

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**September 8th, 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 September 8th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker, Georgia Mayberry and Jim Mueller. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Treasurer Robin Christiansen. 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 English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of August 25th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Roeber, Walker, French. Abstain: Mayberry, Mueller. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance no discussion.

Unfinished Business: Mark English talked with Dan Sater from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to inform him on the conditions of Hwy 94 roadsides, how bad the wash outs are along the road. Mark was told that it was not a priority, and his men are doing other more important jobs. However, if he gets time, they will get to it when they get to it. English also mention that he had reached out to Senator Meyer and had not heard back from him yet.

Committee reports: English reported that the Finance committee and Shelly Copple have continued to work on budgets.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for August 2025 in the amount of \$8,911.25. Roll call aye: Mayberry English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #25-22 to transfer \$150,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 577](#)

## Board of Equalization

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

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve the Exemption Application of Atlas of Winnebago for a 2023 Ford Passenger Van. Vin#1FBAX9C83PKB51312. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the road crew has been busy blading working, on culverts, and fixing scours along some ditches.

Mat informed the board that he had hired a new person for the roads department.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he has worked on winterizing the towers and he has reprogrammed another repeater up by the west tower.

Tom has spent a lot of time working on the floodplains. There are some new rules and regulations. He continues to work with the schools, different businesses getting ready for winter. He has asked the schools for bus routes so that when snow starts to fly, we will know which routes should look at for emergency routes.

Robin Christiansen discussed with the Board the possibility of longevity pay to employees. Robin presented to the board an example of what other counties have done for their employees. There was a lot of conversation on this topic. No decision was made at this time; more information is needed. The board mentioned that the elected officials need to get together and come back with more information.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve the Sheriff to proceed with the purchase of K9. Sheriff Brigg's recommended Von Yager of Oklahoma, single purchase of K9 and tracking dog. A dog that is fully trained and two weeks of schooling that the deputy will need to be able to work with the canine bid of \$11,700.00. This dog would be the property of Thurston County. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve 2025 Inventories. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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Patty Bessmer County Clerk

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Davin French