

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 27, 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 27th, 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, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Susie Schrieber Assessor, Robin Christiansen Treasurer, Matt May, Jennifer Hansen, and Sydney Williams, Extension Educators. 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 Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Mark Heckenliable Noxious Weed and Sign Superintendent gave his annual report. Mark informed the board that the Department of Ag came to his office last month and inspected his files and made sure that he had all his continuing education completed for the year. Mark will be attending his continuing education again this year, it will be in Norfolk.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman French signature on the annual Department of Ag Weed report. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Thurston County Extension Educators presented the Impact report and the annual Extension report. This shows what the Extension office has done in the last year. This report is shared on their website.

Jennifer talked about the partnership with the Winnebago Boys and Girls Club and with other after school programs through out the county. Another program that is being utilized is the Marathon Kids this encourages kids to get active. This is administered by the Diabetes Prevention Center in Macy. Julie has the kids do their laps in the morning and that counts toward this, it is reported into a state database. Jennifer stated that 53% of the County age eligible 5-18 have been reached with the programs, camps, programs at the schools, 4-H, and special interest things that Extension does.

Jennifer informed the board that there are two new Extension Board members recently appointed and need the approval of the County board to approve them. They are still trying to fill two of those positions. Those positions are in the Macy area and Winnebago. They are trying to follow the Supervisor Districts for those positions. The two new board members are Connie Albrecht District 2 and Sara Ortiz District 1.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Roeber to approve Connie Albrecht and Sara Ortiz as the new Extension Board members. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Jennifer informed the Board that February is 4H month and asked the Board to sign the proclamation.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to declare February as 4-H month and to sign the proclamation. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Committees were appointed by the Chairman: the list is kept in the County Clerk's office and will be posted on the Thurston County website.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the last two weeks the roads department has been blading the roughest areas, this week with warmer weather the road crew will be out blading as much as possible. They have been hauling and stock piling gravel. They have been patching the cracks in the roads and everything that is possible to do with the cold weather.

Mat informed the Board that Jerry Henschied had contacted him and let him know that they are done with the water line project the Omaha tribe has been working on. Mat went to the sites that involved the county roads, and all were returned to the condition they were in when project started.

Mat presented pictures of the Rosalie Shop now that it is completed.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he had gone to Omaha last week to meet with the Weather Service. One of the things they learned about was snow squalls.

Tom had some other trainings last week and will bring it back to the safety committees and as informed Tammy Maul Bodlak and Mark English on some of the information he was given. He has also talked with Mat Frazey about this.

Tom went to the Region meeting and informed the Board that they had rescheduled the drill that was scheduled in January and cancelled. Rescheduled for February 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. here in Pender.

Tom said that all Emergency Managers in the state of Nebraska need to redo all their recertification. He will be doing this online and will let the Board know when that is. If they would like to join him on this to get their certifications done at the same time.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman French, County Clerk Patty Bessmer and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple's signature on the signature card. And to remove Glen Meyer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-03 to transfer \$3,000.00 from General (0100) to Courthouse Building (4001). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution # 25-04 to allow the employees to voluntary add additional funds to their Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan, being the up to the maximum allowed by the IRS in a tax year. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

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

Mayberry Chairwoman called the meeting to order. Assessor Susie Schrieber presented the correction of the Lyons Rural Fire, and the Decatur Rural Fire Levies set in October. The list of properties is available in the Assessor's or the Clerk's office. If your property is included in this correction, you will receive a new statement and if you have already paid the taxes a refund will be included with the new statement.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve the corrections as presented by Assessor Schrieber in districts 13,14,15,17, 47, and 402. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker to approve the corrections as presented by Assessor Schrieber in districts 12, 14, 15, 17, 47, and 402. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve Chairman French signature on the Environment Service Agreement BRO—7087 (5) 32410 Thurston Southwest. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-05 Environment Service Agreement BRO—7087 (5) 32410 Thurston Southwest. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Discussion on East Repeater was tabled until Tom Perez could get more information and pricing back to the Board.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for November 2024 in the amount of \$26,433.49. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to purchase the radio from Tri State Communications Inc. in the amount of \$6,080.55 for the radio and \$10,840.96 to Groves Emergency Lighting Installation LLC all the equipment for the new law enforcement vehicle. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Discussion on transferring funds from the Inheritance Fund to pay for the motor grader purchased at the last Board meeting was tabled.

Discussion on donating sick time was tabled.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to transfer \$65,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the law enforcement Fund. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman French to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult detention Services with Dison County, Nebraska. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to switch from tax sales certificate method to the tax foreclosure method on delinquent real estate taxes. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman