

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
February 10th, 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 February 10th, 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, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, 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 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 Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of January 27th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of the January 31st, 2025, Special meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Abstain: English, Mueller. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

The Jail committee reported back on their jail inspection that was done two weeks ago. The committee talked with the staff and was informed by them that they continue to have issues with HVAC, and Rasmussen's was currently working on it. Also, some camera issues were discussed. The staff is currently working on creating some more space for the work release program. The committee was also informed of a mold issue in the Sheriff's office and the Administrative's office on the west side of the building. Russ stated they had sent pictures to the Architect but had not heard back from him. Price stated there is some landscaping that the water is coming back so it was soaking into the building, the ground needs to be graded back to keep the water from running in. Price also mentioned that there is some caulking that needs to be done around those windows. Chairman French asked Sheriff Briggs to follow up with the Architect. Russ will reach out to them again today.

French reported that Price had called him and invited him to attend a meeting with the Winnebago Tribe in discussing D Ave projects.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to sign the letter of opposition of LB 216. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Abstain: Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to refund the Omaha Tribal Utilities the \$3,000.00 paid for Utility ROW for the water lines installed. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

The Farr Technology agreement was tabled

Discussion on personal property distress warrants was tabled.

Discussion on transferring sick time was tabled as no information had been received from the attorney working on this.

Discussion on financing the motor grader was tabled until the next meeting.

Thurston County Sheriff asked that the security and technology upgrades be tabled until the next meeting.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for January 2025 in the amount of \$14, 190.25. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for January 2025 in the amount of \$2,041.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve Resolution \$ 25-06 to transfer \$65,000.00 form Inheritance Fund (2700) to the Law Enforcement Fund (2960). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 553.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-07 to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 554.](#)

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been blading, cleaning intersections, clearing trees and brush. Mat informed the board that there will be a lot of culverts that will need to be fixed this Spring.

Tom Perez Emergency manager reported that he had a region meeting this week at which they had an Emergency Manger workday. Discussion was held on the LEOP updates and what is happening with that. Tom has reached out to the departments who have not gotten their LEOP updates to him yet. The State is pushing this hard to have these completed.

Tom has talked with the health department; a new person has taken over that position and he will be working with him in the future, JJ Jackson is the new Emergency Response Coordinator.

Tom has been working with the dispatch to finish up their updates to the next Gen 911, this is getting the Officers closer to being able to receive text messages and other technology. There are still a few bugs that they are working on.

Tom reminded the Board that the training exercise that was cancelled in January will be this Thursday. This will be done at the Pender hospital. It is based on a weather scenario. He will send the information out to the board.

Next week, February 18th, at 7:00p.m. Walthill Fire is hosting a storm spotter course.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to purchase a VHF digital repeater from Tri State Communications Inc. in the amount of \$7,514.00 to be paid out of the communications budget. This is the repeater for the East side of the county. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman