

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 9, 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 March 9th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Benjamin Walker Jr. Absent was Robb Roeber. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, and Zachery Randall with Pender Times. 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 English seconded by Mueller to approve the Board Minutes of February 23, 2026. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker and French. Abstained: Mayberry. Absent: Roeber. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Report: English reported that he has been working with the Extension Office and is completing the renewal paperwork for the Livestock friendly county.

Road Supervisor report: Mat was absent

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to advertising for sealed bids for gravel. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Discussion on the Thurston Southwest paperwork for Olsson. This is for the D Ave Bridge near the golf course. It is requesting chairman's signature for Environmental Services agreement. This agreement was not received in time for county attorney review.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller for chairman's signature on the Environmental Services agreement for Olsson Engineering, pending County Attorney Review. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Discussion on the CBMP projects, in a prior meeting, Mat Frazey brought up three bridges that would be good to replace with culverts. The three bridges are: one on the Wayne County Line, one south of Pender near Blue Ox, and one north of D Ave. Currently there is no CBMP dollars available, however it may come through. The board would like to go ahead and do the engineering work on all three of the bridges.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by price to advertising for engineering on all three CBMP bridge projects. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Discussed on the Pender West bridge letter of support, that signature was approved in prior meeting. It has been submitted to County Attorney for review. Mayberry asked about exposure to the county if the bridge would be damaged and concerned about what it maybe if the county accepts ownership of the bridge. English: Walthill Fire Department is also putting together of support for county ownership to submit with the counties.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to Approve membership of Nebraska Loess Hills as a Supporter Member for \$200.00. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Tom Perez emergency manager report: There is a Emergency Operations Center (EOC) planning, exercise and training class (April 1, 2026) and a G-402 NIMS overview for senior officials (March 30,2026) coming up. Tom plans on attending remotely. The G-402 NIMS class is the same a prior hosted here in Thurston County, how ever is different than the NIMS 100,200 & 300 classes that is being set up for this fall.

Blyburg Road. He is waiting for Dan Alexander in regards what is going to be done before assigning a 911 number. French said he would follow up with Dan He also brought up the Opioid report that needs to be handled. Tom will be working remotely, due to a personal issue.

Open sealed bids for mold remediation at the Law Enforcement Center. The only sealed bid received was from Servpro of Sooland for \$52,031.63. This is to remove the mold, cleaning and disposal of contaminated items.

Additional discussion was held regarding the mold issue at the Law Enforcement Center. After the mold remediation, there should be a clearer look at the concrete and walls to evaluate the source of the mold issue. The heating and air conditioning system needs to be evaluated.

Price expressed concern about only one bidder on the remediation bid and was concerned of the fee for the service. English expressed interest how this may be paid. French said most likely the funds out of inheritance for now until something can be figured out with the Architects.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker to accept the single bid for mold removal from Servpro of Sooland for \$52,031.63. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to Approve County Clerk's fee report for February 2026 in the amount of \$7,239.16. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to Approve District Court Clerk's fee report for February 2026 in the amount of \$138.00. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to Approve Resolution #26-08 to transfer \$100,000.00 from County General Fund (0100) to the Thurston County Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, and French. Absent: Roeber Motioned carried

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Absent: Roeber Motioned carried.

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman