

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
June 16th, 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 June 16th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Robert Rapp Insurance agent with New York Life, Judd Allen and Mike Boden with NACO and Dan Duran Insurance agent with Benefit Management. 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 new 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 Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Abstain: English, French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: French reported he had talked with the Omaha Tribe on the MOU on the Morrow Bridge and was informed the Tribe was going to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding.)

Public comments: None

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to pass the renewal of property and auto insurance and workers comp with NIRMA in the amount of \$162,695.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Sheriff Russ Briggs asked if the \$8,000.00 he had asked for, for improvements to the dispatch out of the ARPA funds, is no longer available, wanting to know where he should pay for the items from now that they recently paid for. The board directed him to pay for it out of the Communications budget as there are funds in that budget so there would be no need to transfer at this time.

Sheriff Russ Briggs informed the board that he was going to approach the Village of Pender's board about possibly purchasing a couple of flock cameras out of the interlocal budget. These cameras are used to read license plates.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to give Sheriff Briggs permission to go to the Village of Pender and ask if they would be interested in purchasing the Flock cameras to be used in Pender. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth's fee report for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$441.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the grant application for the Pender Betterment Group in the amount of \$1,000.00 out of the Promotional Improvement Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signature on the STOP contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Bids for Health insurance were as follows:

Benefit Management: Medica Choice National Employee only \$965.93, Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible.

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Benefit Management: Medica with CHI Health, employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and Child(ren) \$1,552.49, employee and family \$1,776.20. \$6,100.00 deductible.

Benefit Management: Elevate by Medica, employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and child(ren) \$1,552.49, employee and family \$1,776.20, \$8,300.00 deductible.

NACO: Medica Choice National (A) \$965.93 Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible per individual \$12,200.00 per family Unlimited HSA.

NACO: United Health Care EH2F (B) Employee only \$929.38, Employee and Child(ren) \$1,865.27, Employee Spouse \$1,865.27, Family 2,134.79. \$6,000.00, per individual deductible \$12,000.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

NACO: United Health Care EH22 (C) \$909.38 Employee only, \$1,826.17 employee and Child(ren) \$1,826.17 employee and spouse, \$2,090.04 employee and Family. \$6,750.00 per employee deductible \$13,500.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

NACO: Blue Cross Blue Shield current plan county is on now Employee only \$1,139.23, employee and child(ren) \$2,286.90, employee and spouse \$2,286.90, employee and family \$2,616.44. \$6,100.00 per employee deductible and \$14,100.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

Rober Rapp New York Life Insurance Co: (A) \$965.93 Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible per individual \$12,200.00 per family 30% HSA.

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Motioned by Roeber seconded by English to go with United Health Care Option B with NACO Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

BOARD OF EQUILIZATION

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:49 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motion carried.

The 2025 Certification of Assessment rolls was presented and approved. Motioned by Roeber seconded by French to accept the list as presented. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by French to accept the valuation changes made by the Assessor Schrieber of Ag land at 73%, Commercial land at 100%, and Residential land at 96%. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to reject the Homestead Exemption for Carol Thomas due to her death. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to reject the homestead exemption for Robert Simonsen, value of property exceeds county maximum value by \$20,000.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Walker seconded by Price to appoint Gordon Rave, Gregg Phillips and Gene Case for vacancies on the Veterans Service Committee. The other members are LaVern Kubik, Lyle Jasa, and Frank Fendrick, with Frank going off the committee. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Robin Christiansen asked to amend the Entity Authorization form for her to be added. This was tabled until further information can be gathered.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the renewal of Naco Dues to be paid 2025 and the first half of 2026 in the amount of \$1,718.88. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Chairman French's signature on the Perry Township agreement with the approval after the County Attorney looks over the contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, passed around a couple of booklets that Community Safety Net had published with Thurston County. He has received 60 books that will be put within the different schools for the kids and staff. The first 60 are free and then after that there is a fee for the books.

Tom has been busy working on grants, had a zoom meeting this past week and had been talking with someone at the Carl T Health care to see if they could work with Tom and the salamander system and working with the County on more projects.

Tom has been approached by two different entities about our towers on both sides of the county. No further discussion on this.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been busy hauling gravel from West Point. The road crew started rebuilding the bridge north of Thurston. This will probably take two weeks to complete.

Mat informed the Board that he had to do quite a bit of work on the yellow Mac truck, bearing out of the rear end seal, the fifth wheel is cracked, this was done at the Walthill shop.

Mat met up with Northeast Public Power Company last Friday and a logger in a boom truck to cut the branch out of the tree that was hanging down over the road, however once there the Northeast Public Power said that it was not their power line. The part hanging over the road was taken down and the rest of the tree will be removed next Friday June 20, 2025.

Correspondence: The Board received a notice from the Sixth Judicial District of the rates of Court appointed attorneys for County Court and District Court. These rates will be \$125.00 per hour and reasonable drivetime and mileage starting July 1, 2025.

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

Motioned by Walker seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman