

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 4, 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 December 4, 2023. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Absent English. Also present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Sheriff Russ Briggs, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, and County Treasurer Robin Christiansen. 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 9:03 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.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mueller second by French to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023, meeting. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Meyer. Abstain: English

Balance fund was reviewed.

Committee reports: None

Public Comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry second by Price to approve the fee report from County Clerk Patty Bessmer for November 2023. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Holidays for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English Motion carried.

Discussion was held on email received from Rebecca Blizzard regarding NEMA projects. Tom Perez spoke with them, and this has been taken care of. They had the wrong email address for him.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he will be getting EMT grant money and the amount received will be known later. Tom informed the Board that there is training on the requirements coming up. Tom said that the governor has put out the mandate of all employees working for the government at state and county levels back in person. He wants the Emergency Managers back to in person training and meetings. They have been meeting by zoom. Tom has also been working on 911 stuff as there were numbers given out in the past that were not correct and are working to correct them. Macy is putting in a new addition and 911 addresses will need to be given, Tom informed them that it needs to go through his office and he will give the addresses to them once it is mapped.

Mat Frazey Roads Supervisor reported they have been blading roads; and are still shorthanded with staff being out. Mat stated that he had hired a new employee that started last week. Mat informed the Board that for the last 8 weeks there has been one maintainer down with mechanical problems every week and it has been down for more than 24 hours. The one down right now, the part is on back order. Mat told the Board that the two newest John Deere motor graders have more the 4000 hours on them. The warranty is 7000 hours or seven years, with it being the third year we have had them. Mat informed the Board that Hwy 77 is open to two-way traffic.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Harlan second by French to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English Motion carried.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Mayberry.

Motioned by Price second by Mueller to approve the Exemption application for 9 vehicles for St. Augustine Indian Mission. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Price to approve Exemption application for 1 vehicle for Winnebago Reformed Church. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Price second by French to approve Exemption application for 3 vehicles for Pender Medical Clinic. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Price second by Mueller to approve Exemption application for 7 vehicles for Pender Community Hospital District. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Price second by Mueller to approve Exemption application for 2 vehicles for Pender Care Centre District Inc. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Price second by Mueller to approve Exemption application for 2 vehicles for Pender Community Healthcare Foundation. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by Price second by Mueller to approve Exemption application for 10 vehicles for Little Priest Tribal College. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

Motioned by French second by Price to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:34 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: English. Motin carried.

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

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mueller second by French to approve claims with the change of taxes to be removed off Sterling bill. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Price to adjourn at 9:51 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Absent: English. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer