

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING**  
**January 12, 2026**

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 January 12th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., Jim MuellerRobb Roeber. Absent were Mark English and James Price. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, Sheriff Russ Briggs County, Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak present via audio. 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. 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 Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn Sine Die. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Clerk Steven Schneider called for nominations for Chairman, County Board of Supervisors of Thurston County. Nomination of Davin French for Chairman by Walker. No further nominations were nominated. Nomination to cease by Mueller. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Clerk Steven Schneider called for designation of Chairman of Board of Supervisors. Only nomination was for Davin French. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Roeber nominated to keep the Vice Chairman English and Chairman of Board of Equalization Mayberry the same as last year. No further nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstain: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to enter the 2026 County Board of Supervisors meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstain: English and Price. Motion carried.

Committees' appointments were tabled, Chairman French requested that Board Members review current appointments and to contact if him for appointments at next board meeting.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to designate the official newspaper Pender Times as the County newspaper for publications and County board proceedings for 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to appoint Tom Perez as the Thurston County Emergency Manager/ Flood Manager. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to appoint Daniel Alexander Thurston County Roads Highway Superintendent. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Fund Balance: Mayberry asked about Canine Fund. The was going to be addressed in a resolution.

Unfinished Business: none

Public Comments: none

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-01 to appoint (Frontier Bank) Equity Bank as depository of funds 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #26-02 to appoint CharterWest Bank as depository of funds 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstain: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Robin Christiansen, County Treasurer authorization to invest monies not needed in day-to-day operations in bonds etc. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Elected Officials Salaries for 2027-2030, Resolution #26-03. Based on the Cola formula up to a 6% raise annually.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber approve Resolution #26-03 Salaries for Elected Officials for 2027-2030. Continued discussion was held. Roll call aye: Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Naye: Mayberry. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber Office Deputies pay is 75% of Elected Officials salary and the Chief Deputy is at 80% of Sheriff salary. It will remain as previous years. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve NPAIT application of Investments for 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded Mayberry to approve signatures for (Frontier Bank) Equity bank for the Entity Authorization for Chairman French, Vice President English, and Steven Schneider County Clerk. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded Mayberry to approve signatures for (Frontier Bank) Equity bank for the Imprest Account for Chairman French, Steven Schneider County Clerk and Shelly Copple Deputy of County Clerk. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded Mayberry to approve signatures for (Frontier Bank) Equity bank for the Clerk's Checking Account for Chairman French, Steven Schneider County Clerk and Shelly Copple Deputy of County Clerk Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber approve signatures at CharterWest Bank for the Chairman French, County Clerk Schneider and Deputy of County Clerk Copple. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to Approve County Clerk Schneiders December 2025 Fee Report in the amount of \$5,039.15. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to Approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth December 2025 fee report in the amount of \$155.03. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey, Road foreman, road crew has been hauling and stock piling gravel. Still have a good pile in Thurston. However, hauling gravel has been shut off from West Point for the season.

I-Hub Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Dan Alexander gave the County a list of bridges that still need to be worked on. Three bridges that need repair. Howard County takes the lead. Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller on I-Hub grant. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller, seconded by Roeber to advertise for the purchase of one or two new cross dump belly gravel trailers. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #26-04 to Transfer \$20,000.00 from County General Fund (0100) to Thurston County Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve the Resolution #26-05 to transfer Opioid funds \$6200.00 from County General Funds Misc Sheriff's Fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, has spent time working on end-of-year reports for state and the auditors for the county. Opioid funds report will be kept at the Law Enforcement Center in case County gets audited.

Correspondence: Make sure all the Elected Officials fill out the accountability.

Review and Approve Claims: Mayberry asking about Holiday Pay on two employees. Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber with the exceptions. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

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Steven Schneider- County Clerk

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Davin French- Chairman