THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 19th, 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 October 19th, 2026. Present were Davin French, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and James Price. Absent was Georgia Mayberry, Robb Roeber, and Benjamin Walker Jr. Also, present was Steven Schneider County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Mark Heckenlaible, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, and County Roads Supervisor Mat Frazey. 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 9:20 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 Price seconded by Mueller to approve the Board Minutes of October 5th, 2026 with the correction to Paul Randall payrate. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, and French. Absent: Mayberry, Roeber and Walker. Abstained: English Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: English Spoke to the Walthill Village Clerk about county owned properties. The county will need to pay the $25.00 Residential demolition fee. The reason is that it is like a building permit and it lets the village and county assessor know the building has been removed. The greatest concern was the ½ percent of valuation. The village clerk misspoke and it is ½ percent the cost to tear down the building. English spoke that the county would remove with their own equipment so there was no cost to the county. She said with no cost, there will be no fee. That does not mean that a fee for assessed taxes purposes does need to be created. English recommended that the county pays the of $25.00 for a demolition permit for each property. He asked if the copy of the demolition permit would work for the invoice for this fee. French said yes. Also discussed the source of the funding for this fee will need to be discussed.

Committee Report: English said that they still needed to get together on the property list. French said that he was also thinking of waiting until the properties are cleaned up.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor: They had a slow week last week with Monday being a holiday and then rain on Thursday. They mainly bladed and hauled gravel. There is quite a few bridge inspections due in October and November, they are working on those. Mat had a question about a blade in the Walthill area last week. Wednesday afternoon the blade went into a derate mode because it would not regen. It did make it back to the shop, a mechanic showed up and said it was either the Turbo or the Turbo actuator. The actuator was replaced based on price. There was no change with the new actuator, they had to wait until Tuesday for a new turbo, once the mechanic began working on the new turbo, the new actuator was not plugged in. It was plugged in and now the machine is working again. They are really concentrating on blading right now.

Discussion was held on road employees' evaluations and raise recommendations. Mat said everyone was invited. Mark Heckenlaible was present. Dustin Jump did not wish to attend; he did have some questions he wished to ask the board.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to enter into executive session to discuss personal. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, and French. Absent: Mayberry, Roeber and Walker. Motion carried.

At 9:27 a.m. The Thurston County Board entered into executive session.

At 10:12 a.m. Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to re-enter open session and to end the executive session. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, and French. Absent: Mayberry, Roeber and Walker. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Report: English spoke saying that Tom did not have much to report and is unavailable to present his report.

A discussion was held about the emergency board meeting that would take place after the regular meeting. There would also need to be a special meeting of the Board of Equalization to ratify any action on accepting the Levies on October 19th, 2026, Emergency Meeting. We are on a time constraint, and this is want needs to be done. The special meeting needs to be done after Pender Times is published on October 22nd, 2026. County Clerk Schneider said that timing would be best at 4:30 p.m. due to court that day. Also, we needed board members to request this meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Anderson Township and Blackbird Township; French has spoken to a few people and have not heard anything back and will continue to work to this.

Township agreements were also tabled.

French spoke to about speaking to the County Attorney regarding a Victim Impact Statement. That statement will not help or hinder that case, so they opted not to do one.

Correspondence: Clerk Schneider said that on Friday afternoon he spoke with a person to discuss the purchase of county owned property in Walthill. French spoke they are still working on that process. The board is looking to get a bunch of properties together at a time, so that they are not advertising multiple times for these properties.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #26-36 transfer $4,000.00 out of The County General Fund (0100) to the County Building Fund (4001). Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, and French. Absent: Mayberry, Roeber and Walker. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by English seconded by Price to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, and French. Absent: Mayberry, Roeber and Walker. Motion carried.

Steven Schneider- County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman