

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 23, 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 23rd, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, Weed Department Mark Heckenlaible, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Chief Deputy Derek Herron, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Ray Cooney, Dick Smith 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 Walker to approve the Board Minutes of March 9th, 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker and French. Abstained: Roeber. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Report: Mayberry reported that there will be some new people with Northeast Nebraska Health

Road Supervisor report:

Mark Heckenlaible presented the NE DOA 2025 Noxious Weed Department Reports and Requirements; the report was 13 pages long and was included in the board packet. Total possible score was 3400, and his office received 3300. Mayberry asked about farmers who do not control the Canadian thistles. Mark outlined the steps that are required to be enforced.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the Chairmans signature on NE DOA 2025 Noxious Weed Dept. Reports and Requirements. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Price spoke to the board regarding 911 signs in the area around The Village of Winnebago. Looking for assistance in purchasing 165 signs. The homes inside the boundaries of the village have been put up. The focus is on those that live on the outskirts of the village and on rural roads around supervisor district 4 whom do not have horizontal white on blue 911 signs. He submitted a list of places in rural Winnebago that do not have these signs. The number of signs does not reflect the signs that are already present in the Walthill Shop. They have signpost already, for placement on either the house or on a post. I just need the signs. Price said Winnebago facilities department would provide the labor to install the signs. Pricing on the signs would be between 20-22 dollars be sign. About \$3,400 in total. Mark believed last time Tom Perez ordered the 911 signs as the board had designated the 911 signs to go through him. French asked if the Blyburg road sign could be ordered with this group. Based in information received from Dan Alexander, the Blyburg road residence would be added to the list of signs being ordered.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve the request to purchase the 911 signs in the area of The Village of Winnebago and also purchase a sign for the Blyburg Road residence. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by English to approve the rehiring of Alexander Deleon as a deputy . Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Discussion was held about the mold remediation project. Sheriff Briggs reported the company is going to be conducting a walk through for duct cleaning. Servepro did report air through wall in Sheriff's office.

Once the sheet rock is removed it will be investigated more. The architect has not been in contact yet since the last time, he said he needed more time to research the issues.

9:15 a.m. Open and read sealed bids for the engineering on three bridge replacement projects (CBMP bridge replacement project). The only sealed bid received was from Midwest Engineering Services for not to exceed \$40,000.00. The Bridges would be the Pender West (County Road 11 north of Highway 16), Winnebago West (County Rd 23 north and west of D Ave.) and Pender South (Mill Road, south of industrial road.)

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to accept the bid from Midwest Engineering Services for not to exceed \$40,000.00 for the engineering on three bridge replacement projects (CBMP bridge replacement project). Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reports: They are blading and hauling gravel out on some of the roads. The wings are off all the motor graders. Still cleaning up some trees and brushing. Last week they had work in the shop doing routine maintenance and worked on both the paddle scrapers. Equipment is in good shape. Mayberry asked about tree removal, and the tree on D Ave.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to Approve Resolution #26-09, Environmental Service Agreement- BK2272-003 with Olsson- For Thurston Southwest Agreement. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by English for chairman's signature on the Environmental Services agreement for Olsson Engineering once resolution #26-09 is added. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

9:35 a.m. Open and read sealed bids for Gravel for Resurfacing.

The first bid was from Smith Farm Services / Smith Trucking for Thayer, Pender, Bryan townships for \$29.23 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel and adding \$5.25 to the Stalp's price for hauling out of the North Bend gravel pit.

The second bid was from Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for Winnebago Township for \$33.39 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Winnebago Township for \$36.58 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Winnebago Township for \$38.58 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel.

For Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird Township for \$32.60 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird Township for \$39.23 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird Township for \$38.05 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel.

For Dawes Township for \$29.95 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Dawes Township for \$38.96 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Dawes Township for \$36.67 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel.

For Perry and Merry Township for \$31.27 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Perry and Merry Township for \$33.39 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Perry and Merry Township for \$36.73 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel.

Mat spoke with the board about the different locations from where gravel was hauled from was in response to a few years ago when Stalp's was shutdown and gravel was needed from other yards. This is in effort for up front pricing.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to accept the bid from Smith Farm Services / Smith Trucking for Thayer, Pender, Bryan townships for \$29.23 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel and adding \$5.25 to Stalp's price for hauling out of the North Bend gravel pit. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to accept the bid from Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for Winnebago Township for \$33.39 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Winnebago Township for \$36.58 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Winnebago Township for \$38.58 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to accept the bid from Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird Townships for \$32.60 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird Townships for \$39.23 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Anderson, Omaha and Blackbird

Townships for \$38.05 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to accept the bid from Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for Dawes Township for \$29.95 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Dawes Township for \$38.96 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Dawes Township for \$35.67 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to accept the bid from Cooney Fertilizer Inc. for Perry and Merry Township Townships for \$31.27 per ton. hauling from Stalp's Gravel, Perry and Merry Townships for \$33.39 per ton. hauling from Backhaus Gravel, Perry and Merry Townships for \$36.73 per ton. hauling from Dolezal Gravel. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

A conversation was held regarding making Stalp's Gravel the primary gravel vendor for Thurston County. Mat Frazey said that last summer the State Auditor commented that in one month, as a county, we hauled more than \$50,000.00 worth of gravel out of Stalp's that the county hauled themselves. The auditor recommended that Board vote to make Stalp's the primary gravel vendor.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to make Stalps's primary gravel vendor for Thurston County at \$20.50 per ton F.O.B West Point and Wisner Pits. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried

Tom Perez emergency manager report: Tom was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal issue. He has been working remotely. English had a few issues with the fires out west. He spoke with Eric, Wayne County Emergency Manager who took care of things. Pender Fire sent one truck from Thurston County.

Correspondence: Cooney Fertilizer, Inc. Letter about splitting the company into three parts. Per Ray Cooney whom was present, the only change should be a change in names of the business.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the claims. Mayberry questioned a claim regarding a vehicle from the Sheriff Department, no action after the concern was addressed. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motioned carried.

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

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman