

**January 28, 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 3:03 PM on January 28, 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: County Clerk Barbara Sullivan, Sheriff Mike Robinson, Deputy Sheriff Mitch Robinson, and County Attorney Scott Vander Schaaf

**2. Approve agenda**

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to approve agenda for 01/28/2025. Motion Carried.

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

**3. Approve minutes for the 01/14/2025 meeting**

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm that the rules be suspended and the minutes of the 01/14/2025 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**

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to receive correspondence from the City of Blair and Nebraska Judicial Branch and place on file. Motion Carried.

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

**6. Hwy Supt Dave Kruger gave a brief report on the Road Dept not limited to projects, equipment and personnel**

**6.1. Accept and approve bids for concrete repair on County Rd 32 (Fort Calhoun cutoff road)**

Tim Farmer, Speece Lewis, and Dave Kruger reviewed the following bids: 1) Constructors Inc, \$867,799.15 total, est completion 6/30/25. 2) Cather & Sons, \$849,999.50 total, est completion 10/1/25. 3) Western Engineering, \$661,165.36 total, est completion 5/24/25. 4) Hawkins, \$863,160.10, est completion 6/6/25. 5) Old Castle Materials Midwest Co, dba Omni Engineering, \$698,480.65, est completion 6/30/25. Co Attorney Vander Schaaf reminded board members of the current lawsuit the county has with Western Engineering.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve bid from Old Castle Materials Midwest Co, dba Omni Engineering for a total of \$698,480.65. Motion Carried.

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

**6.2. Accept and approve 2025 Agreement with MEI Midwest Engineering Inc for 2025 Routine Bridge Inspections.**

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to accept and approve 2025 Agreement with MEW Midwest Engineering, Inc for 2025 Routine Bridge inspections. Motion Carried.

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

6.3. Accept and approve Proposal for Engineering Services for Grade and Paving Project on County Rd 30 North of Ft Calhoun (Rolling Acres)

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Kevin Barnhill to accept and approve Proposal for Engineering Services for Grade and Paving Project on County Rd 30 North of Fort Calhoun (Rolling Acres). Motion Carried.

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

6.4. Accept and approve Bridge Match for County Rd P43 State Agreement. Tabled from 01/14/2025

County Attorney Vander Schaaf stated that he did review and approve the agreement.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to un-table approving Bridge Match for County Rd P43 State Agreement. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Bob Frahm to approve Bridge Match for County Rd P43 State Agreement. Motion Carried.

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

#### RESOLUTION 2025-1

#### SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT- BL2438

Whereas: Washington County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds; and

Whereas: Washington County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Washington County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Washington County that:

Chair of the Washington County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Washington County and the NDOT.

Washington County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP (9)

NDOT Control Number: 00974H

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 at Blair Nebraska.

Steve Dethlefs

Kevin Barnhill

Mike Mackie

Jon Stewart

Steve Kruger

Bob Frahm

Lisa Kramer

Attest: Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

6.5. Accept and approve Engineer's proposal for the Bridge Replacement on County Rd P43

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to accept and approve Engineers proposal for the Bridge Replacement on County Rd P43. Motion Carried.

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

7. Tayler Wickham, Nebraska Extension Office: Request approval of newly appointed Extension Board members

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to approve newly appointed members Amanda Lehan, Blake Wakefield, and Wayne O'Callaghan for a three-year term. Motion Carried.

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

7.1. Discuss Extension 4-H use of funds

Wickham stated that the Extension Office is anticipating staffing shortages over the summer and while they are currently recruiting to fill vacant positions, it is unlikely they will be filled by summer. Wickham proposed to hire two or three interns to help with fair preparations, workshops, and events.

8. Sheriff Mike Robinson: Food Service Agreement tabled from 12/23/2024

Sheriff Robinson said he still had some questions that need answered and asked the board to keep the agenda item tabled until next meeting.

Motion Steve Kruger and second by Kevin Barnhill to un-table approval of Food Service Agreement. Motion Carried.

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

Motion Lisa Kramer and second by Bob Frahm to table approval of Food Service Agreement. Motion Carried.

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

8.1. Approve financing for new patrol cars

Sheriff Robinson distributed packets to board members detailing the costs to purchase and equip two 2025 Ford Interceptors. The total cost after trade-ins for both vehicles would be \$114,475. Finance bids were received by RVR Bank (4.99% int) and WCB (5.99% int).

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Mike Mackie to approve financing with RVR Bank for the purchase of two patrol vehicles. Motion Carried.

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

9. Bob Frahm: Discuss removal of hazardous material that is stored in the basement of the old courthouse. D/PA Board member Frahm discussed a quote from Hydro-Kleen to remove various materials stored at the courthouse. Hydro-Kleen did an inventory of the items and gave a quote to package, transport and dispose of unused chemicals for \$42,225. Board members discussed it at length and decided to table until the next meeting in order to pursue more options. Mike Anderson spoke.

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Lisa Kramer to table approval to remove hazardous material in the basement of the old courthouse. Motion Carried.

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

10. Chairman Steve Dethlefs to discuss committee assignments for 2025

Chairman Dethlefs distributed committee assignments for the board members for the 2025 year.

11. Special Designated License for Arlington Youth Foundation, Julie Ann Johnson, and Washington County Community Foundation

Motion Kevin Barnhill and second by Steve Kruger to authorize Chairman to sign SDL Local Recommendation Form 200 for Arlington Youth Foundation, Julie Ann Johnson, and Washington County Community Foundation. Motion Carried.

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

12. Comments from public: None

13. Committee Reports: Roads Committee discussed what they want to accomplish in 2025 as well as the handling of private roads.

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 Steve Kruger and second by Lisa Kramer to adjourn from the Board of Supervisor's meeting at 3:47 pm. Motion Carried.

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

CLAIMS:

**GENERAL FUND**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-17-25	\$ 284,938.01
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 21,208.90
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 820.91
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 58,537.09
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 20,833.88
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 9,700.00
ADVANTAGE LASER PRODUCTS, INC	Supplies	\$ 195.00
AIRGAS USA, LLC	Supplies	\$ 21.54
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	Service	\$ 30.00

BRIAN BECKMAN	Uniform Allowance	\$ 52.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	Service	\$ 3,918.10
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	Supplies	\$ 278.22
BOB BARKER CO INC	Supplies	\$ 375.76
BOMGAARS	Supplies	\$ 10.78
BROADVOICE-LOCKBOX#913150	Service	\$ 251.34
CASEYS BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	Fuel	\$ 6,331.74
NICOLE CAVANAUGH	Service	\$ 2,708.33
CERRIS SYSTEMS	Repairs/Maint	\$ 49,636.10
CITY OF BLAIR	Fees	\$ 325.00
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	Fees	\$ 112.00
COUNTRY TIRE INC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 667.44
DAS STATE ACCNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE	Fees	\$ 472.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	Fees	\$ 2.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	Fees	\$ 54.10
WILLIAM P. DUNN	Service	\$ 7,500.00
DWS LLC	Maintenance	\$ 75.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Service/Supplies	\$ 462.28
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 331.88
FAMILY DENTAL CENTER OF BLAIR	Medical	\$ 703.00
JOHNSON, PEKNY LAW	Service	\$ 2,916.66
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	Maintenance	\$ 262.80
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS	Service	\$ 190.75
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC	Uniform Allowance	\$ 827.90
GROVES BRENT	50 MILES @ .70	\$ 35.00
WALTER GROVES III	Uniform Allowance	\$ 103.93
HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS	Service	\$ 4,500.00
MARJORIE HOIER	Reimburse	\$ 63.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	Service	\$ 541.64
IAPE	Membership	\$ 65.00
IDEAL PURE WATER	Service	\$ 27.95
INFOSAFE SHREDDING, INC	Service	\$ 150.00
NICHOL JOHNSON	Mileage	\$ 26.81
ALEX JUDKINS	Training	\$ 277.50
JANE MCNEIL	Service	\$ 2,708.33
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	Medical	\$ 416.08
MENDEZ & ASSOCIATES LLN	Service	\$ 17,640.00
SHEILA MULDOON	Mileage	\$ 147.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	Supplies	\$ 343.76
NE DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Certification	\$ 200.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	Service	\$ 93.00
NEBRASKA ASSN OF COUNTY TREASURERS	Dues	\$ 75.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	Supplies	\$ 312.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	Supplies	\$ 295.75
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC	Supplies	\$ 211.64
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	Service	\$ 549.85
PFI	Service	\$ 60.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	Medical	\$ 3,050.00
POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	Supplies	\$ 234.35
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	Fees	\$ 36.00

CALVIN POULSEN	Service	\$ 1,870.00
PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES	Supplies	\$ 571.00
ROCHESTER MIDLAND CORPORATION	Service	\$ 440.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	Certification	\$ 40.00
SHOTWELL GLASS LLC	Service/Repair	\$ 464.36
SID DILLON CHEV-OLDS-PONT, INC	Maintenance	\$ 100.05
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY, INC.	Service	\$ 547.16
TURNKEY TECHNOLOGY, LLC	Service/repairs	\$ 4,322.67
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA LINCOLN	Salaries	\$ 10,846.04
US BANK	Dues	\$ 1,429.76
VELOCITY SYSTEMS	Supplies	\$ 805.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC.	Service	\$ 32.38
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 42.94
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 40.01
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 95.88
VERIZON WIRELESS	Service	\$ 1,647.92
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$ 32.44
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Supplies	\$ 302.12
WATCHDOG ELECTRONICS LLC	Service	\$ 436.92
WOODHOUSE FORD INC	Repairs/Maint	\$ 3,743.20
WORKMAN COUNSELING	Service	\$ 370.00
YOST,LAMME,HILLIS,MITCHELL,SCHULZ	Service	\$ 913.00
88 TACTICEL	Service	\$ 600.00

#### **ROADS**

EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-17-25	\$ 61,626.40
AMERITAS	Retirement	\$ 4,159.82
BCBS	Life-Dental-Vision	\$ 330.32
BCBS-HEALTH	Health	\$ 14,582.31
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	FICA/MEDI	\$ 4,537.23
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	H.S.A	\$ 1,968.75
BIG RIG REPAIR, INC.	Equipment Parts	\$ 783.25
BOMGAARS	Parts	\$ 3,133.22
CALHOUN OIL COMPANY	Fuel	\$ 960.75
RUSSELL G. CHRISTENSEN	Electric Reimb	\$ 150.00
CINTAS CORPORATION	Medical Supplies	\$ 24.07
DANIELSON/TECH SUPPLY	Parts/Maint	\$ 946.20
ENTERPRISE MEDIA GROUP	Media	\$ 137.91
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	Supplies	\$ 30.07
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Parts	\$ 1,757.13
KELLY RYAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC	Shop Supplies	\$ 538.54
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	Fuel	\$ 986.67
LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY INC	Materials	\$ 164.12
MATHESON TRIGAS DBA LINWELD	Supplies	\$ 1,441.30
MENARDS	Supplies	\$ 16.24
MENARDS - FREMONT	Supplies	\$ 235.96
TROY MENCKE	Electric Reimb	\$ 150.00
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	Inspections	\$ 3,750.00
MO VALLEY TIRES, LLC	Repairs	\$ 78.00
MOTOROLA	Equipment	\$ 15,599.16
NSG LOGISTICS, LLC	Supplies	\$ 8,510.12

OMAHA DOOR & WINDOW CO INC	Repairs	\$	105.84
NATHAN L. PLUGGE	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
RADIO ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES	Supplies	\$	1,179.70
SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS, INC	Engineering	\$	6,403.00
SUNBELT RENTALS	Service	\$	305.94
KENDALL VERHAGE	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
TODD G. WACHTER	Electric Reimb	\$	150.00
WALKERS UNIFORM RENTAL	Service	\$	717.57
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS</b>			
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	Supplies	\$	133.54
<b>INSURANCE FUND</b>			
WASHINGTON COUNTY BANK	Blue Cross/Insurance	\$	15,781.89
<b>JUVENILE SERVICES</b>			
EMPLOYEES	Payroll 1-17-25	\$	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
<b>DRUG COURT</b>			
CAPITAL ONE	Supplies	\$	91.34
<b>LACTF FUND</b>			
THREE RIVERS PUBLIC HEALTH	Reimb repairs	\$	20,000.00

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 January 28, 2025 Washington County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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