

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 13, 2025

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 January 13th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., Jim Mueller, James Price, Mark English, Robb Roeber. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Bullett Beaudette, Kevin Petersen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on 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 Vice 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 Mueller seconded by French to approve the minutes of December 30th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, English. Abstain: Walker and Roeber. Motion carried.

Adjourn Sine Die.

Clerk Patty Bessmer called for nominations of Chairman.

Mueller nominated French seconded by Mayberry

Price nominated English seconded by Walker.

Motioned by English to cease nominations seconded by Mayberry. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Blank ballots were handed to each board member and then picked up by County Clerk Bessmer and read aloud. English three votes, French four votes. French was elected as Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were then asked for by Chairman French. Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber for English as Vice Chairman.

Motioned by Mueller to cease nominations for Vice Chairman and seconded by Mayberry. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. English was elected as Vice Chairman.

Nominations for Chairman for Board of Equalization

Motioned by Price to nominate Mayberry seconded by English.

English motioned to cease nominations for Board of Equalization Chairperson seconded by Price. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. Mayberry was elected as Chairwoman.

Chairman French tabled the committee appointments and wanted all board members to look the committees over, let him know what ones they would like to be on and then the next board meeting the committees would be appointed.

Motioned by Roeber was seconded by Mayberry to appoint the Pender Times as the official newspaper for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to appoint Tom Perez as Emergency Manager and Flood Plan Manager. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to appoint Dan Alexander as the Road Highway Superintendent for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: None

Unfinished business: Mayberry asked if Tom had received the email form NEMA on the extension for 4420, the 2019 flood disaster as discussed in the December 30th2024. French then explained to the new board members what this was about. This is a disaster that is being worked on to close out. Tom informed them that there were 7 projects, two were closed and the rest he is still working on. Other than that, we just have two projects left open out of those. Mayberry state that there is approximately \$400,000.00 yet to receive. Tom said he has worked with Mat, and the Clerk's office getting the information needed for those still open. They have included H and D Avenue, but Toms says that it will have to be taken out, so we don't have \$500,00.00 out there to receive anymore. We only have around \$200,000.00 out there now. Tom said he had just received the email for Joel stating he had received the paperwork from Tom, and he will be back in touch with Tom if they have any questions. Tom said he will be in Contact with Amber today to make sure she had everything that she needs, her and I will finish up this week and next week.

French reported that the MOU with the Omaha Tribe for engineering on the morrow bridge is in the hands if the Tribe right now. French stated he know they have received it, and we are just waiting on that to be signed.

French also discussed the Wellness program that the County is going to do. The County Attorney has reached out to Pam Bourne with NIRMA on the legalities of it and it is not under the normal contract so if the county wants her to do that it will cost the county money for her to look over the policy.

Motioned was made by English seconded by Mueller to proceed with the Wellness program. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

No further unfinished business.

Committee reports: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-01 to appoint Frontier bank as the depository for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 548.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-02 to appoint Charter West Bank as the depository for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 549.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Robin Christiansen Treasurer authorization to invest monies not needed in day-to-day operations in bonds, etc. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Approve Union Bank and Trust application for Investments for 2025. Died due to lack of a motion.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the application from NPAIT for investments for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the signatures of Davin French Chairman, Mark English Vice Chairman, and County Clerk Patty Bessmer for the Frontier Bank Entity Authorization. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer December 2024 fee report in the amount of \$14,426.50. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth December 2024 fee report in the amount of \$39.00. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve tax list corrections for Lyons and Decatur rural fire districts. Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

9:35 a.m. open bids for Motor graders

Bids were presented by Murphy Tractor and Equipment, Ken Beaudette Jr. was the representative, and Caterpillar Kevin Petersen

John Deere 2025, 772G Motor grader with 6 WD bid of \$438,388.00 minus \$90,000.00 trade in allowance with that being a total of \$348,388.00 with 5 year/ 10,000 hours Warranty. With an option to go to a 7 year/ 7000-hour Warranty for an additional \$17,789.00 with trade.

Caterpillar a 2025, 150 motor grader all-wheel drive bid of \$443,700.00 with trade in allowance of \$123,400.00 with the net balance being \$320,300.00 with notes of falls wing lift group, superior vendors, manuals, with a 5-year warranty. A 7- year/7,000- hour warranty would be an additional \$15,140.00.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve the purchase of the John Deere with a 7-year warranty in the amount of \$376,177.00 Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber. Nay: Mayberry, French. Motioned carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he will be in Omaha for a weather service integrated warning update training. Tom had a meeting last week with Winnebago and their 911 system, they are going to do a forum to get this completed.

Tom informed the board that utility companies are wanting to use the 911 address, but Tom informed them there are no names attached to the 911 address. That is your responsibility to do, not the county.

Tom stated that the Railroad had contacted him on Friday, and they would like to put some information on Gworks. This being where their markers are so when people bring something up and say, I am not sure where they are located this would be another way of tracking the location if needed. This was what he had worked on this past week. Tom will be meeting with Winnebago again on the 20th for 911 addressing.

Tom has been speaking with the Pender hospital, they let him know that they are going to meet with Pioneer ambulance service this Thursday. Tom asked if he could speak with them about the county stuff.

On the 22nd and 23rd Tom will have an online meeting for continuity of government for some rural communities and smaller communities.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been hauling gravel, blading, and working on equipment.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve claims with the change of taxes from Century Link bill and the bill form Sid Dillion. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman