

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 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 March 10th, 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, Matt May, Dick Smith, Jon Cooney and Jill Belt. 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 24th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee reports: English reported that he and Tom Perez had meet with the Pender Hospital, the Hospital is going forward with the Pioneer Health to do Ambulance services of transfer out of the hospital. They will only be making transfers. They will be stationed at the Pender Hospital. They will also have Advanced Life Support available to all the county if needed. They will only be available if they are not on a transfer, as they will be doing other hospital transfers as well.

Robb Roeber and Ben Walker, being part of the Jail Committee met with the Architect who designed the jail to discuss some issues with mold in a couple of offices and the roof is leaking in part of the jail. He seems to think it is the windows leaking, and the roof should be under warranty. French stated that he would follow up with Russ Briggs to get in contact with the roof contractor and the window installers. Discussed the feasibility of a maintenance position at the jail.

Public comments: Jill Belt Director of the Department of Northeast Nebraska Public Health and Director of HR introduce herself and let them know she will be making more of a presence throughout her district. The Department of Health is writing more grants for all four counties that are served to get more services for the people. French thanked her for coming.

Discussion/take action was tabled on transferring sick time as Tammy Maul Bodlak had not heard back from the contact at NIRMA. Tammy was going to reach out to other counties and see if she could get a sample of what they may have.

Discussion/take action was tabled on the Wellness reimbursement, as Tammy Maul had not heard back on this either.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for February 2025 in the amount of \$16,955.50. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for February 2025 in the amount of \$322.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the Associate Membership to Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D dues of \$100.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had recently met with the Pender Hospital as English had reported. Tom has been busy with the weather this past week and with the schools, getting their plans together. Tom worked with the Tribes on some 911 information last Tuesday and will be again this Tuesday. Mayberry questioned Tom on the 4420 disasters if there had been any more updates on the

two that are still outstanding. Tom told her that we are looking at about \$225,000.00 when done with those. Mayberry asked if there was a target date, Tom said that they did not give him a date.

Mat Frazey roads supervisor reported that the roads department has been cutting down trees and culverts, blading and pushing snow.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the contract with Applied Connective to install WIFI and Firewalls in each of the County Road Shops and in the Walthill shop install a managed network switch and hardware all three desktops and WIFI and Firewall. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Gravel bids were opened at 9:35 a.m.

Bids were received from Smith Farn Service, Cooney Fertilizer and Stalp's Gravel.

Stalp Gravel gave a bid of \$19.00 per ton out of the pit price.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to accept the bid of \$26.73 per ton from Smith Farm Service for Thayer, Pender, Flournoy, and Bryan Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to accept the bid of \$29.74 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for the Winnebago Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$28.50 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Anderson, Blackbird, and Omaha Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$26.74 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Dawes Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$27.52 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Mery and Perry Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

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 Mueller to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman