

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
October 30, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 30th day of October, 2007. Present were Gene French, Danelle Smith, Paul Snowball, Leonard Peters, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Doyle French, and Darren Wolfe.

Chairman Lamplot called the meeting to order at 9:07 and informed those in attendance that the current open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting, and they are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2007 meeting as corrected. Correction shall reflect that the finance committee did not review claims, but the remaining members of the board reviewed claims. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had attended the safety meeting held last week, and they are working on the safety manual to make it more applicable to Thurston County. Supervisor Peters met with Dan Evans during the recent jail inspection, and was told of used equipment we may be able to purchase for use in the jail and the "play yard". Supervisor Smith reported that she had attended the meeting of the Region IV Mental Health District. They had received updates on the numbers in the facilities and the need to recruit Doctors and nurses to this area. The director will be setting up meetings with all county boards to give them updates on the Mental Health District.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the chairman's signature on the audit engagement letter. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Snowball, Smith, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the letter to the State Fire Marshall regarding the placement of a sprinkler system in the remainder of the courthouse within 36 months. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Peters, G. French, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the inventory of the Noxious Weed Superintendent. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Smith, Snowball, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:18

Motion by G. French, seconded by Snowball to approve the construction of a new shed to house the electronic equipment and radio equipment, and to relocate the existing shed, with Paul Randall doing the work. Paul will also check with Tom Perez to find out any required specifications for the equipment shed as far as temperature control and such. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding what the county board will consider as a quorum in order to conduct business. Some other county boards that have 7 members use 4 members present as a quorum, and some use 5. It is up to each county and their attorney to decide what they will consider as a quorum. After some discussion, and discussing with the county attorney, it was decided to have the county attorney research what most other counties consider a quorum, as well as if a person would be considered present in order to meet the quorum if they were on the phone, or by teleconference, or if they had to be physically present. The county attorney will research the issue, and will report back at the board at the next meeting.

Possible dates to meet with the Winnebago and Omaha Tribes were discussed and given to Tammy Maul-Bodlak to coordinate with Tammy Poitra regarding the fee to trust issues.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the final plans and specs for the elevator project. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Peters, Snowball, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to set the date to advertise for bids, and for bid opening regarding the elevator project. Advertising for 1 day for 2 weeks in the Omaha World Herald, The Lincoln Journal Star, and the Sioux City Journal, as well as the Pender Times. The closing date for bids to be received will be November 27, 2007, and will choose the contractor at the December 11th meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Snowball, Smith, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Smith to table item #14 – Chris Kleinberg and Tom Perez regarding the elevator project, as Sheriff Kleinberg is not in the office. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the chairman's signature on the change order presented by Buell Winter and Mousel, regarding the Macy drainage project, upon receiving concurrence from the BIA. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French left the meeting at 10:15.

Road Superintendent Don Newton met with the board regarding compensation for the roads employees. He suggested that this be done on a regular annual basis. It was the

consensus of the board that when this is done on an annual basis, it should reflect on the employee's evaluation, and not just an across the board raise. Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to allow a .50¢ an hour raise to all road employees, except for the highest paid road employee. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez met with the board and gave them an update regarding emergency management. He informed the board that Macy and Winnebago are getting in compliance with the LEOP, and he has been very happy with the progress they are making.

A discussion was held regarding the Lower Elkhorn NRD Hazard Mitigation Planning. The board discussed the options presented with Tom Perez. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to appoint Tom Perez as the Thurston County Representative to attend these meetings, since he has been attending them anyway.

The board discussed with Paul Randall the need to remove a tree from the front lawn of the courthouse. IT was the general consensus of the board to remove the tree before another large limb falls and does damage to someone's vehicle.

The board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to officially approve the claims of the October 16, 2007 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed claims. Motion by Snowball, seconded by Peters to approve payment of the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to adjourn to the next regular meeting on November 13, 2007 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. All agreed.

Full context of the minutes and are on file at the County Clerk's office.

Attest: Tammy Moore
County Clerk

Signed: Teri Lamplot, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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PROCEEDINGS
November 13, 2007

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Chairman Lamplot called the meeting to order at 9:00 and informed those in attendance that the current open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting, and they are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

A discussion was held on why item # 8 (Jerry Henschied, Omaha Tribal TERO Director, TERO Board members to discuss the TERO request on engineers fee for Macy project) and item #9 (Discuss/Approve chairman's signature on supplemental agreement for engineer) were on the agenda, as item #9 was voted on at the last meeting and most members thought that this was already dealt with.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:06 during the discussion on agenda items and informed the board that he had requested for them to be put on the agenda for the board to reconsider paying the TERO fee assessed to the engineer for the Macy drainage project.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:11.

A discussion was held regarding the decision at the last board meeting on any member that was going to be absent or late should notify the clerk's office so that the message could be passed on to the board members.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting as corrected. Corrections shall reflect that the members shall notify the other board members, through the clerk's office, that they will be absent or late for a meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Lamplot informed the board that JEO would be here today at 2:00 p.m. to open bids for the elevator/addition. Chairman Lamplot also informed the board that she has checked into getting the bullet proof glass for the judges bench, but it appears there will be more needed due to the bench being in direct line with a door, they may need to put glass in the doors. Due to the changes she decided to speak with the judges before proceeding with any purchase of bullet proof glass, to see what they would like to see done.

Supervisor Wolfe requested that due to the opinion of the County Attorney that 5 board members must be present in order to conduct business, could the approval of claims be moved up on the agenda. It was his belief that this would avoid not paying claims if there were reasons that members would leave the meeting, prior to the approval of the claims, at least the bills and payroll would be paid. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board to not adjust the agenda by moving approval of claims earlier in the agenda to allow for members to leave the meeting, and possibly cause a lack of quorum. Supervisor Wolfe also proposed that when the board sends correspondence from the board, could it be stated in the letter how the members voted. Letters being sent are not necessarily the opinion of the entire board, but when they are sent from the board it appears that all members are of the same opinion as stated in the letter. After discussion it was agreed that no other entity does this and that the letters are not sent from the board until after a vote and the majority of the board approves sending the letter.

No action was taken on item #7 – open bids on surplus property. No bids have been received on the items advertised. It was the decision of the board to add to the listing and readvertise all items again at a later date.

Discussion was held regarding the county using Secure Shredding Services. At this time most offices have smaller shredders that they use. This company will leave containers at the courthouse, and when they are full, they come out and shred all papers. This process can be watched to maintain the security issues that the offices are faced with when disposing of old records and other personal information that has been obtained in the course of conducting business. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve using Secure Shredding Services from now through January, and decide whether to continue with them or not. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

No action was taken on agenda items #8 and #9 since those that were to discuss the issue did not appear.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims. Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to approve payment of the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Lamplot updated the board as far as the elevator project and informed them that there was a pre-bid meeting scheduled for today.

The board held a discussion with County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak regarding what constitutes a quorum. Tammy informed the board that she had sent out a mass email to all county attorney's regarding what number they used for a quorum. All her responses indicated that they would need 5 as a quorum. Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to set policy for the board that in order to conduct any business, the board shall consider 5 members being present to meet the qualifications of having a quorum in order to conduct business (including payment of claims). It shall also be mandated that any board member who shall be absent or arrive late for a meeting shall be expected to call in and notify the board that they will be tardy or absent. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, Snowball, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:25 a.m.

The board held a discussion regarding the rearrangement of the courtroom. Tammy Maul-Bodlak informed the board that she had spoken to both judges (county and district) since the last board meeting. Judge Quiste informed her that by state statute, the board is required to provide bullet proof glass around the judges bench, and it is his belief that now is the time to have that installed. Judge Luebbe voiced concerns whether the board was expecting to much from the maintenance man – to accomplish everything that the board has asked, in a timely manner, and asked that the board be reminded that this project must be done by November 29, 2007, the date that court resumes.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Snowball to approve the chairman's signature on the Supplement Agreement with the engineer of the Macy drainage project. The chairman's signature would allow for an increase in payment to the engineer to cover the TERO tax on the engineers fees. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Wolfe. Nay: D. French, Peters, Lamplot. Abstain: G. French. Motion failed.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to remove from the table item # 9 – to declare property as surplus property. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve the list of 6 items and to declare said items as surplus property. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #07-36 – to approve the chairman's signature and the Highway Superintendents signature on the certification for soft match money. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Snowball, G. French, D. French, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #07-37 – to direct the County Attorney to begin foreclosure proceedings on those properties with delinquent taxes. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, G. French, Wolfe, D. French, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters left the meeting at 9:55 a.m. to attend the pre-bid meeting being held regarding the elevator project.

No action was taken on item #11 – Sheriff Chris Kleinberg regarding elevator project – the Sheriff is unable to attend the meeting.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the fee reports of the Clerk of the District Court, Veteran's Service Officer, and Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, D. French, G. French, Lamplot. Motion carried.

Chairman Lamplot appointed Supervisor Peters to cast the vote on behalf of Thurston County for the NACO elections, to be held during convention, and Gene French as the alternate. Motion by Snowball, seconded by D. French to approve the appointment of Peters and G. French. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, JG. French, Snowball, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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The board reviewed claims. Motion by D. French , seconded by Snowball to approve payment of the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Snowball, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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December 11, 2007

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Chairman Lamplot called the meeting to order at 9:04 and informed those in attendance that the current open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting, and they are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Snowball to approve the fee report of the Clerk of the District Court. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:06.

The board discussed the policy regarding pay increases in the road department by increasing on the grade scale for previous employees with 5 years experience with this county. The subject had been brought up and questioned if this would apply to Jeff Malasek. It was the consensus of the board that this was not an option at this time, since Jeff's previous employment with the county was not for 5 or more years. When he has acquired 5 years experience with the county this would be reviewed at that time.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Snowball to approve the board meeting dates as presented for January through June of 2008. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, D. French, Peters, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:15.

Supervisor Peters gave the board an update regarding the rearranging of the court room, and that the project is complete except for the installation of the bullet proof glass to be placed around the front of the judges bench. Supervisor Peters also contacted Ivan Heise regarding the repair of the broken fire escape, and placing a drop ladder instead of solid steps.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the letter to the state fire marshal regarding the installation of a fire sprinkler system in the existing building within the next 36 months which includes all supervisor's signatures, as requested by the fire marshal. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, Snowball, Smith, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Magistrate Vicky Nelson spoke to the board regarding the quotes received for a panic button to be installed in the court's offices and the courtroom. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the quote of Barone Fire Systems in the amount of \$2,699.00 which will provide panic buttons in most offices on the third floor, as well as the courtroom, and the Treasurer and Clerk's offices on the main level, and to approve the chairman's signature on the agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Smith, D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve the change order #3 for the Macy Drainage project. The change request is for additional piping that has already been installed at the site. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Peters, D. French, Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Greg Meyer of Buell Winter Mousel & Associates met with the board regarding the completion of the Macy Drainage project. He inspected the site today, and all is completed. Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to approve the final pay request of HCI for the project. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, D. French, Smith, Peters, G. French, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to approve certification of substantial completion (as amended). Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Smith, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Snowball to approve the final invoice of Buell Winter Mousel and Associates. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Peters, D. French, G. French, Wolfe, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve the chairman's signature on any other misc. paperwork that needs to be signed regarding the completion of this project. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Snowball, Peters, Smith, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to direct the County Attorney to request an extension to file response to the request received regarding the placement of property into trust (Kenneth Baxter property in Walthill). The board is asking for this request so that we may file our response after a meeting with the Winnebago Tribe regarding these issues.

The board held a discussion regarding the courthouse elevator project. Chairman Lamplot and Supervisor Peters informed the board that they had met on November 27,

2007 with JEO to open bids received for the elevator project. The board received the two following bids for this project; #1 – Fauss Construction in the amount of \$606,000.00 and Hausmann construction in the amount of \$717,900.00. The probable cost that JEO had given the county was \$465,000 to \$475,000. Both bids received were well over that amount. Lamplot and Peters told the board that they felt there were 3 options at this point; #1 would be to let it out for bids again, and hope that we received lower bids; #2 would be to look for funding locally – to take out a loan from one of the local banks, and repay it over the next 5 years; #3 to apply for a grant to complete the project, including some of the ADA issues in the existing building that need addressed, since we have already committed county funds which would qualify for the match money necessary for the grant. The down side to this would be that we will not find out until April if we receive the grant or not. After much discussion of each of the options, Supervisor Peters made a motion, seconded by D. French to not accept the bids received, and apply for the CDBG grant through Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Abstain: Wolfe. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence, which took no action from the board.

The board reviewed claims. Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve payment of the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting December 26, 2007 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. All agreed.

Full context of the minutes are on file at the County Clerk's office.

Attest: Tammy Moore
County Clerk

Signed: Teri Lamplot, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
December 26, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 26th day of December, 2007. Present were Gene French, Paul Snowball, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith.

Chairman Lamplot called the meeting to order at 9:09 and informed those in attendance that the current open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting, and they are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:10 a.m.

G. French attended the meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Health District, and gave the board an update.

Tammy Maul-Bodlak spoke to the board regarding the extension that was requested on behalf of the board regarding the application of the Kenneth Baxter property being placed into trust. The board received notification that an additional 15 days has been granted at the end of the 30 day response period.

Tammy Maul-Bodlak also made the board aware of contract that she will be entering with the Health and Human Services department regarding the filing of death certificates online.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to table the selection of parcels to begin foreclosure proceedings due to delinquent taxes until a current listing of those properties is available. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the bond of Ramona Baker as the Winnebago Township clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, Peters, G. French, D. French, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the Clerks fee report. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to formally reject bids received for the elevator project. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Smith, G. French, Snowball, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Abstain: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the occupancy agreement with Qwest, to change telephone cable north and west of Thurston on G Ave, and Road 15. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Peters, D. French, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #07-38, to set the date and time the hearing for the 1 & 6 year road plan as February 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the chairman's signature on the Road Superintendents certification to the state, in order for the county to receive the incentive payment. Roll call vote, Aye: Snowball, D. French, Peters, Smith, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to continue under the current employment agreement with Road Superintendent Don Newton until the February 19, 2008 meeting. This will allow for an evaluation to be conducted prior to signing the agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, Snowball, Wolfe, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 10:03 Chairman Lamplot opened the hearing regarding the CDBG Community Development Program Funds. No one from the public appeared to give comment.

Motion by Snowball, seconded by Wolfe to approve the Chairman's signature on the final financial report and wage compliance report for the Macy drainage project. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Snowball, D. French, G. French, Wolfe, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none.

At 10:07 Chairman Lamplot closed the hearing regarding the CDBG Community Development Program Funds.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to table item #12 – to discuss the time line on CDBG grant application for the elevator project. Lisa Hurley was to be here to give the board an update regarding this, but was unable to attend. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, D. French, Peters, Snowball, Lamplot. Nay: none. Abstain: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wolfe, to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Snowball, G. French, Peters, Smith, Lamplot, Wolfe. Nay: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman of the Board of Equalization Darren Wolfe. Also present was County Assessor Susan Schrieber. Assessor Schrieber presented the board with tax list corrections #14 and #15. Tax list correction #14 was a deducted tax of \$11.88 due to a mobile home being moved out, and correction #15 added a tax of \$11.88, on the land only, after the removal of the mobile home. Motion by Peters, seconded by Snowball to approve the tax list corrections as presented. Roll call vote, Aye; Lamplot, D. French, Peters, Snowball, Smith, G. French, Wolfe. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the correction of the levy for Wakefield School District as set by Wayne County. The set levy was omitted on the certifications received by Thurston County. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, Snowball, Smith, G. French, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Peters to adjourn as the Board of Equalization at 10:16 a.m.. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, Peters, D. French, Smith, G. French, Snowball, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Reconvened as the Board of Supervisors at 10:17 a.m.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, presented the board with a blizzard emergency plan.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to direct Chairman Lamplot to check into what is necessary, if the data from the E911 coordinator would meet the requirements for the LUCA program, and to proceed with the filing of the application at her discretion. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, D. French, Snowball, Peters, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

The board discussed the policy of county burials and agreed to discuss it further, and possibly set limits on payments at the January 22, 2008 meeting.

The board reviewed correspondence, which took no action from the board.

The board reviewed claims. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve payment of the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Smith, Snowball, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Smith to adjourn to the next regular meeting January 8, 2008 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. All agreed.

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Attest: Tammy Moore
County Clerk

Signed: Teri Lamplot, Chairman
Board of Supervisors