

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**May 6th, 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 May 6, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and Davin French. Absent: James Price and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Laura Novak, Communication Manager, Heidi Borg Agriculture Liaison Representative of Adrian Smith Congressman District 3. 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 9:02 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 French to approve the minutes of April 22nd, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: None

Unfinished business:

- a. The Rosalie shed update is all the insulation and everything has been removed and needs some cleaning for the insulation process to begin.
- b. 911 signs update are moving along, the meeting for this was rescheduled due to a death in the community.
- c. Phone system update new phones have been installed and the cordless phones are being installed this week.
- d. Internet Service with Fastwyre to board has decided to go ahead with Fastwyre. Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve the contract with Fastwyre internet services. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.
- e. Blyburg Rd. 911 address to be completed waiting for a reply from the Road Superintendent as he was to get information on this to Emergency Manager as to what it needs to be and has not yet done so.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve signature of County Clerk Patty Bessmer or Chairman Glen Meyer with approval of the County Attorney looking over the contract with Fastwyre Service contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mueller to approve the Perry Township agreement. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Perry Township contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-10 appointing Thurston County Sheriff, Russ Briggs or his designee to make the decisions on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 Committee. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the handbook. No action was taken.

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

### **Board of Equalization**

Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by English seconded by French to reject the homestead application of Gary and Joyce Dolezal due to house exceeds the value of the county maximum residential value by \$20,000.00 or more. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the Exemption Applications of Educational, Religious and Charitable Organizations. Liest is available at the Clerk's office. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the rehire of Teresa Humphrey as a jailer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Bids were opened at 9:35.a.m for the property in Walthill, Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition, Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska. Parcel # 003340027 149 S. Tallman St Walthill, Nebraska. The Carl T Curtis Health Education Center was the only bid submitted in the amount of \$2, 500.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to accept the bid form the Carl T Curtis Health Education Center in the amount of \$2,500.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to open and accept bids for the network and 911 system for regionalization as advertise. Motorola Solutions bid in the amount of \$32,211.09 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

OPTK Networks bid in the amount of \$400.00 monthly. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to accept the County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report in the amount of \$8,227.00 for the month of April 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report in the amount of \$144.50 for the month of April 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Heidi Borg Agriculture Liaison representative of Adrian Smith Congressman District 3 was here to update the board on details of what has been happening in Washington DC. District 3 is one of the largest districts in the state. Adrian Smith's district is 80 of the 93 counties in the state. It is the number one Ag producing district in the state. Adrian Smith has offices in Grand Island, Scottsbluff and recently opened an office in Nebraska City. They visit every county in the district throughout the year to give updates.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve signatures of Sheriff Russ Briggs and Clerk Patty Bessmer on the UNMC Omaha for drug testing contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager has been busy with the weather for the last couple of weeks. Tom went over to Macy and participated in the drill; all went well. He also took part in a couple other drills put on by other counties for Hazardous Mitigation. Tom stated he has been working with Sheriff Briggs and Laura in Communications on an active shooter drill in the future. Tom continues to work on 911 addressing. Toms said he will be going to training in July on all hazards unless it is over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week, he will not be able to attend.

Mat Frazey reported the road crew has been busy hauling gravel and blading when weather allows. Last week they worked on the Black Mack truck and that took all afternoon to get that fixed. Mat stated

they are behind on projects that were lined up for this Spring and when it dries up, they will get to them. Mat informed the board that the road between 12<sup>th</sup> Rd, ½ mile North of H Ave. has been closed due to 310 bridge needing repairs.

Correspondence: Village of Pender TIF report. Blue Cross and Blue Shield pricing of the new rates for 2025.

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

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Chairman Glen Meyer