

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
November 18th, 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 November 18th, 2024. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Absent: Glen Meyer. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs and Matt May. 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 shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Mark English at 9:00 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of November 4th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, English. Motion carried. Abstains: Harlan. Absent: Meyer

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: Tom Perez reported that he and Mark English had met with the Hospital on ambulance services. They are working with Pioneer Ambulance Service, this is an ongoing discussion.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None to report.

Discussion on the Internet not working in the County Attorney's office on Court Day. County Clerk Bessmer informed them she will get ahold of Applied Connective and get it taken care of. No action was taken.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roths fee report for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$398.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer

Discussion was held on the possibilities of creating a policy for sharing sick time amongst employees. The County attorney will check into this and report back to the Board.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of September 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Discussion was held on camera in the courthouse on who can view them. Tom said there was a policy that stated that someone must sign a form in his office stating the reason they would like to view it. Tom also said that before anything can be taken out of that system it must be approved by the County Attorney and then by the County Board to have that information removed from the courthouse.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to pay Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk \$1,300.00 for her assistance and work on the 24-25 budget. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve a \$.50 per hour raise for Tom Perez Emergency Manager. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve \$.75 per hour raise for Paul Randall Courthouse Maintenance. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Price to approve a 3% raise for Mat Frazey which is \$75.54 increase per pay period. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-35 to transfer \$23,233.66 out of the ARPA Fund (2580) to the Law Enforcement operating Fund (2960) for the purchase of car and body cameras and equipment and the installation of the cameras. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer. [See Resolution Book Page 545.](#)

Tom Perez Emergency manager informed the board that he had received a grant from NiRMA for the first aid kits that were put together and ordered for the Law Enforcement and Roads department this last Summer. He also informed them that he had received the EMPG grant to be completed and is working on that. This grant will pay for one half of his wages. Tom went to a meeting last week with the Omaha Tribe on assessment and strategic planning, The tribe is wanting to set up a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. Tom had attended a couple other meeting through out the last couple of weeks. Tom informed the board that a bunch of changes are coming into the LEOP program. Tom will pass this on to the Board as he receives it. Tom said he had had a bunch of new 911 stuff coming in for the new solar farm going up outside of Pender.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the road crew has been busy hauling gravel. The Walthill location is full, and they will be hauling gravel to Thurston next. Mat informed the board that the Rosalie shop is coming along and the electrical is done except for hooking it up in the box and that is on hold until an Electrical inspection is done. Mat also informed the board that the surplus sale will be on December 11, 202 with Big Iron. The 140 Caterpillar maintainer is still in the shop, and it will need a new engine at the cost of \$52,000.00 remand motor and will have three-year 5,000-mile warranty, Mat told them to go ahead with the remand motor.

Correspondence: there was NIRMA information with the Board packet.

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

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Mark English Co-Chairman