.95
HALL BROTHERS	Service	\$ 234,257.68
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING	Supplies	\$ 49.75
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Equipment	\$ 31,752.61
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Supplies	\$ 1,273.58
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Gravel/Borrow	\$ 121,651.61
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$ 619.68
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 2,281.49
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO, INC.	Equipment	\$ 11,700.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Equip/Fuel	\$ 20,266.65
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Equipment Rental	\$ 8,139.13
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 855.63
POWERPLAN	Equipment Rental	\$ 2,521.30
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts	\$ 169.49
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, INC.	Supplies	\$ 376.41
RVR	Equipment	\$ 29,166.53
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies	\$ 90.57
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$ 296.08
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/	\$ 947.58
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel/Borrow	\$ 59,319.51
STERN OIL CO INC	Supplies	\$ 3,811.47
STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING, INC.	Service	\$ 47,378.50
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 1,019.51

BERT S WISE-WISE HEAVY EQUIPT LLC	Parts	\$	91.29
REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND			
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	561.36
INSURANCE FUND - 1275			
HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	9/1-9/30	\$	50,289.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	8/20-8/26	\$	47,735.75
JUVENILE SERVICES-2506			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8-29-25	\$	2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	155.93
BCBS- HEALTH	Health	\$	486.47
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	93.75
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	13.65
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	175.43
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT - 1275			
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	39.91
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS-2913			
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$	54.98
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC.	Service	\$	11.21
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	1,003.75
JAIL BOND FUND-3300			
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Bond	\$	1,437,299.25

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 September 9, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
