

March 25, 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 3:04 PM on March 25, 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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve the agenda for 3/25/25. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the March 11, 2025 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 3/11/25 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

Kruger stated that the board is waiting for more information on the Fastwyre bill and that it may be paid at a later date.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill that the claims be approved except for claim #25030350 to Fastwyre 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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to receive correspondence from Loess Hills and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

6. Chris Shewchuk, Planning and Zoning Administrator--Public hearing on the following item:

6.1. Conditional Use Permit Modification--Aaron and Michael Doll are requesting approval of a CUP Modification to extend the term date to operate a borrow pit from April 30, 2025 to April 30, 2027. The property is legally described as the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and Tax Lot 12 in Section 10, Township 18 North, Range 9 East of the 6th P.M. General location is State Highway 91, east of County Road 7, Nickerson. D/PA

Shewchuk went through the request and stated that the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval to extend the CUP for two years. There were no comments during the public hearing.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Mike Mackie to approve the request of Aaron and Michael Doll for a CUP Modification to extend the term date to operate a borrow pit from April 30, 2025 to April 30, 2027 on the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and TL 12 in Section 10-18-6. Motion Carried.

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

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

Kruger said the Road Dept has been working on a box culvert for project 642 then displayed photos showing progress on FEMA reimbursement work and blizzard preparedness and cleanup.

7.1. Accept & approve bids for culverts

Kruger read off bids for spiral pipe, riveted pipe, and 24" wide bands-welded flanges bolts & nuts. Bids were submitted by Metal Culverts Inc and B's Enterprises Inc.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept bids from B's Enterprises Inc and Metal Culverts Inc and authorize Road Dept to use at their discretion. Motion Carried.

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

7.2. Accept & approve bids for gravel

The following bids were received: 1) Stalp Gravel Co, \$19.50/ ton road gravel, \$20.00/ ton armor coat gravel. 2)

Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel Co, \$28.00/ ton road gravel, \$35.00/ ton armor coat gravel.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept bid from Stalp Gravel Co and Lyman-Richey Sand & Gravel and authorize Road Dept to use at their discretion. Motion Carried.

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

7.3. Accept & approve bids for new semi-tractor

The following bids were received for a new semi-tractor: 1) Cornhusker International, 2026 International, \$184,500. 2) I-State Truck Center, 2025 Freightliner, \$163,751. 3) RDO, 2025 Mack, \$173,597. Kruger said the Mack has a bigger front axle.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to accept bid from RDO for a 2025 Mack \$173,597. Motion Carried.

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

7.4. Public hearing: Adopt Resolution 2025-3; Accepting the One & Six-Year Road Plan

Chairman opened a public hearing to hear anyone speak for, neutrally, or against the proposed One & Six Year Road Plan.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Res 2025-3; accepting the One & Six Year Road Plan. Motion Carried.

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

8. Mike Freburg: Discuss driveway permitting on Co Rd 29. D/PA

Mike Freburg and Nick Miszuk passed out copies of maps that show how Mr. Freburg's current property will be divided into 13 parcels and is asking the county to allow the use of easements to access 6 of the potential parcels that would otherwise be landlocked. Mr. Miszuk also showed a map of where driveways could potentially be placed should the county not allow for an easement. Board members discussed potential litigation should an easement be granted and also had concerns about the second option of the driveway layout that was presented by Mr. Miszuk.

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to deny request to allow the driveways as presented. Motion Carried.

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

9. Mike Rooks: Gateway Development update

Rooks gave a review of some of the projects that were completed in 2024 such as housing development and the purchase of the Mutual of Omaha building by Design Plastic International. Rooks also discussed some of the 18 new projects for 2025.

10. Mike Robinson, Emergency Manager: briefing on March 19 winter storm

Sheriff Robinson gave a report on what the Sheriff's Department did to help the community after last week's blizzard. The courthouse and many residences in the county lost power for a few days. Blair YMCA opened their doors to those who needed to use showers facilities, Red Cross and Salvation Army served meals. Robinson said overall communications to the public went well.

11. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Discuss the purchase of mobile data in-car computers. D/PA

Robinson said he worked with the Finance Committee last year regarding getting the computers so that the budget could be adjusted. Bizco Technologies quoted \$121,129.06 for equipment to be paid in installments, or \$112,875.89 for the equipment if paid for up front.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to accept bid from Bizco Technologies for in-car computers for \$123,150.89 to be paid out of Inheritance Tax Fund. Motion Carried.

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

12. Authorize Chairman to sign Engagement Letter for auditing services with Sharon Hammarlund, CPA. D/PA

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to authorize Chairman to sign Engagement Letter with Sharon Hammarlund, CPA for auditing services. Motion Carried.

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

13. Receive and place on file the March 3, 2025 Tax Sale figures submitted by Treasurer Marj Hoier
Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to receive the Tax Sales Figures for 3/3/25 and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

14. Special Designated License: Julie Ann Johnson, Prime Rib Dinner on 4/11/25

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Mike Mackie to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Julie Ann Johnson. Motion Carried.

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

15. Comments from public: Mike Anderson and Scott Liberty spoke

16. Committee Reports: The Road Committee discussed county-approved road standards and worked with the County Attorney on how the roads are defined and designated. The Six Pack Committee discussed zoning changes with regard to sign changes and said the proposed changes will go before the Planning Commission at the next meeting.

17. 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. There were no items for a closed session.

18. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:42 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND-100

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/14/25	\$ 309,001.41
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 22,439.99
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 806.19
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 61,267.69
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 22,647.43
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 10,195.00
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS, INC	Supplies	\$ 195.00
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Service	\$ 30.00
LORI BENSON	Postage Reimb	\$ 33.60
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 25.14
BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150	Service	\$ 195.15
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Service	\$ 600.00
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$ 2,708.33
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Repairs/Maint	\$ 2,051.00
CITY OF FORT CALHOUN	Lease	\$ 300.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 144.00
CONNER PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	Service	\$ 780.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Maint/Repairs	\$ 1,760.69
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	Lodging	\$ 72.20
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 4,128.49
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Fees	\$ 472.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 56.76
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Service	\$ 7,500.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service/Supplies	\$ 510.62

ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC	Repairs	\$	5,511.71
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	Repairs/Service	\$	1,682.16
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	242.16
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$	2,916.66
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP-MI10	Repairs/Maint	\$	418.77
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$	277.61
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Supplies	\$	496.97
HD AUTO CREATIONS INC	Repairs	\$	1,000.00
HILLYARD, INC.	Supplies	\$	3,988.81
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$	312.41
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$	60.00
JENSEN TIRE & AUTO	Maint/Repairs	\$	846.24
JORDAN LUXA	Registration Reimb	\$	626.25
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$	2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	62.00
ANDREA MURPHY	Uniform Allowance	\$	73.60
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$	520.21
NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	Inspections	\$	480.00
NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT	Fees	\$	50.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies/Repairs	\$	78.71
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	652.79
PITNEY BOWES INC	Service	\$	942.63
BRIANA PLACKE	Mileage	\$	21.70
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	1,746.25
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	\$	541.00
RADIO ACCOUNTING SERVICE	Media	\$	725.00
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$	440.00
RVR	Vehicle Pymts	\$	56,493.47
SECRETARY OF STATE	Certifications	\$	40.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maint/Repairs	\$	1,290.92
US POSTAL SERVICE	Supplies	\$	905.60
STREICHERS	Equipment	\$	147.20
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN	Service	\$	1,200.00
VELOCITY SYSTEMS	Supplies	\$	329.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	47.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	1,714.82
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON	Lease	\$	300.00
WAKEFIELD TOWING & RECOVERY	Service	\$	642.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Vehicle Pymts	\$	77,678.98
ROADS FUND-200			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/14/25	\$	58,033.84
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	3,917.32
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	302.80
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$	13,202.85
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	4,278.89
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	1,968.75
BADGER BODY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	Repairs/Maint	\$	5,772.00
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$	4,283.18
CALHOUN OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$	2,235.91

ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$	187.23
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	112.65
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	1,236.28
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$	926.76
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Supplies	\$	10.69
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$	4,002.60
LIFT SOLUTIONS	Parts	\$	322.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$	318.75
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$	146.07
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Maint/Repairs	\$	345.78
NE ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	Dues	\$	435.00
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	\$	760.00
INSURANCE FUND-1275			
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Insurance	\$	52,700.19
JUVENILE SERVICES-2506			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 3/14/25	\$	2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	155.93
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	13.64
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$	486.46
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	174.69
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$	93.75
ARPA FUND-2580			
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Engineering	\$	4,590.20
911 ENHANCED WIRELESS-2913			
FASTWYRE BROADBAND	Service	\$	451.62
E911 SYSTEM FUND-5907			
HIGH MAINTENANCE AND MODS, INC.	Service	\$	2,209.50

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 March 25, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
