

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 4th, 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 May 4th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. James Price was absent. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, County Assessor Susie Schriber, County Treasurer Robin Christiansen, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, Jennifer Hansen, County Roads Superintendent Dan Alexander and Zachary Randall. 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 English to approve the Board Minutes of April 20th, 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Report: Mayberry reported on the Northeast Nebraska Health Department, the interim Board Member is Jill Belt, she is likely to accept a permanent position in the future after the interview process. An accountant may also be leaving the department. There will be some changes.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve hiring Extension Summer Intern- Aaliyah Soll starting May 20th- August 21st. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to go into Board of Equalization at 9:06 am Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry,

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve Application for Exemption- Winnebago Reformed Church. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve Tax List Corrections – 2022 Nielsen, Janet Trustee. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve Tax List Corrections – 2023 Nielsen, Janet Trustee. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker to approve Tax List Corrections – 2022 Sheridan, Dewey & Vera. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve Tax List Corrections – 2022 Hawkins, Daniel. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve Tax List Corrections – 2022 Eason, Marilyn Kay. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve the continuation of Exemption Applications by qualified Educational, Religious and Charitable Organizations. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:16 am Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. One- and Six-year public meeting

Dan Alexander presented it to the board The one- and six-year highway improvement plan.

On Form 11, one year plan, Project C-87 (176) was the box culvert completed Fall 2025. Most other items are delayed or federal aid projects that are still coming along. Form 8, one year plan. Big projects coming up are (165) Thurston SW BRO project out by the golf course, large truss that is 100% funded. (182) Morrow Bridge replacement that have been working with the BIA on. (183) Mill Road bridge and hopefully getting that done this year.

On the six-year plan. Form 9, he has removed some projects that had either been completed or deemed not to be a priority. C-87 which is the iHub project that we are still awaiting to hear back from the state. (165) Thurston SW BRO project is priority one. BIA Morrow Bridge is priority two, and then the Mill Road bridge. In addition, on the 6 year plans is project 184 & 185, think they can replace with pipes, those have been surveyed and are in hydraulic studies now, to see what size of pipe is needed. Project 186 is the bridge out on the west side of Hwy. 77 & G Ave. It was added at the request of last years one- and six-year meeting. Mayberry asked about the estimated cost of the Thurston BRO bridge. Dan replied to the new bridge will be longer and wider. Hopefully beginning next year.

Mayberry asked about the cost for the D ave bridge. Dan stated the slab construction is normally just under a million. Dan directed that the items in blue on the map provided to the board are on the one-year plan and are a little out of the county's control awaiting BIA funding.

Mat brought up the Goat Ranch Bridge, and it is the only low limit bridge for miles in that area and discussed how it did not fit any funding program. Dan stated it is potentially a box culvert site, and it is project 153 on the six-year plan.

9:25 am public meeting for The one- and six-year highway improvement plan was closed.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-14 One and Six-Year Highway improvements Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor report: Gravel hauling has fallen off due to Stalps not keeping up. They do keep one truck going all the time. If Stalps doesn't have gravel will use it to haul rock to add to the stockpile they already have. They also have been working on a lot of culverts, last fall during the rains quite a few had holes in the culverts and did not have time to repair prior to winter. Last week they worked on 12 culverts and are starting again this morning working on more. The new belly dump trailers are supposed to arrive in the last week of May. The 911 signs for outskirts of Winnebago have been ordered, estimated arrival in 5 weeks. Some maintainers have had issues with little items such as sensors, solenoids, and leaky hoses and seals, that are being addressed.

The board discussed with Mat ideas for the upcoming anniversary of employment for a roads employee that has worked for the county for 50 years. French brought up coffee and rolls. A few other ideas were also discussed.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve to pay Idemia Afis contract out of County General. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Sheriff Russ Briggs spoke to the board about setting up a K9 checking account. Speaking with other agencies for fundraising they use a separate account so they can accept card donation. So they can start doing fundraising projects. English asked about who would be the signer on the account. Sheriff Briggs suggested that himself and Micaela Welsh as the signer.

English asked about the K9, Sheriff Briggs said that the dog is here and has been working. Currently out of a dog crate in an older truck and are still awaiting the new unit to be finished. The dog has been used in some locations and on traffic stops.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve to open a K9 checking account for fundraisers and any donations. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Ductz quote. This came from servpro as Ductz works with them for professional duct work. This system would kill the mold with the same HVAC system currently in place.

The system is Envirobiotics. The bid was for \$9,000.00. French asked what the reoccurring cost maybe for this system. That will need to be investigated to see how long the cartridges will last.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the Ductz Estimate for \$9,000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about Architects and Servpro email questions and answers that were in an email shared with the board. Sheriff Briggs found it interesting that servpro thought it might have been from the condensation on the blocks on that side of the wall and is the HVAC system causing the mold issue on the west wall, west in the south. Mayberry asked about the HVAC units. Sheriff Briggs said that Rasmussens will be at the board meeting on the 18th of May to explain. Still talking with the Architect, who was supposed to come out and do a moisture test, have not heard back.

Still awaiting a bid for a dehumidifier, item tabled awaiting bid. Currently using smaller dehumidifiers and normally use them all summer long. Emptying them three times a day, this bid would be for a whole facility system. Action was tabled.

Correspondence: Village of Pender Annual Report on Community Redevelopment Projects
Men's Health Network and Proclamation

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Court Clerk's fee report for April 2026 in the amount of \$18,635.88. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

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

Motioned by Walker seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. Roll call aye: Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman