

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 8th, 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, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker Jr. Mark English joined the meeting at 9:04 am. Absent was James Price. Also, present were Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey and County Treasurer Robin Christiansen. 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 24th, 2026. Roll call aye: Roeber, Walker and French. Aye with corrections Mayberry. Abstained: Mueller Absent: English and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve the Special Board Minutes of September 3rd, 2026. Roll call aye: Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstained: Mayberry. Absent: Price and English. Motion carried

Public Comments:

Unfinished Business: Mayberry spoke of some corrections to the board minutes from August 24th, 2026. The buyback money, a comment was made that tube could not be used in the buyback, tubes can be bought through the buyback. Her question was why we are not buying tubes through the buyback and that it was not just for bridges. In the comments about the cash drawers, a comment was made by others, Mayberry was concerned about her comment about asking for the cash drawer to be counted quarterly by the finance committee. French asked if that was to the minutes that were just approved? Mayberry said that she made an objection.

Mayberry spoke regarding inventory sheets; she had concerns that some inventories did not have valuations on items and that in statute 23-105 you are supposed to have values. She also spoke that there are items called "junk", and why has it not been declared surplus. There were some missing items that should have been declared surplus. Mayberry also had concerns about comments of unknown. Mayberry stated inventory sheets should be corrected to include values as in the statute.

Committee Report: None

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve The Other Side Bar Special Liquor License. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor: They have begun hauling gravel from Pierce for about two weeks, one truck for sure every day, depending on weather and what else everyone is doing. Working on culverts, patched a few bridge decks. Because of rain, they are behind blading roads, with good weather, hoping to get caught up. Mat spoke about the properties in Walthill, he was thinking towards the end of next week, they will be starting on two of them. He has the locates done on two of them and has talked to the Village. English said he spoke to Walthill and said it was sometime in September. English also said he had someone interested in buying the lot on First Avenue, and if the property would be assessed for the tearing down of the property. French said they would need to decide. Mayberry said they need to keep track of their hours.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to approve chairman's signature on the Annual Certification LPA from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Report: English spoke that Tom Perez had texted last night. He did not have much, however, and would be missing a few days. Mayberry asked about the certificate that proved that we had our ARPA money filed correctly. She has not seen that yet, so has a concern that we're going to have to pay back 1.2 million. English would investigate that. English also said Tom had spoke to other regional managers, so they knew he was going to be out for a few days.

French spoke that the old HVAC units need to be declared surplus and discussed how to get rid of them. French also spoke that Roeber had a few interested parties in purchase of them, possibly. A brief conversation was held on price and documentation.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to declare old HVAC units at law enforcement as surplus Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

County Clerk Schneider commented that there appeared to be an issue with the Video Recording on the TV's in the board room. It appeared to still be recording, however there was a backup audio recording being done.

French spoke that they need to figure out a value on them and advertise that they are for sale and options for advertising it for sale. Mayberry spoke that probably needs to have some kind of identification number system, to identify what item is being bid on.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to advertise for sealed bids on old HVAC units at law enforcement as surplus to be opened next meeting. No vote was conducted.

A discussion was held regarding the Anderson Township. No letters of interest had been given to the clerk's office. Clerk Schneider provided some information from NACO regarding unfilled positions on the townships A conversation was held about levies and budgets when there is not a township board.

A discussion was held regarding Blackbird Township; all three members of that township had resigned. Blackbird Township had done their levy request. However not the budget.

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

French spoke about Township agreements: With all that is going on, he has begun to look into township agreements, and how some are one cent to three cents. He thinks we need to form some kind of agreement and set what a township should be but have a minimum. There was also a concern on how townships pay and how they can pay themselves. Moving forward he asked the board to begin thinking about what they would like to put in a township agreement. Also to investigate more about the township. Mayberry spoke about BIA roads being a factor. English spoke about it might be best for each supervisor to speak with townships in their districts.

Discussion was held on Sheriff's collections of Distress Warrants; County Treasurer Christiansen spoke that she needed permission to turn unsatisfied warrants to be turned over to collections. She stated most of them are already with a collection agency.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve turning over Sheriff's collections of Distress Warrants to a collection agency. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Delinquent Tax List presented by the Thurston County Treasurer. This was added to the agenda, late so no action will be taken. French asked for it to be added to next agenda. He spoke about how it was a lengthy list of delinquent taxes that the county treasurer submitted to us. A discussion needs to be held on how the county would like to deal with them. The county attorney spoke there was issues with the tax sales certificates and foreclosures is looking like the best option. No action taken.

A discussion was held on county owned property; namely how the county would like to sell them. County Clerk Schneider spoke about the list included in the board packet. There were handwritten notes about what he thought were based on legal descriptions, he also brought up some examples. Mayberry asked about the taxes due on these properties. A conversation was held about back taxes and foreclosures and how to reclaim back taxes. French asked if there should be a committee to look at these properties. He then asked for volunteers to be on the committee and said this is normally a pretty long process. A committee was formed to look more into these properties French, English and Roeber.

Correspondence: French spoke briefly about the regional NACO meeting in Norfolk. And recommended for people to go. Clerk Schneider spoke about the December NACO meeting, and to please advise if board members are attending. So that he can try and get room requests as soon as possible. Mayberry was planning to attend. English brought up the NDOT open house to discuss the Pender East Bridge. English also brought up speaking to a salesman regarding a maintainer replacement and it takes about three months and English brought it up as a reminder of when the county would like to start that process.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Moeller to approve August 2026 fee report of County Clerk Steven Schneider in the amount of \$9,648.24. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve August 2026 fee report of District Court Clerk, Gina Roth in the amount of \$227.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to July 2026 fee report of Sheriff Russell Briggs in the amount of \$19,114.91. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

English asked to see if the claim for garbage disposal at the welfare building was included in the current claims. Clerk Schneider said that that claim had not been included due to request of it to be corrected.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker 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