

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**February 24th, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, County Assessor Susie Schriber 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 February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee reports: Robb Roeber attended the Region IV North Star meeting by zoom.

Davin French reported that he and James Price had met with the NDOT and the Winnebago Tribe last week and Dina Harris with NDOT Infrastructure Hub Team. Chairman French had Dina Harris give the presentation to the Board by zoom. The Infrastructure Hub is to empower local public agencies in competing for federal grants. The primary aim is to bridge the gap between local needs and federal funding by providing centralized resources and support. The Hub will help with strategic guidance, training programs, and networking opportunities. They will equip agencies with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the complex grant application process. This will be a great service for the county and other public agencies.

Public comments: None

Transferring sick time from one employee to another employee was tabled. No information has yet been received from the source that has been asked to assist with this benefit.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve advertising for gravel bids to opened March 10, 2025, meeting at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Dixon County to house prisoners as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman French's and Sheriff Brigg's signature on the Interlocal Agreement with Dixon County. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-08 to transfer \$10,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Courthouse Building Fund (4001).

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the rates for equipment per hour as presented by Mat Frazey, the Road Supervisor. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

## Board of Equalization

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

Chairwoman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve the tax list correction for TV-6W LLC. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve the tax list correction for the Village of Winnebago. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Dan Alexander Road Superintendent joined the meeting by zoom to discuss the MOU with The Omaha Tribe on adding a second structure to the MOU.

Motioned by Walker was seconded by Mayberry to approve with changes to be made by adding the second structure and the County Attorney reviewing those changes and approving the changes on the MOU. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have hauled some gravel to some of the low spots throughout the county. Mat has had a chance to investigate the Infrastructure HUB and got together with Dan Alexander Road Superintendent on made a list of some of the bridges that may qualify for some grants that are available.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, handed out a pamphlet on training on Profiling Dangerous People that will be taking place at the Community Center for Law Enforcement and other agencies that will be coming up.

Tom reported that he had the drill and exercise last week at the Pender Hospital and reported it had gone very well. Tom said that Winnebago and Macy would like to incorporate something like this too. Tom stated that he would start setting that up with them this Spring.

Tom informed the Board that the spotter class was cancelled and move to April 22, 2025.

Pender Village has reached out to Tom to help with LEOP, so Tom will be helping them with that. He also stated that all the Communities around here are getting in touch with him as they are needing to get their emergency operations plans done.

Tom informed the Board he would be at a Workshop over in Wayne this afternoon and evening on LEOP.

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 Roeber to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

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Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Davin French Chairman