

September 24, 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 3:00 PM on September 24, 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 Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Kevin Barnhill, Jay Anderson, and Steve Kruger. Absent: Jon Stewart. Also present: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Treasurer Marj Hoier, 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 9/24/24. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the September 10, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 9/10/24 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: Absent

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: Absent

5. Accept correspondence, consider and place on file

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to receive correspondence from NE Loess Hills and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger discussed current projects and displayed pictures of some of the work that had been done.

6.1. Accept & approve financing for two new JD motor graders

Hwy Supt Kruger opened the following bids for financing: 1) RVR Bank, \$641,950 total with interest, 2) Washington County Bank, \$647,134 total with interest, 3) John Deere Financing, \$639,135 total with interest.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Jay Anderson to accept financing with John Deere Financing for \$639,135 total. Motion Carried.

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

6.2. Accept & approve Change Order for decrease in project C89 (639), Co Rd 4

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to approve Change Order for a decreased amount of \$65,790.42 for project C89 (639), Co Rd 4. Motion Carried.

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

7. Treasurer Marj Hoier: Discuss annual report by Treasurer of delinquent taxes not sold at annual tax sale

Treasurer Hoier provided the board with the Real Delinquent Report prior to the meeting and ask the board to give direction.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to authorize the Treasurer to issue county certificates on the properties not sold at annual tax sale. Motion Carried.

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

8. Jerod Reimer, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith: Legislation and district update
Reimer gave a brief update on the Congressman's work including items for Ways & Means Committee and current issues.

9. Justin Novak, Papio-Missouri NRD: Washington County Water #2 Expansion Project presentation
Novak stated that due to growth in the county over the last few years, one of the rural water pump stations is operating at capacity. To meet the demands, Papio-Missouri NRD and the City of Blair have discussed a proposed project that would reconfigure system boundaries to allow some areas in the south part of the county to be served by the City of Blair, expand the rural water system, and utilize the Hwy 75 water main. Novak said that Papio-Missouri NRD is not asking for anything from the county at this time but will look for coordination with the county and City of Ft Calhoun sometime in the future as it will help when they go out for grant funding.

10. Jenny Eriksen, Jeanette Hunt Blair Animal Shelter presentation
Eriksen gave a presentation outlining what the shelter does in Washington County, including but not limited to animal intake numbers by location, boarding and shelter costs, and community engagement.

11. Attorney Dave Drew: Discuss Ft Calhoun Township regarding possible plans for Co Rd P51 & P40. D/PA
Drew gave a summary of the current conditions and hazards on Co Rd 51 & P40 such as steep grades, sharp turns, and limited visibility. Brad Hike, TD2 Engineering, went over the proposed design plan and said that it was determined that constructing improvements to a 55 mph standard will be cost prohibited and will require the acquisition of right of way. The township is asking the county to adopt urban design standards so that there would be no need to request a relaxation. Hike went on to say that if urban standards are applied, the minimum design speed would be 35 mph. Kramer asked Hike to define the difference between urban and rural area design standards. Board members discussed it at length. There was no action requested by Ft Calhoun Township at that time.

12. Sheriff Mike Robinson:

12.1. Renew Law Enforcement Contracts for Arlington & Fort Calhoun. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Chairman to sign Law Enforcement Contract agreement with Ft Calhoun and Arlington. Motion Carried.

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

12.2. Update Lease Agreement with Fort Calhoun for use of a patrol car for the contract

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve updated lease agreement with Fort Calhoun for use of patrol car per contract. Motion Carried.

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

12.3. Update Interlocal Agreement with Arlington & Fort Calhoun schools for a full-time school resource officer

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Chairman to sign Interlocal Agreement with Arlington and Fort Calhoun for school resource officer. Motion Carried.

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

13. Finance Committee: Budget Resolution 2024-17; Adopting the 2024-25 Washington County Budget

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adopt Resolution 2024-17; adopting the 2024-25 county budget. Motion Carried.

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS 2024-17

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 24th day of September, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Washington County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Washington County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriation made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024

County Board: Steve Dethlefs, Lisa Kramer, Bob Frahm, Jay Anderson, Steven Kruger, Kevin Barnhill

13.1. Adopt Resolution 2024-18; setting the 2024-2025 levy of taxes

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to adopt Res 2024-18; setting the levy of taxes for 2024-25. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA:**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Washington County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held on September 10, 2024, as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Washington County, Nebraska, resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$ 11,669,470.95
Road Improvement Fund:	\$ 277,000.00
Jail Bond Fund:	\$ 1,503,053.89
E911 Fund:	\$ 388,960.12

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.21%

3. 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.

4. That Washington County proposed to adopt a property tax request that will cause total tax rate to be: .295594 per \$100 of assessed value.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Attest: Barbara Sullivan
County Clerk

Steve Dethlefs
Washington County Board of Supervisors, Chairman

14. Accept and place on file letter of resignation from Carolyn Stodola, Register of Deeds, and make an appointment to fill vacancy

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept resignation from Carolyn Stodola. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to appoint Aaron Hoden as interim Register of Deeds for 60 days. Motion Carried.

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

15. Authorize Chairman to sign Engagement Letter for auditing services with Ric Ortmeier, CPA. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Jay Anderson to authorize Chairman to sign Engagement Letter with Ric Ortmeier, CPA. Motion Carried.

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

16. Comments from public: Ron Dierking spoke

17. Committee Reports: Personnel committee met with Zelle HR team to go over the proposed updated personnel manual. Roads committee discussed projects. Insurance committee met with NACO regarding quotes for joining the NACO pool. Planning & Zoning Six Pack committee discussed proposed changes to the county matrix.

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 Steve Dethlefs to go into closed session at 4:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Present in closed session were 6 board members, Sheriff Mike Robinson, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Dethlefs to come out of closed session at 5:08 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

No action was taken in open session.

19. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/13/2024	\$	300,025.67
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	22,145.06
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	878.53
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$	58,671.14
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	22,053.06
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	9,377.32
AAA GARAGE DOOR INC	Service	\$	3,900.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$	20,951.40
AE SUPPLY	Service	\$	2,025.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	\$	19.80
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Service	\$	382.23
BEST WESTERN PLUS NORTH PLATTE INN	Training	\$	214.00
BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$	84.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Service	\$	460.91
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$	40.63
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Service	\$	300.00
JESSE CAREY	Uniform Allow	\$	368.20
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$	2,708.33
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$	575.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$	338.00
CREDIT BUREAU SERVICES	Fees	\$	51.00
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$	713.50
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Service	\$	7,500.00
PAT DUNN	Reimbursement	\$	121.78
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service	\$	12.89
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	1,295.12

FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	1,296.72
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$	2,916.66
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$	227.15
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniform allow	\$	435.49
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$	835.75
HTBS CREDIT	Supplies	\$	197.18
CASSI HOFERER	Mileage Reimb	\$	45.56
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$	113.56
HYDRO-KLEAN	Service	\$	7,606.25
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$	138.50
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$	120.00
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$	2,538.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maintenance	\$	850.27
ASHLEY JUDKINS	Reimbursement	\$	200.00
KONEXUS, INC.	Service	\$	6,325.00
ED LAUTRUP	Training Reimb	\$	706.35
MARY LOFTIS	Educ/Counseling	\$	775.00
MANGIAMELI LAW OFFICE	Fees	\$	704.50
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$	2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	14,400.04
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs	\$	28.00
ANGELLA MURTAUGH	Training Reimb	\$	464.78
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	\$	494.70
NACO	Training	\$	990.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$	192.00
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	Certification	\$	324.00
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Office	\$	390.87
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	906.86
PFI	Service	\$	60.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Medical	\$	1,000.00
PITNEY BOWES INC	Service	\$	942.63
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	2,048.75
POUNDS PRINTING INC	Supplies	\$	420.00
TYLER QUICK	Fuel	\$	40.70
ROADS DEPARTMENT	Funds Transfer	\$	2,000,000.00
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$	440.00
RVR	Vehicle pymt	\$	13,048.38
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Supplies	\$	42.67
SE SMITH & SONS	Supplies/Maint	\$	9.79
SEC OF STATE, ELECTION DIVISION	Supplies	\$	30.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	Certification	\$	40.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$	29.95
STOPSTICK, LTD.	Supplies	\$	1,570.00
BARB SULLIVAN	Mileage Reimb	\$	108.54
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$	9,272.87
THE FILTER SHOP	Supplies	\$	506.60
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Inspection	\$	1,414.38
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Service	\$	64.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.90
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	40.01

VERIZON	Service	\$	42.93
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	1,567.52
WALGREENS #11957	Supplies	\$	300.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	102.53
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Vehicle pymts	\$	77,678.98
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Maintenance	\$	95.53
ROADS FUND			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/13/2024	\$	54,503.20
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	3,679.02
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	336.68
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$	13,244.40
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	3,949.47
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	2,062.50
ANDREW ANDERSEN	ROW	\$	1,412.00
STEVEN & MARTHA ANDERSEN	ROW	\$	1,527.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	\$	431.98
BUDDIES RENTALS	Rental	\$	150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Supplies	\$	124.75
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	14.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	2,452.64
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	588.87
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	112.91
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Rental	\$	531.51
FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC	Parts/Service	\$	2,708.82
KAUP FORAGE & TURF	Service	\$	7,320.00
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel/Propane	\$	7,371.01
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Supplies	\$	26,721.60
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$	1,088.66
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	70.00
MENARDS	Supplies	\$	67.44
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Tires/Repair	\$	2,755.06
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO, INC.	Rental	\$	11,700.00
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	\$	14,594.30
OP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	Repairs	\$	5,346.00
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$	3,895.12
SCHAEFFER MFG COMPANY	Supplies	\$	545.28
THERMO KING CHRISTENSEN	Parts	\$	131.74
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	2,280.85
HARD SURFACE FUND			
CONSTRUCTORS INC	Final Pymt	\$	48,188.86
EMERGENCY FLOOD FUND			
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel/Rock	\$	739.00
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Rock	\$	8,994.80
BUY BACK FUND			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	900.00
OP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	Bridge Repair	\$	14,400.00
INSURANCE FUND			
AUXIANT	Insurance	\$	158,025.22
JUVENILE SERVICES GRANT			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/13/2024	\$	2,310.00

AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	155.93
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	14.59
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance	\$	509.97
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	175.86
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	93.75
ARPA FUND			
VOGTSCAPES, INC.	Road Pymts	\$	478,167.49
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS FUND			
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	419.30
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$	106.00
HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 9/13/2024	\$	1,843.31
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE GROUP	Retirement	\$	153.39
PRINCIPLE	Life-Dental-Vision		
WASHINGTON COUNTY-INSURANCE FUND	Health Insurance		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	141.01
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A		
E-911 FUND			
PS RAD COM, LLC	Service	\$	4,664.11

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 24, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
