

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 2, 2024

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 January 2, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Sheriff Russ Briggs, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, and Aaron Bos Director of Nebraska CLASS. 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.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, meeting. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

Adjourn Sine Die motioned by English second by French. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Clerk Patty Bessmer called for Nominations for Chairman; English made the motion for Meyer to be Chairman second by Mueller. No further nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Nomination for Vice Chairman, Price nominated Mark English seconded by Harlan, no more nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Nominations for Board of Equalization Chairman. French nominated Mayberry second by Price, no more nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer appointed committees as follows:

Finance Committee: Mayberry, French, English

Building Committee: Meyer, Mayberry

Region IV North Star: Mueller

Region IV Mental Health Services: Meyer

NE Nebraska Public Health District: Meyer

Safety Committee: English, Price, Harlan

Jail Inspection: French, Mueller, Price

911 Committee: Mayberry, Price, English

Loess Hills RC & D: Meyer

County Physician: Matt Felber

Evaluation Performances: Mayberry, English, Meyer

Jail Building Committee: Mayberry, Mueller, French

All Hazard Mitigation: English, French, Tom Perez

Roads Policy Committee: Mayberry, Price, French

Heartland Counseling Services: Mueller and Mayberry

Emergency Management: English, Harlan, Price

Handbook: Mayberry, Meyer, French and all elected officials

NE Nebraska Economic Development: Meyer

Grant Committee: Mueller, Harlan, French

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished business: None

Committee reports: Mayberry, Mueller and Meyer reported they had gone to NACO Conference in December.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to appoint the Pender Times as the Official newspaper. for Publications and County Board proceedings. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Harlan seconded by French to appoint Tom Perez as the Emergency Manager for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Harlan seconded by English to appoint Tom Perez as the Flood Manager for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to appoint Dan Alexander as the Hwy Superintendent for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez reported he had been busy with the weather and getting everything ready for NEMA and FEMA as they will be coming out this week to do an audit on projects from the 2019 flood. Mat Frazey will be going with them to inspect the sights. Tom reported that the magnets ordered had come in and the Fire Departments will be handing them out. After the Fire Departments are done handing them out, they will decide where to put them for the public to take.

Mat Frazey reported that they have been working on some ditches, cutting trees and blading. They also had a couple days of pushing snow. The wings have been put on all motor graders. The 160 Caterpillar is getting engine oil in the transmission. The mechanics is not exactly sure what wrong whether it is a ring or a seal. It will be scheduled to go to the shop and that will take approximately two weeks to repair. Nebraska machinery will bring us a loaner out while it is in the shop. They will pick the 160-motor grader up and deliver the loaner to us. This is all under Warranty. Mat said they still have some trees to cut up on D Ave. They have rented a stump remover as there are some large stumps to be removed. French asked if the landowner was paying for the removal of the trees and Mat informed him these trees were on the roads ROW but if they were on a person's land then they will be billed for them. Price suggested that Mat should send a list of locations and what need to be done to the Tribes, as he knows that the Winnebago Roads Department has ways and means to do these types of projects if there are trees and such on tribal land. This could be a joint effort that we work together on this.

Aaron Bos Director of Nebraska CLASS. Nebraska class is an investment pool for a local government investment. The deal with your basic operating capital. Nebraska CLASS will make sure we are getting a higher rate of return. They have the highest rate of return in the state, 5.62%. This is completely liquid. You can access your capital whenever it is needed. Additional aspects are they compound our capital every single day. Passing the resolution today does not mean that the county is locked into a contract, or commitment.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-01 Nebraska CLASS as Declaration of Trust for funds 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 513-514.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-02 Frontier Bank as a Depository of funds for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 515.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve resolution #24-03 to transfer \$40,000.00 from General funds to Roads Fund. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 516.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-04 to transfer \$5,000.00 from General Fund to the Building Fund. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 517.](#)

Motioned made by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-05 to approve Charter West Bank as a Depository of funds for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 518.](#)

Approve Resolution #24-06 approving First Nebraska bank of Valley as Depository for 2024.
Motioned died due to lack of motion to approve.

Motioned by Mayberry Second by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for December 2023. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Price to extend the lease on the 250 Excavator that we are currently leasing for another 5 years. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

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

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer