

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 28th, 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 28th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Chief Deputy Derek Herron. 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 English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of July 14, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Mueller to approve the opening of a new bank account at Charter West Bank, this is for our new buy down of the deductible account. Due to Health Insurance changing Point C will no longer provide this service. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, second by Roeber. Chairman French, County Clerk Bessmer, and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple to be all signers on this account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, second by Walker. To appoint Davin French as the new signer for the Opioid Settlement. Glen Meyer will be removed. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Discussion was held on the Auditor for 2025-2026 moving forward. KRP and Co. contract is done June 2025. This was tabled. ed

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-17 to transfer \$20,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 572.](#)

9:20 a.m. Bids were open for Engineering for the replacement of two structures. BIA bridge and C008704905 the Morrow bridge.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Walker, to accept the bid from Midwest Engineering. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Only one bid was submitted. Bid was awarded to Midwest Engineering.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller second Roeber to call Board of Equalization to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Davin, seconded by Roeber to reject the homestead exemption for Janet Frederickson. She must occupy the home through August 15th, and date of death was June 29th. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Assessor Schrieber presented the three-year plan of assessment. Assessor Schrieber will send it to the state in October.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:31 a.m.

Roads report: Mat Frazey gave a written report. The county in general has received eight inches of rain. We are behind schedule blading on Monday June 23rd the older 772 motor-grader in Thurston had to go to Sioux City for repairs mostly covered by warranty. Seven days later the 772 motor-grader in Walthill had to go to shop for repairs. We got it back on July 23rd. On July 15th, Randy McCluskey resigned. Jake is now working in the Rosalie shop blading Randy's route. Also, this month the black Mack was at the shop for one week and Kenworth had to go in for DEF and DPF problems, we got it back and ran it for a week, then back to the shop with the same issues. One employee has been sick and absent from work since 23rd of June. The road crew got the bridge fixed north of Thurston, and the road is now open. We are getting caught up on blading.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had received a call from the EPA and was going to meet with them later today. Tom informed the board that he had gone over to Winnebago Pow Wow on Sunday. Tom has received the paperwork from EMPG and will be working on that. He informed the board that there was not going to be much funding this coming year, mainly funds for half of his wages. He stated that they may increase it a little bit but not much. Mayberry asked if the two outstanding FEMA projects were still on hold? Tom informed her that one should be finished up and we should be getting the notification on that.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry Seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman