

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 10th, 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 10th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Mark English, James Price, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Absent were Georgia Mayberry and Jim Mueller. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey, and Zack 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 Roeber seconded by Walker to approve the Board Minutes of July 27th, 2026. Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

Committee Report: English spoke that the budget committee has met with every elected official and department, also the committee met with Caleb for three hours and got things inline and are waiting on Assessors Valuation numbers. Once those numbers come in, the committee will know where to start making cuts. Waiting for final numbers. French spoke that Caleb seemed very knowledgeable about budgets.

A discussion was held regarding the Anderson Township Board resignation. The board received a resignation letter from Jim and Jean Morgan and Kathleen Buhr on July 31st, 2026. In the letter the reason stated was because the county has not replaced the Morrow Bridge in six years and they have not gotten their mail in that time. French wanted it on record that this has been an ongoing process. The county did open up a road a mile to the east of there, so there was access, and as far as the mail route, which is not a county problem. If they are getting mail out there, he knows they can still get mail out there, so whatever the reason it does not fall in the hands of the county.

English asked French how the budget would work since Anderson Township had not submitted a preliminary levy request. French spoke that the County Board can act as the Anderson Township Board, However the vacancies must be advertised first to see if anyone is interested on being on that board. So the County Board can appoint new members. So, the first step is to advertise. County Clerk Schneider said that the positions would need to be filled in 45 days.

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

French spoke that in regards to the Township Boards, there has been a number of counties having issues with people not wanting to be on the Township Boards, and whether to go to a commissioner system or a supervisor system. Currently there are some in the county that want the township system and there are others that do not. He encourages other board members to keep up to date with how citizens feel about this issue.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor: The roads department has been blading and hauling gravel. They are shut off from hauling gravel this week. They are starting to work on a few bridges right now. Currently working on one south of Rosalie. Fixing back wall, some holes with planks. They do still have some culverts to do before this fall. The old gravel trailers have been sold on big iron auctions and Mat presented a statement on what the county will receive from the sale of these trailers. French asked about the number, which was 26,922.56. Mat though the trailers sold well. English asked Mat if there was time they could meet with him to look at a building in Walthill by the elevators and there is another house in Walthill to look at. French recommend to meet right after the Board meeting. English said he

was going to be meeting with the fire department and with the village to get a plan to take care of these buildings

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution 26-26, Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026. Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to approve chairman's signature on County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026. Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Report: Tom Perez spoke about a sheet he presented regarding disaster declaration, that will help take care of the towers and other stuff. This is the beginning of the process. He has also been busy with the EMPG and clearing some stuff up with other grants. Tom spoke with the disaster declaration it will not cover the repeater itself, however, will cover the antenna and cabling on the west tower, working on getting the same on the east tower as well, by presenting more documentation.

French spoke of the mold issue at the Law Enforcement Center. They had their budget meeting in the office, and it looked like it was getting put back together. English spoke about windows on the west side of the law enforcement center, and that every window had condensation in them, which could be bad seals on the windows. This can affect their thermal performance. Either replacing or fixing will need to be addressed. English made Russ aware of the issue.

Correspondence: The correspondence received was action items on the agenda.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve July 1st-17th, 2026 fee report of County Clerk Steven Schneider in the amount of \$1,262.72. Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve July 18th-31st, 2026 fee report of County Clerk Steven Schneider in the amount of \$493.12 . Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve July 2026 fee report of District Court Clerk, Gina Roth in the amount of \$437.50 . Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by English to approve Resolution #26-25 to transfer \$5,000.00 out of The County General Fund (0100) to The County Building Fund (4001). Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried

English spoke about Resolution #26-27 to transfer \$35,000.00 out of The County Inheritance Fund (2700) to The Thurston County Roads Fund (0200) that he asked Shelly to pay this back once taxes for the month of September, as the county is expecting more money coming in. French was going to double check with Shelly to ensure a document was being prepared for tracking.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #26-27 to transfer \$35,000.00 out of The County Inheritance Fund (2700) to The Thurston County Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried

Resolution #26-28 to Authorize/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Tabled awaiting County Attorney review.

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

Motioned by Walker seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 09:29 am. Roll call aye: English, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Mueller and Mayberry. Motion carried.