

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 12th, 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 August 12th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robins Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, and Sheriff Russ Briggs. 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 French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of July 29th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: English and Meyer had attended the LEPC meeting last week in Pender. Meyer had also attended the NE Nebraska Public Health District meeting last week.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: waiting for the Electrician
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said that all of Macy is done. Winnebago has not had much done as Tom has been busy with other stuff.
4. Alert sense overages: it was decided to stay with the contract that we currently have and continue to pay the overage as this would be cheaper in the long run.
Motioned by English seconded Price seconded to leave the contract as it is with Alertsense and pay the overages out of the ARPA fund. Roll call aye: Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
5. Utility ROW applications Omaha Tribe of Nebraska waiting for County Attorney to have a new ROW Application with added verbiage.
Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to add the language of upon completion of project in a workmanlike manner in accordance with applicable standards and regulations, applicant may request a refund of the application permit fee previously deposited with Thurston County in connection with the application. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency manager has been busy with fairs and pow wows and getting ready for school to be back in action. Tom received a notice from NEMA and FEMA going forward as of Friday August 9, 2024, implementing immediate needs functions and impact on declared disasters. What that means is if we have a disaster the only things they are going to take care of is the immediate needs. Any projects you need to rebuild, like walls, some roads. These will be set back to the back until Congress decides to put money back into the that fund. Tom reported that they had a LEPC meeting last week, a lot of discussion on the future of rescue and the services that may be available for the future for transfers and the alternatives available. Price asked Tom for an updated 911 address list.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded English to approve Chairman Meyer and Road Superintendent Dan Alexander to sign the Annual Certification for Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-20 Environment Services Agreement BK2272. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 531.](#)

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Environment Service Agreement project #32410. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-21 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 532.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-22 to transfer \$5,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Courthouse Building and Grounds Fund (4001). Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 533.](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve the service agreement for internet with Great Plains Communication this is for 36 months. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Clerk Patty Bessmer's signature on the Service Agreement with Great Plains Communication. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the skid loader purchase at the July 29th meeting to be paid for out of the ARPA Fund. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey reported the Roads department has been hauling gravel, blading, working on some bridge decking and replacing some planks, also worked on some guard rails. They have been cleaning out ditches and worked on some field driveways that had been washed out by rain.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve County Clerk's fee report for the month of July in the amount of \$7,479.00. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of June in the amount of \$32,964.72. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve District Cour Clerk Gina Roth's fee report in the amount of \$320.75. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Assessor's' office to be closed August 22, 2024, to attend training. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on paying for tires for Emergency manager Explorer to be paid out of the ARPA Funds, the Board said it should come out of his budget.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to adding state radio system to FirstNet cell phones with a cost of \$28.00 per phone with that being Tom Perez's and Russ Brigg's phones. This is an app that is added to their FirstNet phones. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

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

Chairwoman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to reject Homestead Exemption application of Leroy and Teria VanMatre due to incomplete and inadequate documents. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve the list of Cemeteries in Thurston County as presented by Assessor Schrieber. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Robin Christiansen 2022 tax year delinquent Personal Property and I.O.L.L taxes that are issued by Distress Warrants by Thurston County Sheriff and permission to turn over to a third-party collection agency, this was tabled as the Clerk had not include the turn over to third party collection agency on the agenda. This will be added to the next agenda on August 26, 2024.

Board of Equalization was reopened by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:35 a.m. due to roll call was not done according to Statue according to County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak. Motioned by French seconded by Meyer. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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Motioned by French seconded by Meyer to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:38 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Robin Christiansen asked if she could get the ceiling fan in her office replaced. This was not an action item.

Discussion was held on an exit interview and no decision was made.

Discussion was held on a policy on equipment and uniforms provided by the County to be returned after employment ends. No action was taken.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

