

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 24th, 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 August 24th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, James Price, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Absent were Mark English and Jim Mueller. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Steve Wageman, Dan Alexander and Courtney Frey. 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 Walker seconded by Roeber to approve the Board Minutes of August 10th, 2026. Roll call aye: Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstained: Mayberry. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Steve Wageman spoke to the board concerning the Flock Cameras, as this has been subject to national news stories recently. Flock cameras capture license plate information of all vehicles that pass within camera range, then store information in a cloud-based data file. The captured data can aid law enforcement in recovery of missing persons and in solving crimes. He is not informed of any details nor the level of benefit that flock cameras have provided our local law enforcement. Flock Cameras are owned by Flock Safety, Atlanta Georgia. Public concern is growing regarding privacy and reports of misuse. The unintended consequences of the camera are public distrust and added liability to the county and citizens in the event of misuse. Flock Camera are a fee based, so there is a cost burden for the taxpayers. As a taxpayer, his request is that contracts with Flock Safety be discontinued.

Sheriff Russ Briggs spoke regarding the Flock cameras. The cameras through an interlocal contract with Pender. First it came to Pender Village Board about Flock Safety Cameras, and that board is the ones that said that they wanted to do this and to get some cameras up in Pender, so we can be apart of Flock Safety. So, this would be a contract with the Village. Of the cameras, only one is set up. There is an audit method that he can review everything. What information inputted and by whom. Flock is adding stuff to make it more trustworthy. There is a seven-day retention period unless you put something into evidence mode and save it. He spoke of some of the success with Flock Cameras. He also explained it is a tool to better do their job.

Unfinished Business: Mayberry asked about the ARPA filing, Tom said that it was complete, and would provide her with a copy of the certificate.

Committee Report: Finance Committee has been working with Caleb and Shelly in regard to the budget and have a zoom meeting to discuss further. French also had a meeting in Walthill after the last board meeting to look at three county properties. Mat was going to call locates in, and Mat will give more information. Mayberry asked about the moisture in the windows. French spoke that it was a discussion and no action had been taken.

A discussion was held regarding the Anderson Township. No letters of interest had been given to the clerk's office. Clerk was going to re-advertise to see if there was any interest to fill these positions, as positions need to be filled by appointment within 45 days of resignation.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to re-advertise to fill Anderson Township Board Vacancy and act on vacancies in the next meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Walker seconded by Roeber to call Board of Equalization order at 9:15 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

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Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve exemption application for North Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc, Cargo trailer VIN 58E1W1625T2020418. Roll call aye: Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motion by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:17 am. Roll call aye: Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor: The roads department last week had been blading and hauling more gravel after the big rain. Price and Mayberry spoke to Mat regarding around Winnebago where they are putting in new fiber optic cable where roads had washed out, they are fixing that themselves. Mat spoke to them to inform them of where the spots were. They are packing it in pretty nicely. There is no more gravel out of West Point. They have begun to haul a little bit of gravel out of Pierce. After last Board Meeting they looked at three properties in Walthill, which he has put locates in on two of them. They are going to try and get the property east of town cleaned up next week. The other won't take long to knock down. French asked about some plastic pipes. Mat said that there was a metal culvert that was rusted out, which the plastic pipe was put inside the metal one to prevent the need to dig the old one out. Then poured a new concrete head wall. Mayberry asked about funding for the pipes and why not out of Bridge Buyback. French spoke that it was not a bridge.

Dan Alexander spoke about NSTM Bridge Inspection contract, that this was like prior years, this for the bridges that the county normally does not take care of. With the state and feds looking at doing these bridges more often. The contract was with MEI who has done it in the past for \$11,150.00 to do fracture critical inspections.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve contract with MEI for \$11,150.00 to do fracture critical inspections. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Report: Tom Perez spoke about spending time on the towers and getting them ready. Been working on some issues with the east repeater finding dead spots. Also been working on disaster grant. Been working as well with 911 address and correcting mistakes. Mayberry asked about the west tower, Tom spoke that it was up and running.

Sheriff Russ Briggs said that the HVAC units had been replaced. They are still working on the unit over the conference room hallway, that is not working, they are working on figuring that out this week. The controls have not come in yet. They are still working on getting it up and running. French asked for the old units to be added to the next agenda to be declared surplus and discuss method of disposal. Briggs spoke briefly about the windows and wants to see if the new units will improve the issue.

Sheriff Briggs discussed Jail out of county contracts, he has increased the price to everyone that houses inmates with us. Currently at \$70.00 per prisoner, which is a little cheaper than other jails around, but did increase from \$60 to \$70. Mayberry asked who the contracts were with? Briggs replied that it was everyone that houses with us except Wayne and Dakota Counties.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve Chairmans signature on Chairman's signature on jail out of County Contracts. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve County Attorney signature on MOU for DHHS (for death information release). Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Bridge Loading Posting Responsibilities and Confirmation Requirements, Dan Alexander spoke that this was in regard to SNBI changes on posting for bridges and compliance.

French spoke about cash on hand is not what we have in the budgets. He requested that we stay with what our claims are and what cash we have on hand. While we are working on the new budgets.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve Promotional Grant to Heritage Museum of Thurston County. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

French spoke about the budgets, it is still a work in progress, just got an email sent that morning, he thinks that they are just changes and notes that Caleb has brought to our attention. They have a Zoom meeting at 7:00 tomorrow.

2026 County Inventories were presented and passed around to board members. Mayberry said it would take longer than this meeting to review them. French instructed to continue with roll call.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve 2026 inventories. Roll call aye: Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Nye: Mayberry until had time to review them. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to approve June 2026 fee report of Sheriff Russell Briggs in the amount of \$68,956.29. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

County Clerk Schneider spoke of the changes recommended by County Attorney to Resolution #26-28 to Authorize/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Most notably the cash drawer in the judge's office and it was noted it was just the cash drawer. Mayberry asked about how often those get audited. Clerks said that each department is in charge of each drawer. Mayberry recommended that it be done quarterly. County Attorney recommended that it be audited by the auditor.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #26-28 to Authorize/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Roll call aye: Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Nye: Mayberry not until it has been audited. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-29 transfer \$30,000.00 out of The County Inheritance Fund (2700) to The Thurston County General Fund (0100) . Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #26-30 Fire District Political Subdivision Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-31 Township Political Subdivision Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 09:38 am. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: English and Mueller. Motion carried.

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman