

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
April 8th, 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 April 8th, 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, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Derek Herron, Beth Ferrell, Jo Tonjes. 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 March 25th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished business: None

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: French talked about the Tribal Transportation Conference he and Glen Meyer had attended. Dan Alexander, Road Superintendent gave a great presentation on what all Thurston County has completed and projects for the future at this conference.

Jo Tonjes appeared before the board to discuss 911 services.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Glen Meyer Chairman and County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signatures on 911 Regionalization Contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for March 2024 in the amount of \$12,535.00 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for March 2024 in the amount of \$399.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Glen Meyer Chairman signature on the revised Diversion Application. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. A hearing was opened to declare fair market value on the property located at Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska, Parcel #003340027 located at 149 S Tallman St. Walthill, Ne. Motioned by Mayberry to set the fair market value at \$1,250.00 seconded by Price. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Beth Farrell with NACO was here to give an update on what NACO has been working on for the last few months. NACO works very closely with legislation and works very hard for the benefit of the Counties. NACO has been doing an Employees benefit and salary study that will be released at the June Convention.

The June Convention will be in general sessions and then break out to individual departments. Beth thanked Glen Meyer for coming down and testifying before the legislation on behalf of Thurston County how important the Inheritance tax is for the counties. It did come out of committee and did not

have enough votes to advance. She thanked all those who reached out to their Senators to let them know how important the Inheritance tax is to help keep levies down. Beth went over several new laws that will go into effect in January 2025. The County workshop in October will be held in Ogallala at the NACO new facility. Beth told the Board if anyone has any suggestions for the 2025-2026 legislation, please reach out to her or one of the staff members at NACO.

9:40 a.m. Bids were opened for the projects advertised to be done on the Rosalie Shop as follows:
Seal and repair the roof, Insulate the inside of the shop and electrical work to be done as advertised.
R and A Seamless foam insulation walls and gable, \$19,250.00
No other bids were submitted.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid from R and A Seamless. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Thomsen Electric: rewire the shop and install a new 200-amp panel, install 12 new high bay led shop lights, install outside lights, install sub panel on east west for dedicated circuits, install outlets on east and west walls \$28,218.00. No other bids were submitted.
Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English second by price to purchase a security wand and combination lock for the Courtroom to be paid out of ARPA funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez updated the Board on the 911 sign list. The newest 911 sign list has been made for the Winnebago addresses that need to be done. Tom spoke with Matt as he was going to get that list from him. Tom is going to email that list and cc everyone, so they know it has been done.
He was to give Tom the signs, but he was tied up with other projects, so Tom said he will load up the signs up and take over to the shop this weekend along with a map so they can complete Macy. After that they will work on Winnebago signs. There are some signs we are finding in the County that are not correct. The problem is people are putting up signs wherever they want or possibly getting their own look like 911 signs made that are not 911 signs.
In some places within the Tribal boundaries, they are using Unit numbers instead of the 911 address. Tom said he was going to set up meetings with the communities and inform the residents that they must use the 911 addresses assigned to them.
Last week the sirens were tested, and Laura Novak Communication manager and Sheriff Russ Briggs put together a list of things that need to be fixed. Tom stated that they will be taking care of some of these issues with programming. The siren at Walthill to start it, but it could not be shut off. They will have to come back and reprogram that. There is some other programming that needs to be done. Tom has called them to get this done, they are currently tied up with other projects as other systems have had trouble as well, at this point, they will get to us as soon as they can. Tom stated that dispatch is moving forward, joining the 911 Regionalization is a great thing. He feels this will help with a lot of different things. The things that didn't go right with the weather drill will be discussed at the LAPC meeting on April 18th meeting.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer