

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 31st, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on July 31st, 2023. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Absent was English. Also present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Deputy Chace Morgan, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, and Road Supervisor Mat Frazey. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Motion by French by Mueller to approve minutes from the July 17th, 2023. Roll Call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Muller discussed he had received complaints about the BIA not mowing the road ditches. Price will do some checking on this and will report back to the Board.

Public Comments: None

Mat Frazey, Roads Supervisor reported that disruptions caused by Hwy 77 closure have settled down. The roads department has put up 9 barricades with roads closed, this was to prevent them being used. They have been hauling gravel, however limited to one truck a day and can only haul Tuesdays and Thursdays right now. The roads crew have been cleaning ditches and repairing the culverts. There has been some scouring issue in some ditches. A feed lot up by Emerson had asked a while ago if work on B Ave on top of a hill could be taken care of this was done this past week. Core samples were taken out by the bridge by the golf course.

Tom Perez, the Emergency manager, reported he had attended the regional meeting last week. Tom had handed out to the Supervisors information on the LATCF funds. NIMS training will be required soon. There will be a new class coming up on September 6, 2023, that will be vital and because FEMA is going to start holding people accountable for spending the funds we receive. Tom relayed the following concerns from FEMA "are people trained, why are we going into the same places and seeing that the same people aren't being trained." FEMA is going to start picking out four counties in 2024 they are going to completely audit them from top to bottom. Tom informed the board he had purchased a blood pressure cup and pulse -oximeter for District Court office and one for Paul Randalls office, he will buy one for each the Extension office, and the Roads department. Tom told the board he would train staff on defibrillator, blood pressure cup and pulse-oximeter.

Bids were opened at 9:15 a.m. County Clerk Bessmer was directed by Chairman Meyer to open the one and only bid received. A bid from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska was submitted for the property located at 316 Bluff St. Lot 3 Block 3 First Filin Village of Winnebago, Thurston County Nebraska, parcel #003670002 in the amount of \$6101.01. Motioned by Mayberry second by Harlan to accept the bid from Winnebago tribe of Nebraska. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Robin Christiansen appeared before the Board to discuss replenishing her petty cash fund \$277.00. The Board told her, she needed to figure this into her budget.

Motioned by Mueller second by Price to allow Robin Christiansen Treasurer's office to be closed on August 18, 2023, due to staffing issues. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, Harlan. Nay: French and Meyer. Absent English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by French to approve cashing in the two CDs at Frontier Bank with the current interest rate of 3.8% and to reinvest them at a rate of 5.10% for 24 months paying the penalty and realizing the gains and the additional interest rates. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve 1% lid increase for levy. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to adopt Resolution #23-17 (Fire Districts) under LB 114(1996) any property tax levy for your political subdivision will be included within the county's levy. Therefore, be it resolved by the Thurston County Board of Supervisors that 3.5 cents of the 15-cent miscellaneous levy of Thurston County will be allocated to your subdivision. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 486.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to adopt Resolution #23-18 (Townships) UNDER LB 114 (1996) property tax levy of political subdivision will be included within in the county's levy. Therefore, be it resolved by the Thurston County Board of Supervisors that no portion of the 15-cent miscellaneous levy authority of Thurston County will be allocated to your subdivision. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 487.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to adopt Resolution #23-19 to transfer \$3000.00 from Inheritance fund to Building Fund. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 488.](#)

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to adopt Resolution #23-20 signing of the Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 489-490.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to hire Becky George KRP Accounting Firm to do the 2023 budget. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Harlan to approve the retention of Edwin McCauley for another term as a Veteran Service Board member. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Harlan to approve the retention of Lyle Jasa for another term as a Veteran Service Board member. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Quotes on the Security cameras were tabled as Tom did not have time to do get the information. Tabled until next meeting. Mayberry said she wanted this information by September 1, 2023.

Discussion was had on radio systems for communication and a back up supply. No action was taken at this time.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to go into Executive session to discuss litigations at 9:50 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Price to come out of Executive session at 10:01 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mueller second by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second Mayberry to adjourn at 10:03 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer