

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 18th, 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 18th, 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, Chief Deputy Derek Herron, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, Brent Sebade, Matt Bjordal with Ramussen Mechanical Services 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 English seconded by Walker to approve the Board Minutes of May 4th, 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, has new bookkeepers with accounts.

Brent Sebade spoke to the board about unused property owned by the county that is located next to his land. The property was described as the west 2 rods of the southwest ¼ southwest ¼, 2-26-6. It was transferred to the county on Nov. 5th 2019.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to advertise property described as west 2 rods of the southwest ¼ southwest ¼, 2-26-6 as surplus. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor report: They have been Blading and Gravel hauling as they can. Worked on a lot of culverts. They did put the reclaimers on two of the blades. This has pulled some old gravel up and they have been pulling the shoulders. Mat also informed the board that his new trailers have been completed and are sitting at the plant awaiting leaving once they have been paid for. There is a claim for the payment in this day's meeting. After payment they will be delivered. Also a lot of trees down and the crews are out this morning cleaning up after the storms.

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

Sheriff Russ Briggs spoke to the board about county owned property outside of Walthill along highway 94. It used to be the old Carlo's tow shop and is now overgrown with trees. It is in bad condition and there have been problems with people in that building. It is county owned and would like to see it bulldozed or in some other way torn down to remove chances someone could get hurt. English expressed concerns about overhead powerlines that would prevent controlled burn of the building. He believed if it was bulldozed and taken to the north the pile could be burned but would need to speak to the Walthill fire department.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by English for the county roads department to raze the building into a pile and follow up with the fire department to possibly burn the pile. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Matt Bjordal with Ramussen Mechanical Services spoke to the board regarding the HVAC units on the Law Enforcement Center. With the humidity issues in the LEC they have been able to get some performance improvements out of the equipment. However, it did not seem that it has been doing the

job it should for as old of a building as it is. They investigated the original construction documents. They did not bid on this project initially, but they did create a file for project in the area. He directed the board to a document presented regarding the central air handling unit, which are all the roof top units. In the specification he directed the board to a feature called hot gas reheat. He explained that hot gas reheating was a feature on a roof top unit. This feature helps control humidity. There was a addendum in the original bid to remove these hot gas reheaters. He believed this was attempt to lower the overall project cost. He then addressed incomplete ductwork and ductwork that was never done. He recommended the best possible way to fix the issues was to swap out the roof top units. Questions were asked about adding the hot gas reheat to current system, he advised that it could not be added and due to EPA mandated regulations the units cannot be modified. Lead time would be 4 weeks for new units.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to advertise for sealed bids for 10 new HVAC units with hot gas reheat for the Law Enforcement Center. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the Ductz quote. Sheriff Briggs updated the board that the cartridge lasts 5-6 months at a cost of \$800-900 per year. This system would be attached to the HVAC system. With the changes to the HVAC system, these items will be tabled until the HVAC system is addressed.

No action taken on Men's Health Network and Proclamation

Tom Perez emergency managers report, he reported regarded the Sunday storms. He reported damage in Winnebago, Walthill and in Macy. He was calling around to get damage reports in these areas, as well as with the roads department. He believes that they should meet the threshold for the county. He was thinking the county would need to declare a disaster declaration. He also addressed 911 communications issues during the storm. He will be getting some stuff regarding the Disaster Declaration and additional information ready for the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-15 to transfer \$100,000.00 from County General Fund (0100) to The Thurston County Roads Fund (0200) Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve April 2026 fee report of District Court Clerk, Gina Roth in the amount of \$772.37 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve March 2026 fee report of Sheriff Russell Briggs in the amount of \$55,038.04 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Roll call aye: Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

After the Board Meeting a reception was held in the Board Room to congratulate Scott Evans for working for the County for 50 years.

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman