

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**January 16, 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 16, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, James Price, Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan and Jim Mueller. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez. 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 9:07 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 English seconded by Price to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Committee reports: None

Public Comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk fee report for December of 2023. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee reports for October and November 2023. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Chairman Glen Meyer's signature on the Maximus 2022 indirect Cost Plan with Maximus. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the statements from NIRMA and Kurt Elder. The decision was made to approve them with the claims as presented today.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the MOU with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs amendment that extends for 2 more years through 12-31-2025. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer gave a written report on NACO Convention she attended in December. The Board thanked her for doing this.

**Board of Equalization**

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

BOE was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry

Motioned by Price seconded by Meyer to approve Exemption application for Atlas of Winnebago for 3 vehicles. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Meyer to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to pay for radio reprogramming out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported has been busy with the weather, he has been working with the roads department, getting reports for the state, federal and other departments. The roads crew has worked very hard and said it has been so difficult because the drifts are so hard. Tom has been tracking all of it and will keep working with Mat Frazey and the road crew. Tom has been talking with NEMA perhaps some reimbursement for some of the additional costs incurred. Their indication is that they are not going to pay for snow removal. Tom kept in close contact with Mat and told Mat to keep track of everything. Tom informed the board that he had finished up the FEMA and NEMA audit last week. Rebecca Blizzard had taken a bunch of paperwork back with her and had some more questions on that but overall, however the audits went very well. Glen Meyer had spoken with Mat Frazey, and Mat thought that by the end of today, Tuesday, everything should be open at least one pathway through the roads. Glen also said they had been working with the tribe's roads departments and on cooperation working together. James, Mat, Tom, and Glen have all worked together on this.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to put a thank you in the paper to thank all the Roads crew and the volunteers and to the public for all for the cooperation during this snow emergency. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss litigations. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to come out of Executive session at 10:12 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Emergency items were discussed, Price had suggestions for a list to be put together of what or who the first priorities should be on opened first. Example Law enforcement, Doctors, fire departments, EMT's and the people that do the snow removal. He would like some kind of notice to be sent out to the public to tell them to stay at home, it is not safe for anyone to travel. Price also suggested that a list of those certain roads be made so that they know which ones should be opened first. Price also wanted to know if the County could help open the highway in an emergency to get someone to the hospital in Sioux City if needed. The board said only in emergency and only to the county line and then Dakota county would have to take it from there. James would like to see some of this implemented into the county procedures. Glen suggested Tom put something together and work with Price on getting something put together.

English stated that he does not think it is a good idea to do the fire and rescue members on the list of priorities but to get the fire hall and roads first. The fire and rescue volunteers will find a way to get there. Meyer stated that from the emergency items to discuss we at least have some plans to move forward on now.

Discussion on a Declaration of Disaster was discussed but no action taken.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Chairman Glen Meyer

