

December 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 3:00 PM on December 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: Co Clerk Barbara Sullivan, 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 12/10/24. Motion Carried.

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

3. Approve minutes for the November 26, 2024 meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 11/26/24 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 \$500, Reg of Deeds \$40,254, Co Crt \$13,351, Clk Dist Crt \$1,712, Co Sheriff \$1,449, Planning & Zoning \$7,664, Road Dept \$22,119 & November Treasurer's statement: Collections \$1,010,406, Disbursements \$2,294,136, Inheritance Tax Balance \$713,470, Ending Balance \$10,482,946

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to receive the office 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. Hwy Supt Dave Kruger: Road Dept update not limited to projects, equipment, and personnel

7.1. Accept & approve Work Order Agreement for Structure C89 (05105P) Co Rd P51

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to approve Work Order for Structure C89 (05105P) Co Rd P51.

Motion Carried.

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

8. Susan Laughlin: discuss road maintenance for Looking Glass subdivision

Laughlin said residences of the Looking Glass subdivision were informed that the county will no longer be maintaining the roads after this winter and that the reason given was that the roads in the subdivision are privately owned and should not be maintained by the county. Laughlin and board members discussed at length whether the roads in the development are private or county owned. Supervisor Barnhill stated that the county had yet to make any discussion regarding road maintenance but that it is in discussion. County Attorney Vander Schaaf passed out copies of board minutes from 1965 that show the roads in question were not up to county standards at that time and never have been. Scott Liberty and Jarod Hoising also shared their concerns.

9. Jay Jensen, Weed Supt: Review of Year-End Reports and update on State Inspection. D/PA
 Jensen gave a brief review of the report that was distributed to board members and answered questions. The report included Noxious Weed Infestation, Budget, and Activity reports.
 Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to authorize Chairman to sign Weed Year-End reports. Motion Carried.

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

10. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Jail revenue update
 Sheriff Robinson stated that the revenue for the month November was \$84,514.

10.1. Discuss hiring part-time maintenance personnel. D/PA
 Sheriff Robinson said he was asked at the last meeting to provide some data regarding the need for additional maintenance staff. Robinson said that in one year Joe had worked an additional 123 hours outside his normal schedule and was called in 46 times in the last 52 weeks. Robinson also gave examples of ways Joe has saved money by eliminating outside vendors from doing work orders. Some board members stated they would like Joe to use a trouble ticket system so that they are able to track what type of work he is being called in for.

Motion Jay Anderson and second by Bob Frahm to authorize hiring a part-time employee for maintenance work.
 Motion Carried.

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

11. Adopt Resolution 2024-25; setting the days the courthouse will be closed for 2025
 Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to adopt Res 2024-25; setting the days the courthouse will be closed for 2025. Motion Carried.

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

RESOLUTION 2024 – 25

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

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Supervisors is required to set the holidays on which the Washington County Courthouse will be closed for 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following holidays will be observed (excluding contract employees) and the Washington County Courthouse will be closed as follows:

THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS WILL BE OBSERVED FOR 2025

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1	NEW YEAR’S DAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 20	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17	PRESIDENTS’ DAY
MONDAY, MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY
THURSDAY, JUNE 19	JUNETEENTH DAY
FRIDAY, JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13	COLUMBUS DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24*	CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN TILL NOON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY

* If Christmas Eve day falls on a regular working day, the Courthouse will close at twelve o’clock noon.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025--The Treasurer’s office will close their window at 3:00 p.m. to complete year end business.

The Courthouse will be open on Arbor Day. However, in lieu of Arbor Day, employees shall receive a floating holiday, which can be utilized at any time by the employee during the current calendar year. The holiday cannot be carried over, and if not used, shall lapse. Request for utilization of this holiday shall be made at least three days in advance and shall be subject to agreement and approval by their supervisor.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of December 2024.

Washington County Board of Supervisors, Washington County, Nebraska.

12. Comments from public: None

13. Committee Reports: The Personnel Committee conducted interviews with a couple of applicants for the Register of Deeds position. They will have a recommendation on a candidate by the next board meeting. The Six Pack Committee discussed clarifying some language regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit. Kruger discussed fund balances for the year versus prior year.

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: No items for a closed session

15. Motion to adjourn meeting

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisors meeting at 4:12 p.m. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

GENERAL FUND

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12-6-24	\$ 303,273.89
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 22,654.86
BCBS-	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 787.88
BCBS-HEALTH	Health Insurance	\$ 59,790.24
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 22,211.78
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	\$ 9,661.25
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 380.00
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS, INC	Supplies	\$ 195.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC	Lease	\$ 420.45
BISHOP BUSINESS	Service	\$ 95.45
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 75.81
BLUE 360 MEDIA, LLC	Supplies	\$ 205.90
CAMPBELL AMAN FUNERAL HOME	Burial Assistance	\$ 1,000.00
CASEYS BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Fuel	\$ 4,401.35
CIOX HEALTH	Service	\$ 20.00
CITY OF BLAIR	Service	\$ 1,744.23
LAYNE CLARK-CLARK PEST CONTROL	Service	\$ 140.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 144.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 651.81
COX BUSINESS	Service	\$ 3,773.69
CUBBYS CORPORATE OFFICE	Fuel	\$ 58.47
DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE	Fees	\$ 1,536.00
PAT DUNN	Supplies	\$ 787.81
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies/Services	\$ 1,105.85
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 496.97

FAIRWAY OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$	161.05
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Service	\$	759.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	ANDERSON	\$	15.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	35.64
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	142.55
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	541.69
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	35.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	470.55
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	1.77
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	25.66
FIRST NATIONAL BANK - OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	97.25
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	189.60
FIRST NATIONAL BANK VISA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	40.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	89.99
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	Fuel/Supplies/Maint	\$	405.44
HD AUTO CREATIONS	Deductible	\$	1,000.00
HIRCHERT-OLSEN AUTO SERVICE INC.	Repairs/Maint	\$	808.30
HTBS CREDIT	Service	\$	291.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$	141.92
IDA COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$	77.90
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$	243.14
JAZZ PUBLICATIONS	Service	\$	3,170.00
JAY JENSEN	Meeting Fees	\$	10.00
JOHN MANSON	Mileage	\$	764.47
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$	264.88
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$	673.67
MOTOROLA	Service	\$	80.00
MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$	4,528.40
NACO, MEMBERSHIP	Dues	\$	450.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Maintenance	\$	40.78
OFFICE WAREHOUSE	Supplies	\$	1,072.94
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$	8,071.46
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	64.32
DAVID ORTIZ	Reimbursement	\$	650.00
POSTMASTER	Service	\$	308.00
CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$	2,007.50
PRECISION IRRIGATION	Service	\$	100.00
BARBARA JOY PRINCE	Fees	\$	1,357.50
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$	980.00
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Repairs/Maint	\$	631.03
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE INC	Repairs	\$	37.45
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	Service	\$	18,570.37
THE SIGN DEPOT LLC	Service	\$	313.81
TAMI M. NIELSEN-DBA TNT CLEANING SV	Service	\$	6,655.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Service/inspections	\$	765.92
ADAM R TRIPP	Fees	\$	1,472.00
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service	\$	84.35
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	Service	\$	889.98
VERIZON	Service	\$	53.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$	42.94

VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 63.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 40.45
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$ 493.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 72.00
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Maintenance	\$ 2,342.26
ZELLE LLC	Service	\$ 6,500.00

ROADS

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12-6-24	\$ 61,938.96
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 4,180.91
BCBS-	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 330.08
BCBS-HEALTH	Health Insurance	\$ 14,277.73
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,570.19
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	\$ 2,062.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	Service	\$ 110.00
BI-STATE MOTOR PARTS INC	Supplies/Parts	\$ 956.45
BOBCAT OF OMAHA	Parts	\$ 717.24
BUDDIES RENTALS	Service	\$ 150.00
CAPPEL AUTO SUPPLY, INC.	Parts/Supplies	\$ 171.48
CINTAS CORPORATION	Medical	\$ 31.00
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts/Labor	\$ 444.39
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Supplies	\$ 1,260.86
LAFONTAINE AUTOMOTIVE	Sign Truck and Equip	\$ 157,802.00
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$ 260.91
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Tires	\$ 15,339.95
NEBRASKA IOWA SUPPLY COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 14,017.98
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	Parts/Labor/Repairs	\$ 3,077.99
NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT CORP	Parts	\$ 98.15
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Chemicals/Salt	\$ 2,176.92
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 652.22
POSTMASTER	Service	\$ 188.00
POWERPLAN	Parts/Rental	\$ 7,852.35
RDO TRUCK CENTER CO	Parts/Labor	\$ 1,668.93
REDS WELDING SUPPLY	Labor	\$ 250.00
SAPP BROS, INC	Fuel	\$ 4,132.87
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Repairs	\$ 395.00
TITAN MACHINERY	Parts	\$ 59.22
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	Parts	\$ 1,015.78
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 1,846.68
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 1,069.81

EMERGENCY FLOOD

BLUFF AGGREGATE LLC	Gravel/Rock	\$ 1,646.39
BRAKKAN TRUCKING INC	Gravel/Rock	\$ 6,252.25
DALE R JOHNSON ENT, INC.	Gravel/Rock	\$ 4,385.16
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	Rock	\$ 116,493.44

ROAD/BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT

WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK WIRE	Wire Transfer	\$ 19,268.75
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

MULTI-COUNTY INFORMATION &	Service	\$ 543.64
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INSURANCE FUND

JOSEPH KEAS	Gym Reimb	\$ 360.00
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JUVENILE SERVICES

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 12-6-24	\$	2,310.00
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$	155.93
BCBS-	Life-Dental-Vision	\$	13.64
BCBS-HEALTH	Health Insurance	\$	486.46
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$	174.69
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A.	\$	93.75
VERIZON	Service	\$	42.94

ARPA

B'S ENTERPRISE INC	Culvert Band	\$	465.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Engineering	\$	1,135.00

911 ENHANCED WIRELESS

CENTURYLINK	Service	\$	55.54
CALVIN POULSEN	GIS Service	\$	1,732.50

E911 SYSTEM 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 December 10, 2024 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk
