

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**July 14th, 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 July 14th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Sheriff Russ Briggs, and Becky George CPA with KRP & Co. LLP. 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 Walker to approve the minutes of June 30th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee Reports: French reported that the MOU with the Omaha Tribe has been signed but not received back.

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Tammmy Maul Bodlak County Attorney's signature on the DHHS vital record agreement for 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve the hiring of Brad Easland as Deputy County Attorney. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Becky George CPA with KRP & Co LLP was here to review the Audit report for the 23-24. The Audit report is kept in the County Clerk's office.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk, Patty Bessmer fee report for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$4,797.50. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk fee report for June 2025 in the amount of \$375.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve MIPS as the printing Co to print the pink post cards LB 644. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve retentions bonuses for Thurston County Deputies as follows: 1-3 years \$500.00, 3-5 years \$700.00, 5-7 years \$1,000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Sheriff Briggs discussed the K9 dog budget with the Board and wanted them to know he now has a deputy interested in doing this. He informed the board that the budget would remain the same as last year.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-15 Fire Districts tax levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 570.](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-16 Township tax levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 571.](#)

### **Board of Equalization**

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to all Board of Equalization to order at 9:31 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry Motioned carried.

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

Motioned by French seconded by Price 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.

Public Hearings: Consideration and/ or action on Property valuation protest as follows:

2025-01 Kami Pierce parcel #002100059 Motioned by English seconded by Walker to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

2025-02 Kami Pierce parcel #002250032 Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

2025-03 Pamela Fendrick parcel #002070001 Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the 2024 Undervalued and Omitted properties as presented by County Assessor Schrieber. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:45 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been on vacation last week but did some work with FEMA and NEMA on a couple of projects. Tom informed the Board that the EMPG grant that the county gets will more than likely be going away. This grant pays for one half of his wages.

Tom stated that he had done some testing with his phone, and we had the state radio put into my phone and I had another type of radio for the First Net. Tom mentioned that there are possibilities of maybe going to a new alert system I- paws. He will bring more to the board on this later.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the 772-motor grader was out blading and lost a bunch of fluids. The mechanic was called and came out to check it discovered the transmission guard was busted off. He informed Mat there is a recall on that and that there was also a hydraulic leak. The motor grader was then transported to Murphy tractor. Most of the work that was completed was covered under warranty. Mat then informed the Board that then the next week the motor grader in Walthill shop started to have some issues also. This motor grader was also taken up to Murphy tractor to be worked on and is in the shop as of today. The work being done on this machine should also be covered under warranty. Mat said that road crew were redecking the bridge on G Ave and should be done in the next couple of days.

Mat stated that the road crew have been blading when possible.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the advertisement for engineering on the BIA bridge projects. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry Seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

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Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Davin French Chairman