

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 13th, 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 July 13th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Absent, James Price. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, Susie Schrieber County Assessor, Jason Sturek, and Bullett Beaudette. 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.

County Clerk Steven Schneider discussed changes to Nebraska Open Meetings Laws taking effect starting July 18, 2026. One of the big changes with the open meeting laws is, no longer need to have a poster in the room, just have a copy available in the room. Also, meetings only need to be advertised 4 times a year. To avoid confusion with these changes we will continue to advertise as we have before, however January 1, 2027, transitioned to quarterly advertising.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Board Minutes of June 29th, 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Bullett Beaudette spoke to the Board about a grader that he brought down for Demo with the Roads Department. He would like to be in consideration when it comes time to replace another machine. Knowing that the budget has not been complete, he looks forward to see what happens.

Unfinished Business: French spoke about looking at the courtroom after the last board meeting and recommended creating a list of improvements and updates in time for budget.

Committee Report: English spoke that the finance committee should set aside an afternoon and make slots to speak with each department head. Department heads had until July 20th to turn in their preliminary budgets. He thought that first the finance committee meets then with each department head. French said after the 20th.

French also spoke about the properties in Walthill, suggesting a meeting with French and himself about what to do. He suggested either a evening or a daytime if they wanted to include Mat Frazey. French felt most of it would be Mark spraying the weeds. French recommended anytime to have a meeting with Mat.

French had a meeting with the Department of Roads, at the request of Glenn Meyer, in regard to the Pender East Bridge Project. The biggest hang up is budget. They went to Main Street in Pender and Ray Cooney drove a few trucks around the corner, to show how bad an intersection it was. The people from

Lincoln were here and were going to review it again and they will send out an email with what they come up with

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:07 am. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price, Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Chairwoman Mayberry Called the Board of Equalization to order at 9:07 am

Motion by English second by Walker to enter items into evidence from the County Assessor,

- a. 2026 Certification of assessment of real and personal property
- b. 2026 Notice of Valuation change of Ag Land, Commercial and Residential property.
- c. 2026 Ag Land calculation breakdown of ratios
- d. 2026 Commercial calculation breakdown of ratios
- e. 2026 Residential calculation breakdown of ratios

Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Price, Motion carried.

Motion by English seconded by Mueller to approve the denial of the Protest #26-001 from McCauley Family Trust, Parcel #001200027. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Price, Motion carried.

Tax List corrections:

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve Tax List Corrections – 2025 Ron E. Duncan .

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 – 2024 Ron E. Duncan .

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 Ron E. Duncan .

Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Walker to approve Tax List Corrections – 2025 Tom L. & Cathy M.

Duncan. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by French to approve Tax List Corrections – 2024 Tom L. & Cathy M.

Duncan. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve Tax List Corrections – 2023 Tom L. & Cathy M.

Duncan. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve Tax List Corrections – 2024 Kaser Excavating & Crushing, LLC. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Absent Price. Motion carried

Motioned by French seconded by Walker to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:14 am. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor: They were working on bridges last week, they have about 4 more to work on, this will take the rest of the month. They have also been working on culverts, blading and hauling gravel. Last week, two machines went down for about a day with sensor and wiring issues. Gravel is still on and off, when not hauling gravel, hauling rock. However, Mat did think gravel hauling will be more consistent now.

Discussion was held on a bridge in county right of way to a private lane. D ave between 17th Rd & 18th Rd. ¼ mile east of D ave and 17th Rd intersection. Mat said that the bridge is worn out. The landowner is willing to help pay to replace it. It is minimum of \$15,000.00 to fix the bridge, to replace with a tube would cost \$11,000.00. Landowners would cover \$8,000.00. Mat wanted to come before the board because the bridge is not a county bridge, it is a field driveway, county policy is we supply 24 feet of correct size culvert for field driveway. The county attorney asked about a hydrology study to make sure things are done the right way. French spoke about a concern about the drainage area at that location and concerns about putting in the wrong size tube. French recommended speaking to Dan Alexander and then putting the matter on the next meeting.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve the Chairman Signature on Brent and Brenda Sebade Quitclaim deed for following property located in 2-26-6. Described as: The West 2 rods of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 2, Township 26, Range 6, East of the 6th P.M. Parcel ID # 001040011 . Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

Emergency Manager Report: Tom Perez spoke about working on getting the equipment and stuff for the towers as quickly as they can. They have also been looking at another piece of property by Macy and possibly putting another tower in that direction. He also has been catching up with the 911 addressing

Jason Sturek with Economic Development spoke to the board. As a part of the Economic Development, he assists the committee related to tourism. Currently they have an issue where they have \$475.00 in the promotions account. There are two accounts the lodging tax goes into, promotion and the other is improvements. The improvement was \$5,625.00 at the start of the month. For many different reasons he did not feel the committee had done a good enough job of informing organizations of the improvement fund. However, they are seeing a much higher demand for spending funds on promotion. Currently they cannot issue grants of any sizable amounts for promotion because of the depleted that fund. After doing some research the board can transfer funds through resolution from improvement to promotion. He suggested \$2,500.00 to be transferred. This would allow them to say yes to more promotions grants. Also, would allow them to reorganize a little bit to figure out how to get the improvement side out to more organizations. He also discussed an annual reevaluation on how the funds are spent. English asked about how the lodging tax is divided. Jason replied he believed it was 50/50 into those accounts. French asked about changing percentage, English thought for the time to keep it the same but do a resolution at this time. The board asked for a resolution on the next board agenda.

No new information or action on the Mold issue at the law enforcement center.

French asked if there would be a handbook committee meeting to changes in the handbook related to regarding longevity pay. He recommended a meeting after the next board meeting, giving time for everyone.

Discussion was held about changes to cash in lieu of insurance rate increase. County attorney said the issue was that if a bunch of people going off insurance, maybe it would make sense to entice them to do that. It does not sound like any new employees are going to be coming off. No action taken.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve June 2026 fee report of County Clerk Steven Schneider in the amount of \$3,474.85. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve June 2026 fee report of District Court Clerk, Gina Roth in the amount of \$632.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

Correspondence: none

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-21 to transfer \$26,954.42 out of The County E911 (2913) to The County General (0100). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #26-22 to transfer \$20,000.00 out of The County E911 (2913) to The County 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund (2914). Mayberry asked if these where closed funds, she believed there has to be a valid reason why you are paying it, and we may need to relook at it and retract it next, meeting if it is a closed fund. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

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

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to adjourn at 09:37 am. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman