

August 12, 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 August 12, 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: Sheriff Mike Robinson, Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf, and Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan

2. Approve agenda

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to approve the agenda for August 12, 2025. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the July 22, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 7/22/25 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. 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

5. Accept Monthly Fee Reports: Co Clk \$631, Reg of Deeds \$75,118, Co Crt \$23,270, Co Plan \$17,729, Clk Dist Crt \$3,660, Co Sheriff \$2,038, Road Dept \$1,069 & July Treasurer's statement- Collections \$1,762,327, Disbursements \$3,165,446, Inheritance Tax Balance \$1,448,633, Ending Balance \$11,335,281

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

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

6. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to receive correspondence from District 6 Probation Office and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

7. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the request of Richard Vacek for approval of a Small Tract Subdivision known as Hidden Creek Lots 1 & 2, a platting of Surrey Hills Lot 9 and Tax Lots 33, 42 & 43 in Section 35, Township 17 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. General location is County Road 45 and Dutch Hall Rd, Omaha, NE D/PA

Shewchuk went through the request and answered questions from board members. There were no comments during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve the request of Richard Vacek for a Small Tract Subdivision of Lot 9, Surrey Hills and Tax Lots 33, 42, and 43 in Section 35-17-12. Motion Carried.

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

8. Dave Kruger, Hwy Supt: Road Dept update not limited to projects, equipment, and personnel
Kruger showed pictures of washed-out roads after the severe storm that occurred over the weekend and discussed the potential costs of repairing roads and gullies.

9. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail Revenue update
Sheriff Robinson stated that the revenue for July was \$73,032 and discussed some of the reasons for the significant decrease from the prior year's revenue.

10. Resolution 2025-6; driveway sight distance for Washington County. PA- adopt resolution
Barnhill said the Road Committee worked on a resolution to address a reoccurring issue facing new home builders with regard to getting a driveway permit. Dave Kruger researched other NE counties which also carry their liability insurance through NIRMA and found the county could model the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) table for intersection sight distance for speed.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Resolution 2025-6; adopting updated driveway permit sight distance standards. Motion Carried.

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

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6
ADOPTING UPDATED DRIVEWAY PERMIT SIGHT DISTANCE STANDARDS**

WHEREAS Washington County requires that all new driveways accessing County Roads obtain an approved permit to ensure safe and appropriate access to the public roadway system; and

WHEREAS the County's current driveway permit requires a minimum of 500 feet of sight distance in both directions, measured from the proposed point of access; and

WHEREAS the Board recognizes that on roads with regulatory posted and enforced speed limits lower than the standard rural limit, reduced sight distance may still meet accepted engineering safety standards; and

WHEREAS the Board desires to clarify that adjustments to minimum sight distance may be allowed in such cases, but that posted speed limits will not be reduced to accommodate substandard driveway locations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington County Board of Supervisors that:

1. **The minimum sight distance for driveway permits shall remain 500 feet**, measured from the edge of the roadway at the proposed point of access, in both directions.
2. Where the roadway has a **regulatory posted and enforced speed limit lower than the standard rural limit**, reduced sight distance may be considered. **See table A**
3. **The County will not reduce speed limits** or issue exceptions to speed limit regulations to accommodate inadequate sight distance at proposed driveways.
4. Final determination on all driveway sight distance approvals shall be made by the County Road Superintendent or their designee, based on applicable safety and engineering standards.

TABLE A

Posted Speed limit (MPH)	25	30	35	40	45	50+
Driveway Site Distance (FT)	155	200	250	305	360	500

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2025.

Steve Dethlefs: Chairperson, Washington County

Attest: Barbara Sullivan, County Clerk

11. Finance Committee: Budget discussion for FY25-26

Kruger stated that some adjustments to the proposed be made once Certified Values have been finalized. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Clerk's office.

12. Special Designated License: D & K Pub Management LLC, reception on 9/20/25

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize Chairman to sign Local Recommendation Form 200 for D & K Pub Management LLC. Motion Carried.

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

13. Comments from public: None

14. Committee Reports: The Building & Grounds Committee discussed elevator electrical work, heaters, and issues with water drainage and bats in the courthouse. The Finance Committee is still working on getting final figures from the printing service bids. The Visitors Promotion Committee is working with Blair Chamber and Gateway Foundation to promote 'Eat, Stay, and Play' in Washington County.

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 Steve Kruger to go into closed session at 4:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to come out of closed session at 4:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to engage Woods & Aitken for general labor and employment matters. Motion Carried.

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

16. Closed session: For the prevention of needless injury to an individual whereby attorney/legal advice and discussion will ensue regarding employment negotiations. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to go into closed session at 4:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to come out of closed session at 5:29 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

17. Discuss Planning & Zoning Administration/ Emergency Manager position. D/PA

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to accept Ryan Sullivan for the position of Planning & Zoning Administrator and Emergency Manager. Motion Carried.

Barnhill: Aye, Dethlefs: Aye, Frahm: Aye, Kramer: Nay, Kruger: Abstain (Without Conflict), Mackie: Aye, Stewart: Abstain (Without Conflict)

18. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND - 100

EMPLOYEE	Payroll 8-1-25	\$ 288,562.50
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 21,170.94
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 22,075.10
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 380.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Service	\$ 32,106.09
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	\$ 184.51
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$ 678.16
LORI BENSEN	Reimbursement	\$ 191.69

BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$ 95.45
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 363.55
DIBYAJOTI BURLAKOTI	Mileage	\$ 89.60
CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS	Supplies	\$ 1,301.20
CHI HEALTH SYSTEMS IMMANUEL	Medical	\$ 15,504.25
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 1,605.80
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$ 140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fee's	\$ 216.00
BECCA COLEMAN	Reimbursement	\$ 108.80
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs	\$ 787.71
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$ 4,874.96
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES	Taxes	\$ 50.00
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 82.77
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$ 1,547.34
DICK'S ELECTRIC CO	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 2,853.20
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fee's	\$ 5.00
DWS LLC	Repairs	\$ 1,385.00
EAGLE AUTO REPAIR, LLC	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 138.35
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service/Supplies	\$ 4,901.72
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	License	\$ 13,541.64
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Repairs	\$ 562.50
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 2,180.12
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 31.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	Supplies	\$ 596.63
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maintenance	\$ 60.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maint/Training/Uniform	\$ 1,731.35
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supply/Uniform	\$ 703.75
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies/Medical	\$ 725.83
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies/Fuel/Training	\$ 1,895.23
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Training/Uniform	\$ 317.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maint/Fuel	\$ 113.62
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$ 15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel	\$ 75.36
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Supplies/Uniform	\$ 846.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Fuel/Training/Allow	\$ 2,055.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$ 15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supply/Uniform	\$ 1,071.24
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supply	\$ 3,870.56
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maint/Supply	\$ 1,140.06
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maint/Supply/Fuel	\$ 79.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Maintenance	\$ 15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Supplies	\$ 1,026.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Maintenance	\$ 30.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maint/Supply/Uniform	\$ 444.87
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$ 425.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Service	\$ 424.95
HD AUTO CREATIONS INC	Deductibles	\$ 3,500.00
HTBS CREDIT	Supplies	\$ 177.46

MARJORIE HOIER	Mileage	\$ 65.10
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 695.68
DARREL HOWELL	Uniform Allowance	\$ 345.00
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$ 282.79
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maintenance	\$ 769.32
ASHLEY JUDKINS	Reimbursement	\$ 379.54
LAMINATOR.COM	Supplies	\$ 70.48
MARY LARSEN	Mileage/Supplies	\$ 185.24
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$ 1,150.10
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 649.75
MODLITE SYSTEMS	Supplies	\$ 4,058.00
MOTOROLA	Service	\$ 7,416.90
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$ 5,283.46
NACO	Conference/Training	\$ 90.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRO LAB	Medical	\$ 105.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Maint/Repairs	\$ 424.36
MARTIN OBRECHT	Uniform Allowance	\$ 345.00
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	\$ 280.76
OFFICE DEPOT	Supplies	\$ 50.87
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 12,932.00
ON TARGET AMMUNITION LLC	Supplies	\$ 7,500.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 160.48
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC	Maintenance	\$ 3,648.00
PFI	Service	\$ 60.00
BRIANA PLACKE	Mileage	\$ 95.20
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$ 2,695.00
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Service	\$ 390.00
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS PC	Medical	\$ 422.00
RELX INC DBA LEXISNEXIS	Service	\$ 348.00
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Mileage/Reimb	\$ 177.74
MALERIE SCHUTT	Mileage	\$ 91.00
SHIPLEY CEMETERY HISTORICAL ASSN	Donation	\$ 675.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$ 344.62
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 181.40
STAPLES	Supplies	\$ 56.94
STATE OF NEBR, DEPT OF CORRECT SERV	Service	\$ 2,801.04
STRYKER SALES	Supplies	\$ 3,732.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$ 14,227.11
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	Supplies	\$ 2,980.20
TACTICAL SOLUTIONS	Service/Maint	\$ 4,015.88
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$ 7,260.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Service/Supplies	\$ 1,029.70
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$ 9,370.89
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$ 683.37
VELOCITY SYSTEMS	Supply	\$ 1,592.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 39.91
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VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Contract	\$ 100.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 32.44
WASHINGTON COUNTY AG SOCIETY	Fair	\$ 15,000.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Cost on Fee's	\$ 291.50
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Petty Cash Reimb	\$ 175.52
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 3,792.96
ZELLE LLC	Service	\$ 6,500.00
ROADS FUND - 200		
EMPLOYEE	Payroll 8-1-25	\$ 55,196.80
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 3,725.85
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,222.59
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 110.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Supplies	\$ 41.37
BOB'S RADIATOR REPAIR CO INC	Parts/Service	\$ 220.00
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel/Service	\$ 11,068.60
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Service	\$ 12,489.70
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Supples	\$ 4,555.22
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Parts	\$ 22.90
COLONIAL RESEARCH	Supplies	\$ 87.40
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel/Service	\$ 5,106.56
DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Equipment	\$ 28,000.29
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 214.17
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	Parts	\$ 98.08
GRAINGER	Medical	\$ 43.18
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$ 135.95
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	\$ 1,863.20
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING	Supplies	\$ 135.40
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts	\$ 767.23
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Materials	\$ 1,792.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Gravel	\$ 188,753.58
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$ 357.62
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 640.14
METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS	Materials	\$ 678.22
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Maint/Repairs	\$ 863.28
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 17,164.33
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts/Service	\$ 13,697.60
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 755.54
OMAHA SLINGS INC	Parts/Service	\$ 1,110.42
POWERPLAN	Parts/Equipment	\$ 8,391.69
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts	\$ 496.75
ROAD GROOM MANUFACTURING	Equipment	\$ 13,500.00
S & S PUMPING	Service	\$ 500.00
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$ 8,748.04
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$ 90,832.17
STERN OIL CO INC	Supplies	\$ 1,100.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 419.97
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 801.46

BERT S WISE-WISE HEAVY EQUIPT LLC	Parts	\$ 881.86
CO VISITORS PROMO FUND - 0990		
GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	Marketing	\$ 57,932.40
REGISTER OF DEEDS - 1150		
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 99.42
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$ 561.36
INSURANCE FUND - 1275		
HM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	Health	\$ 50,112.03
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Insurance	\$ 31,361.80
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND - 2506		
EMPLOYEE	Payroll 8-1-25	\$ 2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 155.93
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 176.72
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS - 2913		
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 39.91
CENTURYLINK	Service	\$ 165.82
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC.	Service	\$ 6.49
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$ 2,310.00
E-911 SYSTEM - 5907		
PS RAD COM, LLC	Service	\$ 6,163.70

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 August 12, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
