

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 19th, 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 May 19th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent: James Price. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, 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 May 5th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: French brought up that nothing has been done with the request of sick leave being transferred to another employee and the start of a Wellness Program. French would like for the Handbook committee to meet and work on this and see if it is something that will need to be added to the handbook. French will get together with Tammy Maul Bodlak on this, so we can move forward with this.

French asked the Jail Committee if they had gone down and done an inspection. Roeber and Mueller said all was good.

French informed the board he had met with Dan Alexander Highway Superintendent and Richard Hastings with the Omaha Tribe and with Kenny Appleton to discuss some future projects with the BOA funding. The Omaha Tribe still does not have the MOU signed, but they are working on that.

Public comments: None

Motioned by English second Mueller to Finance \$250,000.00 through the Inheritance Fund with that being paid back over a two-year period and the remainder to be paid out of the Roads current budget in the amount of \$116,177.00 for the motor grader. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-10 to transfer \$60,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on Bridge #11205, no action taken.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the rehire of Allison Clausen at the Thurston County Extension office. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the overage on the Law Enforcement Operating budget. No action was taken at this time. Clerk Bessmer will get in contact with the Auditor and find out what will need to be done.

No action was taken on spending the remaining budget and next budget year.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, has been going through things for the #4420 2019 Flood Disaster. Tom stated they are starting to close it out this month, hopefully we will know what the final dollar amount will be. He had gotten some additional information from the Clerk's office for this. This will be the states and Federal government portion.

Tom stated he has been getting phone calls from the schools as they are planning for drills for the next school year.

Tom had an LAPC meeting and other meetings coming up this week for Emergency managers.

Tom said that he had received a notice on the LEOP and every Board member who has not completed this training need to get it done.

EMPG is being cut, and all our grant money is being cut. There is talk of not even being an EMPG grant next year and if there is it will be cut by quite a bit.

Mat Frazey, Road Supervisor, reported that the new motor grader was delivered on Tuesday. They have had it out and bladed with it.

Mat said that they had finally got the culvert done and Q Ave. It is a huge drop culvert. This took the whole week to complete. The road crew then moved the excavator up to F Ave where the bridge needed repaired. This will take at least a week to repair.

Mat informed the Board that the old Excavator was in the shop, and they had been working on it the final drive was leaking, Mat then took it up to Titan machinery, Titan called Mat and informed him that the final drive needed to be rebuilt. At first, they thought it would be around \$20,000.00 to repair it but found a remanded final drive for \$7,800.00 with labor around \$3,000.00. They have been hauling gravel and blading.

Correspondence: Information from Board of Equalization Commission.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

