

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber. Absent James Price and Ben Walker. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Dan Alexander Highway Superintendent, Susie Schrieber County Assessor, Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Thurston County Extension Educators, Leonard Peters, and Eric Vavra. 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 April 7<sup>h</sup>, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Committee reports: French and Dan Alexander attended the NDOT meeting held April 7, 2025, at the Thurston County courthouse. It was a plan for ahead meeting for the bridge that was west of the golf course on J Ave. It was just another step in the process. The State is saying around 2027 or 2028 is what they are looking at for this project to be started.

French also reported that the roads committee met at the Rosalie Shop last week to look over the shop and to meet with Mat Frazey. The committee stated that the shop looks nice after all the updates that were made to it. French mention that the outside on the bottom of the building should be repaired now too.

Mark English reported that he had received an email regarding the Picotte Center open house on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, wanting to know if the County would have any dust control on I Ave. that comes in on Matthewson St. The County does not have any equipment to do this. Mark stated that the Fire Department does, and he would take care of it.

Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Extension Educators gave a report on the National beyond READY Study results. The Board thanked them for coming.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to advertise for a cleaning person for the Social Service building. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to pay the annual membership fee of \$925.00 for Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. Public comments:

### **Board of Equalization**

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

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Chairwoman Mayberry.

Motioned by Roeber second by French to approve the List of Exemptions the Assessor presented the list of the Organizations. A copy of that list is available at the County Clerk's office. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Absent Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:52 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

9: 52 a.m. Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to open the One-and-Six-year hearing. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Eric Vavra had questions on the One-and-Six Year Highway Improvement Plan on G Ave Bridge. Dan Alexander informed him that it is closed because it is a fracture critical. Eric stated that he felt the state should help replace that bridge due to poor rerouting when they worked on putting in new culverts on Highway 77.

Leonard Peters appeared to ask questions on the Bridge on Highway 94 on the edge of Pender. Leonard would like to see that bridge moved to meet up with Hwy 16 and 9.

Electronic Contracting Company LLC appeared before the Board and presented a demonstration on the security system they have proposed for the Law Enforcement Center.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid in the amount of \$129,216.76 for Equipment and Installation, and the Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$33,358.28 for a 3-year service contract. Total of \$162,575.04. No other bids were received. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Utility ROW application for Ruben Zendejas Quick Current-Nebraska.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had the training with Phil Chalmers two weeks ago, seventy-two attended this training. Tom continues to work with the schools on their plans for different situations.

Tom informed the board that the east repeater is up and running.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that over the last two weeks the county has hauled over 350 loads of gravel throughout the county. The piles have gone down significantly. There is still gravel in Thurston

and some in Walthill. Gravel is still available in West Point, so they will begin hauling from there and keep going on the roads.

Last week Mat said they had to go put five new planks on the bridge west of the golf course.

Mat informed the board that they will be replacing culverts north of Walthill and various on Q Ave. Mat also discussed with the Board that he was going to put an ad in the Pender Times to landowners about mowing and brush control according to state statute.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-09 the One-and-Six-year Highway Improvements Plan with the addition of the bridge on G Ave to be added. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 564.](#)

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to close the One- and Six-year Highway public meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Northeast Public Health information was discussed.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

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Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Davin French Chairman

