

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 6, 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 October 6, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent: Georgia Mayberry and James Price. Also, present, Deputy County Shelly Copple, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey. 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 Mueller to approve the minutes of September 22nd, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of the special budget meeting on September 29th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business: Mark talked to NDOT, Kevin apologized and will make Hwy 94 a priority to repair the side of the road. Safety committee met after this board meeting

Public comments: None

Interim Authority for Deputy Clerk Shelly Copple to act as interim County Clerk until board successor is fully appointed. No action.

Eagleview contract no action taken. \$18,800 a year or bigger pixels will be \$30,000 over three years.

Kinney Easement was received in Clerk's office. The family wrote the wrong amount in the easements. The amount wrote in was \$1000.00 and was supposed to be \$1.00. A new easement will be sent back to the Clerk's office with correct amount and Chairman will sign off. Motioned by Jim seconded by Roeber Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Property sale to Walthill Public School, lot 6,7, and 8, Block 17 Third Filing, Village of Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska, parcel #003440020 located at 312 South Taft Street, Walthill, Nebraska. 68067. The Board wants to make sure we get back taxes and fees. Will advertise for 30 Days in Pender Times. Motion English seconded by Mueller to sell property to Walthill Public School. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motion by English seconded by Roeber to approve purchase agent authority to A&R construction for the 310 bridge. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, reported the road department has been hauling gravel, blading and working on culverts. Having equipment problems. Motor grader 772, has been in and out of the shop, it just got a new wiring harness, now Murphy Tractor wants to run a wiring harness from the transmission up to the computer. Murphy Tractor mechanic is saying the harness got pinched. This machine is out of warranty. Two semis tractors are broken down, air and motor problems.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve of the roads department raises. The roads department committee met after last board meeting to discuss the raises. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, reported there is a crew at the tower on the west repeater working and repainting that. Tom has been working on getting a list of IDs for the different departments.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$2,530.50. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$3,616.88. (with new doc fees) Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$315.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution 25-25 to transfer Opioid funds \$3,160.00 from County General Fund Misc Sheriff fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02 to assist for payment for help pay for dog and training. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker for Chairman French to sign for North Star Services. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker Health and Human services agreement. The County don't plan on making any changes at this time. County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak will respond to DHHS. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber declare vacancy of County Clerk Patty Bessmer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to advertise to fill vacancy of County Clerk. Ad will run October 9th and 16th. All applications are due back in the Clerk's office by October 17th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted in open meeting laws on October 20th. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

A discussion was held by Chairman French, consolidating offices. Feasibility of combining offices. County Attorney only certain offices could be combined. No Action taken at this time. Board decides to discuss it more; it will be on next agenda.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve claims with the changes of two-time sheets. The board wanted Clerk's office to use sick or vacation on Friday, September 26th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French Chairman