

July 22, 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 3:19 PM on July 22, 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, and Co Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

2. Approve agenda

Board member Barnhill asked to remove agenda item #10, discussing Washington County Promotional Fund Grant Application.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for July 22, 2025 excluding item #10. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the July 8, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 7/8/25 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 correspondence, consider and place on file: None

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

7. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the following items:

7.1. Conditional Use Permit--Gilman and Kristie Bittner are requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Kennel on Tax Lot 84, in Section 7, Township 17 North, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M. The location of the property is 10555 County Road 32, Blair. D/PA

Shewchuk went through the request and answered questions from board members. Planning Commission voted 6-0, with one member absent, to recommend approval. Applicants were present and answered questions. Mike Anderson spoke during the public hearing.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to approve the request of Gilman and Kristie Bittner for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Commercial Kennel on Tax Lot 84 in Section 7-17-12, limited to a maximum of 25 dogs,. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Text Amendment--The Planning and Zoning Department is proposing an amendment to Sections 7.08, 7.09, and 7.10 of the Zoning Regulations regarding sign regulations. D/PA

Shewchuk stated that he had been working with the Six Pack Committee regarding current zoning regulations as it relates to signs. The current regulations don't allow for signs other than in commercial and industrial districts. There are other types of business or home occupations that request small signs and this text amendment would now allow that. Mike Anderson spoke during the public hearing.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve the revised sign regulations as presented with the clarification of the set back from the right-of-way effective 7/22/25. Motion Carried.

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

8. Honorable Judge Blackman: District Court update

Judge Blackman introduced himself and discussed his first year as District Judge as well as his background.

9. Accept & approve proposal for printing services for county offices. D/PA

Dave Leahy, Eakes Office Solutions, provided some clarification on their proposal. Representatives from Access Systems, Bishop Business Equipment, and ONE Solution were also present to answer questions from board members. Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to table until next meeting and send back to Finance Committee to research the proposals further. Motion Carried.

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

10. Gateway Foundation: discuss Washington County Promotion Fund Grant Application. D/PA

11. Finance Committee: Discuss FY 2025-26 county budget

Kruger said all budget requests have been submitted, and the Finance Committee will be working on adjusting some of the line items to get projected tax asking dollars down.

12. Comments from public: None

13. Committee Reports: None

14. 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 4:27 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

Present in closed session were 7 board members and Co Attorney Vander Schaaf

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to come out of closed session at 4:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

No Action taken in open session.

15. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:52 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND - 100

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7-18-25	\$ 316,389.60
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 23,511.66
BABS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 61,116.12
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 10,602.50
BCBS	Life-dental-Vision	\$ 810.91
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 23,193.42
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	Medical	\$ 35,882.28
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Medical	\$ 28.21
AT&T MOBILITY	Service	\$ 266.61
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 45.98
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	\$ 342.60
BREWSTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION	Service	\$ 445.00

BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150	Service	\$ 186.96
CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fee's	\$ 6.50
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$ 2,708.33
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Service/Maint	\$ 8,855.60
CITY OF BLAIR	Fee's	\$ 1,325.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fee's	\$ 72.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Maint/Repair	\$ 285.58
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$ 1,103.38
CRASH DATA GROUP, INC	Service	\$ 1,500.00
CUBBY'S INC	Fuel	\$ 370.65
CUBBY'S INC	Fuel	\$ 4,327.98
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 102.90
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Service	\$ 472.00
DAYTON ARMOR LLC	Supplies	\$ 4,815.00
DODGE COUNTY CLERK	Service	\$ 11,928.70
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fee's	\$ 49.14
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Service	\$ 7,500.00
PAT DUNN	Reimb	\$ 694.86
DWS LLC	Service	\$ 130.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 1,087.64
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Repairs/Service	\$ 4,287.50
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Repairs/Service	\$ 562.50
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 295.45
FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 103.11
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Maint	\$ 45.00
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$ 2,916.66
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$ 249.32
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Supplies	\$ 1,906.45
WALTER GROVES III	Reimb	\$ 235.40
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$ 3,517.06
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 113.56
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$ 325.64
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$ 30.00
JENSEN LAWN SOLUTIONS, INC.	Service	\$ 800.00
MAPA	Service	\$ 6,660.00
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$ 2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$ 10,331.47
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 649.75
MERRICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Fee's	\$ 7.40
MOTOROLA	Service	\$ 951.26
NE DEPART OF REVENUE/PROPERTY ASSE	Training	\$ 75.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$ 366.00
RUSS NELSEN	Service	\$ 787.50
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Maint	\$ 3.91
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 1,275.34
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY INC	Service/Maint	\$ 2,229.06
PHOENIX SUPPLY	Supplies	\$ 508.56
BRIANA PLACKE	Reimb	\$ 44.66

CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$ 1,540.00
JUSTIN A. QUINN	Service	\$ 368.65
REDFIELD & COMPANY INC	Supplies	\$ 468.20
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 24.15
DEBBIE SAVILLE	Reimb	\$ 38.50
SECRETARY OF STATE	Service	\$ 40.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maint	\$ 1,174.46
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Maint/Repairs	\$ 131.08
STRYKER SALES	Supplies	\$ 1,530.00
BARB SULLIVAN	Reimb	\$ 130.18
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$ 44,980.45
TACTICAL SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$ 4,015.88
TALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	Supplies	\$ 125.91
THE FILTER SHOP	Supplies	\$ 123.00
BRADY TUCKER	Reimb	\$ 345.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$ 19.26
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 95.87
WALGREENS #11957	Supplies	\$ 300.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	\$ 242.83
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fee's	\$ 5.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Fee's	\$ 126.00
ROADS FUND - 200		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7-18-25	\$ 55,072.38
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 3,717.44
BABS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 12,412.21
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 1,968.75
BCBS	Life-dental-Vision	\$ 289.37
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,066.40
BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Rock/Gravel	\$ 21,080.55
BOB'S RADIATOR REPAIR CO INC	Parts	\$ 960.00
BOMGAARS	Parts/Supplies	\$ 811.66
BOWSER TRANSFER LLC	Gravel	\$ 4,314.20
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel	\$ 7,410.15
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	Supplies	\$ 23.68
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Reimb	\$ 150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Medical	\$ 138.34
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel	\$ 640.22
EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF-600 FUND	Transfer	\$ 6,772.64
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies/Training	\$ 1,310.66
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 256.51
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Training	\$ 141.90
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS INC	Service	\$ 135.95
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	Lodging	\$ 925.00
JOHN DEERE CREDIT, INC.	Parts/Supplies	\$ 1,450.72
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$ 1,416.81
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock/Gravel	\$ 184,918.23
TROY MENCKE	Reimb	\$ 150.00

MIDWEST COATINGS COMPANY, INC.	Service	\$ 244,533.38
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Reimb	\$ 150.00
POWERPLAN	Parts/Supplies	\$ 2,089.42
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts	\$ 148.23
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$ 6,995.32
STALP GRAVEL COMPANY	Gravel	\$ 31,596.17
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	Parts	\$ 60.58
KENDALL VERHAGE	Reimb	\$ 150.00
TODD G. WACHTER	Reimb	\$ 150.00
WELDON PARTS INC	Parts	\$ 220.30
HARD SURFACE FUND - 300		
OLD CASTLE MATERIALS	Engineering	\$ 46,590.77
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	\$ 11,005.70
HIGHWAY BRIDGE FUND - 650		
HUSKER STEEL	Supplies	\$ 19,855.00
REGISTER OF DEEDS FUND - 1150		
VICKIE BRODKORB -MOBILE BINDERS	Supplies	\$ 948.79
INSURANCE FUND - 1275		
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Insurance	\$ 49,596.84
DRUG COURT FUND - 2390		
CAPITAL ONE	Incentives	\$ 26.65
JUVENILE SERVICES FUND - 2506		
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 7-18-25	\$ 2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 155.93
BABS-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
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC.	Service	\$ 840.30
ARPA-2580		
CORE CPA	Service	\$ 97.50
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Engineering	\$ 17,333.10
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS - 2913		
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC.	Service	\$ 31.09

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 July 22, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
