

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 11, 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 March 11, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Wendy Petersen, Brandon Peterson, and Eric Henn. 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 of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, meeting with the change of Region IV Behavior Health not Mental Health. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Chairman Meyer discussed before Treasurer Robin Christiansen can move or renew any funds for the County, the Board must approve it.

Committee reports: English reminded the Board of the luncheon today at the Walthill Firehall for the Roads, Law Enforcement, and all the volunteers for all their hard work during the blizzard in January.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer's February 2024 fee report in the amount of \$8,410.50. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by mayberry Seconded by Price to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth's February 2024 fee report in the amount of \$286.66. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Noxious Weed's 2023 Nebraska Department of Ag annual report. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Wendy Petersen representing the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska would like to purchase a property located in Walthill, Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition Walthill, Thurston County Nebraska. Parcel #003340027. This is behind the Dialysis Center; they are looking to expand. The board will start the process of selling the property as surplus.

Robin Christiansen Treasurer reported to the results of the tax sale March 4, 2024, 39 parcels sold with a total of \$54,300.00 collected.

Tom Perez reported that the first two quarters of state funds that are used for his salary had come in the amount of \$12,858.18. Tom reported he had a LEPC meeting this past week and it was discussed that. He stated that himself and a couple of the other Emergency directors would break the County down into sections and start going through addressing, it appears there are a lot of missing 911 addresses and things are not correct on the maps. Signs aren't where they are supposed to be, addresses have been changed and seems there has been a lack of communication on addressing. The overlays are not on the survey sites like they are supposed to be. Tom spoke with Gworks last week about getting this done so that the 911 overlay overlays with the Assessor. Tom said he had recruited a couple of people to help him with this.

Tom informed the board that the state radio programming is pretty much taken care of. Tom reminded the board again about the classes they need to attend to get certificates to be able to receive disaster funds, from FEMA, NEMA. Tom informed the board that he has these classes on a zip drive, and they can do them and get these certificates. The numbers of these certificates that are needed are 1, 2, 7, & 8. Four board members still need this. Mark English suggested that when the LEPC does this, all are welcome to do this with them. He will let everyone know when that will be.

Board of Equalization Minutes

Motioned by Price second by French to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:34 a.m.

Tax list correction:

1. Wally & Jennifer Juhlin parcel # 002121002 correction of a deduction of \$103.54 due to building being removed from property. Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the correction. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.
2. Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Exemption Application for Pender Care Centre District Inc. 2024 Cargo Trailer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Assessor Schrieber presented the 2024 Exemption Applications of the following properties:

Assembly of God Church Pender, Classis of Central Plains Winnebago Reformed Church, Community of Christ Church, Edu care of Winnebago; Evangelical Covenant Church Pender, First Methodist Church Walthill, Heritage Museum of Thurston County Inc., Ho-Chunk Community Development Corp. Winnebago, John Huss Presbyterian Church Pender, John Rooney Post #55 Pender, Light of the World Gospel Ministries Walthill, Little Priest Tribal College Winnebago, Methodist Church Rosalie, Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Nebraska Indian Community College Macy, Northeast Community Action Partnership Inc. Pender, Olive Branch Lodge No 274, A.F. & A.M. Rosalie, Our Lady of Fatima Church of Macy, Pender Care Centre District Inc., Pender Community Center, Pioneer Senior Citizen Inc. Pender, Presbyterian Faith United Church, Seventh Direction Inc., St. Augustine's Indian Mission Winnebago, St. John's Catholic Church Pender, St. Joseph's Catholic Church Walthill, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center Inc. Walthill, Trinity Lutheran Church Walthill, United Church of Pender, United Methodist & Presbyterian USA, Pender, Walthill Senior Citizens Inc., UCCXVIII, INC., DBA Omaha Care Senior Living, Walthill Saddle Club, Walthill Senior Citizens Center Winnebago Reformed Church, and Winnebago Senior Center.

Motioned by English seconded by Meyer to adjourn BOE at 9:42 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey reported the 160 maintainer that was out for repair is back and running. They have been cleaning up tree debris and have been working on culverts and replaced a culvert north of Thurston. Gravel bids will be advertised in this week and next week's paper. Bids will be opened 3-25-2024 at 9:40 a.m.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Exemption Application from Pender Care Centre District Inc. for a 2024 R & M Cargo Trailer. Vin# 55ZR1EC20R1011868. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:42 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Brandon Peterson & Eric Henn with Applied Connective to discuss the phone services they would provide to the County Court House. County Clerk Patty Bessmer had followed up with the contract that the County was currently with Lumen, and it is a month-by-month contract. Eric Henn gave all Board members a copy of the services they are providing to the County. This will be a great cost savings to the County.

The managed services will be \$881.68 a month and hardware costs are \$5811.65 with a one-time installation cost of \$6,000.00.

Motioned by English seconded Mueller to approve the Applied Connective contract with the approval of the County Attorney, and the new dollar amounts that will be sent to the Clerk as discussed to be changed. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to advertise for bids for the Rosalie Shop to replace the Overhead door, rewiring electrical interior, sealing of the roof and installation of insulation in the building. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Mayberry to post signs in both entrances of the Courthouse requesting any vendor or technician entering the building must check in at the Clerk's office. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the associate membership of \$100.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.