

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 28th, 2026

A Special 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 September 28th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Absent was James Price. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, and Emergency Manager Tom Perez. 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.

French opened the meeting with a public hearing for any discussion; no visitors were present. The Budget was sent out last Friday, Total County Budget \$14,550,729.84. Total valuation was \$1,563,445,658.00 increase of \$144,561,643.00. The 2026-2027 tax rate will be .337910 decrease of .001355 per \$100 of valuation. English was asked if there was anything else he wanted to present.

Mayberry had a conversation with the vets, and they were concerned that Vet's aid was lowered, and they disagreed with that, because it's like we're not supporting the vets. We moved from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and she has a right to levy 1% of the tax valuation. French asked what she has spent on average a year. Mayberry said her average has been lower, but they have also taken some programs away, so they are very concerned. She also wanted it duly noted that Gene Case and Lavern Kubik are concerned about taking veterans' benefits.

English spoke that it comes down to the fact they've never used more than; Mayberry said that they are concerned, we have budgeted things in the past for people that don't exist either, for a person that was never hired, and yet you took the veterans budget down by half. French asked about the comment referencing a budget out for someone never hired? Mayberry said a budget for a person who was supposed to do child support and a budget a few years back for a person in the assessor's office that we never hired.

Mayberry said she has also had a lot of calls on property taxes, and what the county is going to do about property taxes. French said that there was a Joint Public Hearing about that. Mayberry said there would have been more people there, if there was not also a volleyball game going on in Ho-Chunk, and Ho-Chunk sponsored the volleyball game.

English asked for it to be duly noted that, that he by any means, not taking anything away from the veterans. The fact is they have never spent it and that is why it was reduced to get the budget where it needed to be.

Roeber said he spoke to some veterans that are not happy with the person running that show and are very upset and a lot were going to West Point for things. Mayberry said they need to talk to Gene Case and Lavern Kubic or speak to the 5-panel board.

A conversation was held said that in the past they have not spent more than \$3,000, and it can be increased next year if they spend more. Mayberry said that you still cut her budget, a reply from others was that everyone's budget was cut, Mayberry said not everyone's, English corrected that 95% of them were reduced.

Hearing was held open longer to see if any members of the public came into the hearing and wished to speak. The board chatted about other topics that could not be acted on in this meeting and would be re-address at the next board meeting.

At 9:13 the Public Hearing was closed

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the 2026-2027 County Budget. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Nye: Mayberry Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to adopt resolution #26-33 Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Nye: Mayberry Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to adopt resolution #26-34 Property Tax Request. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Nye: Mayberry Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to adjourn at 09:16 am. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

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Steven Schneider- County Clerk	Davin French- Chairman