

September 10, 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 3:07 PM on September 10, 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, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Also present: Treasurer Marj Hoier, Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to approve the agenda for 9/10/24 with an additional emergency item to transfer of funds from Inheritance Tax to Jail Bond Fund via resolution. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Resolution 2024-16; transferring funds from Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$590,000 to the Jail Bond Fund. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the August 27, 2024 meeting

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Lisa Kramer that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 8/27/24 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: Aye, Stewart: Aye

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.

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

5. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$458, Reg of Deeds \$46,789, Co Crt \$29,462, Clk Dist Crt \$1,491, Co Sheriff \$1,800, Planning & Zoning \$11,940, Road Dept \$788 & August Treasurer's statement: Collections \$4,939,433, Disbursements \$4,053,322, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,147,039, Ending Balance \$14,766,152

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

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file: None.

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

Kruger said that a traffic count has started on Thompson Rd to measure the effects of traffic since the opening of the bypass. Co Rd 38, between 15 & 19, has been paved and is just waiting for curing and backfill and Co Rd 9 is now open. Kruger also stated that the Road Dept is currently looking to hire a maintainer as a couple of department employees will be retiring soon.

8. Marj Hoier, Treasurer: Discuss Warrant Report of Sheriff's activity on the 2023 Distress Warrants. D/PA

Treasurer Hoier stated that the Sheriff's office had collected \$49,124 from the Distress Warrants List for the collection period of 11/1/23 to 7/31/24.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to receive list of taxpayers that have not paid and authorize turning delinquent accounts over to Credit Bureau. Motion Carried.

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

9. 3:45: Public hearing on the Final Tax Request for 2024-2025

Kruger went through the proposed tax request, then the Chairman opened a public hearing. The 2024-2025 property tax request is as follows: General Fund \$11,669,470.95, Road Improvement Fund \$277,000.00, Jail Bond Fund \$1,503,053.89, E911 Fund \$388,960.12. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.21%. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.314098 per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed property tax request will cause the total tax rate to be .295594 per \$100 of assessed value. There were no comments during the public hearing.

10. 4:00: Public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 Washington County Budget

Kruger summarized the proposed budget and stated that no changes have been made to it since the prior board meeting. Paper copies of the proposed budget were available to the public and displayed on boardroom monitors. Mike Anderson spoke during the public hearing.

11. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update

Sheriff Robinson stated that the month of August brought in \$92,913 in revenue, \$197,458 total to date.

12. Dave Green: Discuss request for CUP for a sign at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Arlington. D/PA

Mr. Green discussed the request and disbursed photos of the proposed sign that the church is asking to be replaced. Supervisor Kramer asked why the request had not been brought before the Planning Commission. Barnhill asked if the owner would need a CUP at all if they were just replacing a current sign. Shewchuk said that nowhere under the current county regulations are signs allowed on properties zoned A-1. Planning Commission member Mike Anderson stated that Mr. Green spoke to some planning members, but the request has not formally been brought before the Planning Commission. County Attorney Vander Schaaf provided a legal opinion and stated he does not believe the church would need a CUP as the sign is replacing one that already exists, and the original sign did not require a CUP. Motion Steve Kruger and second by Bob Frahm to authorize St Paul's Lutheran church to proceed with the sign as long as it meets safety requirements outlined in county regulations. Motion Carried.

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

13. Discuss Interlocal Agreement with City of Blair on the Sixteenth St paving project. D/PA

County Attorney Vander Schaaf distributed the proposed agreement that the City of Blair is voting on at their meeting this evening. The agreement is to share the cost of replacing asphalt on Sixteenth St in front of the courthouse. The cost share would 50/50.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to un-table Interlocal Agreement with City of Blair on the Sixteenth St paving project. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jon Stewart to approve Interlocal Agreement with Blair City on the Sixteenth St paving project. Motion Carried.

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

14. Receive Washington County Office Inventories and place on file

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

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

15. Tech Committee: Discuss upgrading internet service to courthouse and justice center. D/PA

Kramer committee met with Turnkey to discuss the need for larger bandwidth for the courthouse and reviewed quotes from the three available main carriers. After reviewing the bids, the Tech Committee recommended keeping Fastwyre on one of the fiber connections, increasing the speed, and converting over to Great Plains for the other two fiber connections. Kramer said one of the reasons behind using the two providers would be to eliminate possible disruption if one of the lines were to be cut.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Jon Stewart to authorize Chairman to sign contract with Great Plains Communication for 200 MB internet at \$425 per month and to upgrade Fastwyre connection to 250 MB. Motion Carried.

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

16. Special Designated License: Blueshore LLC, reception on 9/21/24

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Blushore LLC. Motion Carried.

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

17. Comments from public: William Recek spoke

18. Committee Reports: None

19. 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 Steve Dethlefs to go into closed session at 4:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Those present in closed session were 7 board members, Co Clerk Sullivan, and Co Attorney Vander Schaaf.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to come out of closed session at 4:49 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

There was no action in open session.

20. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/30/2024	\$	284,140.69
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	20,889.33
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	1,092.24
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health insurance	\$	58,758.27
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	20,880.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	\$	9,377.32
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$	440.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$	20,535.82
ANDREA BARNES	Service	\$	200.00
BRICE BECKMAN	Uniform Allow	\$	499.47
LORI BENSEN	Postage Reimb	\$	39.45
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$	50.63
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	\$	1,625.42
GREGORY BYELICK	Uniform Allow	\$	65.00
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Service	\$	600.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$	2,847.78
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$	140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$	72.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Maintenance	\$	83.95
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$	3,774.06
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$	1,658.12
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$	1,536.00
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Repairs	\$	802.56
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$	1.00
DWS LLC	Repairs	\$	150.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Maintenance	\$	213.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service/Supplies	\$	968.60
RUTH SATHER	Election	\$	168.00

ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Service	\$	3,003.96
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	347.37
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	453.75
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel	\$	57.05
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	IDO TLO	\$	87.60
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	\$	129.68
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel/training/Uniform	\$	1,481.21
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$	143.17
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Postage	\$	1.77
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$	33.78
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Supplies	\$	214.72
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Training	\$	973.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Service	\$	330.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies	\$	825.31
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$	12.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	\$	648.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$	89.25
JADYN FLEISCHMAN	Mileage	\$	180.90
CARRIE FLYNN	Reimb	\$	77.97
FUCHS WORKS LLC-AUSTIN FUCHS	Maintenance	\$	700.00
FULCRUM BIOMETRICS	Maintenance	\$	600.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniform Allow	\$	1,426.42
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$	2,822.98
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs	\$	634.64
INTERSTATE POWER SYSTEMS INC	Repairs	\$	2,777.44
CHRISTI JONES	Reimb	\$	13.88
ASHLEY JUDKINS	Uniform Allow	\$	165.99
CADDON KEATTS	Uniform Allow	\$	284.85
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$	950.73
MMC MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, INC.	Repairs	\$	5,461.20
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	4,528.40
NACO	Training	\$	90.00
OFFICE DEPOT BUSINESS CREDIT	Supplies	\$	220.44
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	\$	362.99
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	11,544.56
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	63.56
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO - 76	Fuel	\$	1,993.94
PITNEY BOWES INC	Supplies	\$	373.47
POTTAWATTAMIE CLERK OF COURT	Fees	\$	34.97
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	2,117.50
QUILL CORPORATION	Supplies	\$	76.65
SECRETARY OF STATE	Fees	\$	40.00
SEILER INSTRUMENT & MFG CO, INC.	Subscriptions	\$	798.00
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	101.25
STREICHERS	Supplies	\$	5,580.51
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$	23,331.87
TACTICAL SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	2,015.00
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Service	\$	1,482.23

TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$	7,865.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Inspection/ repairs	\$	2,420.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$	9,382.40
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$	591.19
VELOCITY SYSTEMS	Supplies	\$	776.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	62.95
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WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Service	\$	386.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	\$	149.58
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$	441.74
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$	181.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Maintenance	\$	113.91
YOST,LAMME,HILLIS,MITCHELL,SCHULZ	Fees	\$	1,949.25
ZELLE HUMAN RESOURCE SOLUTIONS	Service	\$	6,500.00
88 TACTICEL	Training	\$	495.00
ROADS FUND			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/30/2024	\$	52,703.20
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	3,557.52
PRINCIPAL	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	335.51
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health insurance	\$	13,244.45
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	3,823.21
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	\$	2,062.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$	110.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Parts/Service	\$	1,569.04
LEE ALLEN BIGELOW	ROW	\$	1,440.00
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Parts/Supplies	\$	15.93
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts	\$	9.49
DULTMEIER SALES	Parts	\$	253.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	247.65
GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Supplies	\$	157.32
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	135.95
HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS INC	Maint/Service	\$	1,400.04
VICKY KELLOGG	ROW	\$	1,053.00
KIMBALL MIDWEST	Supplies	\$	193.79
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Materials/Rental	\$	2,722.50
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$	225.36
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	Service	\$	35.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Tire repairs	\$	28.00
NMC INC	Parts/Labor/Rental	\$	18,741.38
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	846.17
OMAHA SLINGS INC	Supplies	\$	850.93
POWERPLAN	Rental/ Parts	\$	16,066.32
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Parts/Labor	\$	1,658.55
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$	738.30
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	691.92
HARD SURFACE			
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$	36,768.86
EMERGENCY ROAD FUND			
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Rock/Gravel	\$	771.95
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock/Gravel	\$	64,527.09

BUY BACK FUND

BIG RED CONCRETE PUMPING	Service/Supplies	\$	922.14
GERHOLD CONCRETE COMPANY, INC	Concrete	\$	14,128.72
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Materials	\$	1,495.84
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Materials	\$	1,255.18

REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	281.44
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	543.64

JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 8/30/2024	\$	2,310.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	155.93
PRINCIPAL	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
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.90

ARPA FUND

SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Service	\$	21,897.33
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911 ENHANCED WIRELESS FUND

CENTURYLINK	Service	\$	54.54
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JAIL BOND FUND

WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK WIRE	Bond Pymt	\$	1,428,104.45
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E911 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 September 10, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
