

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 23rd, 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 September 23rd, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French 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 and Amy Volk. 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 September 9th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Meyer reported he had attended the district meeting in Norfolk Friday September 13, 2024. Jon Cannon with NACO gave updates on what happened in the special session. Meyer had also attended a Region IV Behavior Health meeting this past week. Patty Bessmer had attended the district meeting as well.

Patty Bessmer, Steven Schneider and Tom Perez reported they had also attended a training session with the Secretary of State and CISA which is the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency for Homeland Security. This training was for cyber security and scenarios of things that could go wrong on Election Day. Thurston County was used as an example of what could go wrong with and Election and how to handle the situation. Thurston County lost the internet and phones in the Primary Election in May 2024. Thurston County Election Commissioner was commended on how well they handle the situation. Mark English reported him, and Tom had attended a meeting with the Pender Hospital administration regarding the EMS issues in Thurston County. It did not sound like the hospital is willing to take any initiative to take over ambulance service. They are reaching out to Pioneer Health Ambulance service that has shown a lot of interest in coming to Thurston County. They will be meeting with them the first week in October.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: The Electrician was supposed to be there this week.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do. Dan has not gotten back to Tom. Glen Meyer said he will reach out to Dan Alexander.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez had no updates on 911 signs in Winnebago.
4. FEMA status on the 4420 2019 flood paperwork. Paperwork is still in the process.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the grant application for Promotional and Improvement Fund for Thurston Watermelon Days in the amount of \$1000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to accept and approve the 2024-2025 budget. Approve Resolution #24-27 for Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 539.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the Resolution #24-28 Setting the Property Tax Request 24-25
General Fund \$3,972,671.00
Jail Bond \$378,410.00
Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
[See Resolution book page 540.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded French to transfer \$100,000.00 from General (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
[See Resolution book page 541.](#)

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to advertise and put on auction the 4 surplus pickup trucks of the Roads department. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$63,758.36. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to purchase the stand-alone radios and repeaters for the Sheriff office in the amount of \$14,109.56. out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

9:30 a.m. Motioned by English seconded by French to call Board of Equalization order.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Price to approve the Exemption Application form NENCAP for the 2024 Jeep Wrangler vin# 1C3RJKAG7R850846. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller and seconded by French to approve the Protex Central 3-year contract for fire alarm inspections and a 5-year alarm monitoring contract in the amount of \$2550.00 for the 3year and \$1800.00 for the 5-year contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey reported that he did not get the specs in the paper for the payloader this past week, so will be in for the next board meeting October 7, 2024. Bids will be opened at the October 7, 2024, meeting at 9:35 a.m. The roads department has been hauling gravel, moving dirt, cleaning ditches. Mat told the board he has put an ad online for help.

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

Correspondence: Meyer pointed out the NIRMA Notice of meeting and agenda for the Annual Membership.

Motioned by French seconded by English to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer