

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

January 26, 2009

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 January 2009. Present were Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent was Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:00 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:03.

Supervisor Peters informed the board that Brian McDonald had contacted him to let him know that he was not able to make it to this meeting as planned, but plans to be in the County next Wednesday to look at the Parker Bridge.

Chairman Lamplot informed the board she had received an e-mail from JEO with the specifications for the hand railing to be put on the east side of the courthouse. She provided Supervisor G. French with the specifications. Chairman Lamplot also shared that she had received another e-mail regarding the ceilings on the top floor of the courthouse and concerns that the existing ceiling would need modifications during the construction. It appears that some of the ceiling tiles are being held in place by the electrical wiring, and something will have to be done to strengthen the grid. It was the agreement of the board that Lamplot speak to Fauss and see if Paul Randall will be able to do the ceiling, or if it would be something they would have to do, and report back to the board with the information.

Jeff Malasek spoke with the board regarding the road crews accumulation of compensation time. Jeff was wondering if it would be better to pay the overtime to the employees, as opposed to only allowing them the comp time. Some of the road crew have already accumulated around 80 hours of comp time. After discussion regarding the policy of the county, it was decided to recheck the amendment in the policy book, and hold a discussion regarding this issue at the next meeting.

Due to Brian McDonald – Highway Superintendent – being unable to attend the meeting, Jeff Malasek informed the board that he had obtained estimates regarding the bridge repairs needed on the Stout and Skow bridges. Brian McDonald recommended that we

accept the proposal of Welding Construction to do the repairs for the estimated cost of \$9,122. The estimated cost provided by Thiesen for the same work was \$27,855. Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve having Welding do the repairs on the Skow bridge. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. Motion by D. French, seconded by Smith to approve having Welding construction do the repair work on the Stout bridge. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed proclamation in support of LB380 – asking for the state to reimburse the county for lost revenue due to property being put into trust. Supervisor Wolfe expressed that he would not be able to support the proclamation because the constituents he represents are opposed to it. They don't feel that there have been any good faith efforts on behalf of the board have been made to the Tribe. Rodney Morris of the Omaha Tribe questioned to what benefit it would be for the Tribe. Chairman Lamplot informed him that it would be a benefit to all county residents since this money could be used for general county operations as well as law enforcement. After further discussion, motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the proclamation and support LB380. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the proposed modifications to the employees handbook, and to refer it to the manual policy committee and for Danelle Smith to provide assistance to incorporate those portions not already in the handbook regarding equal employment practices, grievance procedures, retaliation policy, and anti-harassment policies. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board reviewed the Semi-Annual report of the Treasurer.

Sheriff Chris Kleinberg spoke to the board regarding repairs needed in the jail facility men's cell restroom. He will get informal bids regarding repairs needed, and visit with the board after he has received them.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wolfe to approve the claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 9, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Full text of minutes and resolutions are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

February 23, 2009

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 23rd day of February 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent was Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:05 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under agenda item of old business, Jeff Malasek, Road Foreman, informed the board that the cost of the repairs for the pay loader will not be as high as previously anticipated, and that he has provided work sheets to the road employees, to keep better track of the maintenance done on the equipment.

Supervisor Gene French gave the board a report regarding the Northstar meeting that he had attended. He reported that they have a new committee member, held the election of officers, Northstar ended the fiscal year in the black, the Bloomfield building is finished and they have had an offer on the Oakland Building.

Supervisor Doyle French gave the board a report regarding the Area on Aging Agency meeting that he had attended, and provided the board with a handout of 2 cases that demonstrate the kind of services provided.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to set the date and time for a budget hearing. The hearing is necessary to amend the budget and allow for the expenditure of FEMA money that the county received. The hearing date shall be set for March 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. to hear public comments regarding the amended budget. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisors Lamplot, Peters, and Frenchman gave a report regarding the NIRMA/NACO workshop that they recently attended. All felt that it was a very informational workshop. Supervisor Lamplot informed the board that she had attended a session where a discussion was held concerning the increasing cost of providing court appointed attorneys and the possibility of interlocal agreements with other counties for a public defender as a cost effective way to handle the increasing cost.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to accept and approve the Letters of Credit regarding the counties bank accounts held at Pender State Bank. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the Chairman's signature on the Guaranty Bonds held for the accounts at Pender State Bank, as they are no longer in effect. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Lamplot appointed Supervisor Peters as the contact person for DMV during the conversion of equipment for the DMV.

Discussion was held regarding the roads employee policy relating to the payment of overtime and taking of compensation time. It was the agreement of the board that at this time we would be unable to change the policy for the payment of overtime, as the budget would not allow for it. This will be addressed prior to the next fiscal year budget being set.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to allow Ivan's Welding to make and install the handrails on the east side of the courthouse at a cost of \$1988.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dale Krusemark met with the board regarding his request for a refund of taxes paid. He feels that a mistake was made, and he is due a refund. The board heard his concerns and informed him that they would speak to the assessor and get back to him.

At 10:30 a.m. Chairman Lamplot opened the hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. The board reviewed the plan as presented by Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald. Mr. McDonald informed the board that there were 2 additions to the plan which would be C-87-133 and C-87-132. After some discussion the hearing was closed by the Chairman at 10:41.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve Resolution #09-03, to approve and accept the 1 & 6 year plan with additions. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the letter received from the Department of Interior regarding Magee Avenue, and their request for a Right of Way application to be completed by the County. Chairman Lamplot informed the board that she had been working with the County Attorney regarding this and they have drafted a letter as well as a Right of Way acknowledgement and will provide a map with the easement drawn on the map.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the letter and the Right of Way Acknowledgement as written to be submitted to the Department of Interior regarding Magee Avenue. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

The board reviewed the Boundary and Annexation Survey as completed by the Assessors office. All necessary changes to reflect annexations have been made and proper documentation has been completed and will be submitted. A letter will also be sent to question what is marked as Indian area and a map will be provided that shows parcels that have been sold. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the Boundary and Annexation Survey as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, d. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting March 9, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes and resolutions are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

March 9, 2009

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 9th day of March, 2009. Present were Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French. Absent was Darren Wolfe and Teri Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman of the Board Danelle Smith at 9:12 a.m. The Vice-Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under agenda item of old business Supervisor Peters proposed to the board that regarding the discussion with Dale Krusemark, concerning his prior years taxes, at the last meeting, no action should be taken since the proper procedure for protesting taxes have not been followed, and the board could not change the taxes at this time.

Supervisors Smith and Frenchman reported to the board that they attended the seminar held last week in Omaha regarding grant writing and the various funding that is available for Counties as well as cities. They also discussed the use of bonds, and debt financing.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to set the date and time for receiving and awarding gravel bids to be April 6, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: D. Wolfe, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Paul Randall, Maintenance Man, spoke to the board regarding running electricity to the utility shed on the west side of the building. He presented a proposal he received from Klein Electric, in the amount of \$718.00 which included material, labor and permits necessary to complete the project. Paul informed the board that the price included some work that was already completed at an earlier date, when other conduit was ran for the elevator project. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to have the electricity ran to the utility shed. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Paul Randall also spoke to the board regarding the lawn service and possible addition of sprinkler heads being added to the west side of the courthouse. Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to continue with Pagels Lawn Service for the lawn spraying of the courthouse lawn. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith.

Nay: None. Motion carried. Paul was asked to find out what the cost would be to add sprinklers to the west side of courthouse, and to return to the board when he obtained those figures.

The board discussed the possibility of the Extension Service going over their budget due to having to hire part time help to take the place of Sherry Slaughter who was injured and would be off of work for a length of time.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve change order #004, Contract A, deducting \$196.00, to correct percentages added to change orders per specifications. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve change order #004, Contract B, to deduct \$4,461.00, to correct percentages added to change orders per specifications. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve change order #005, Contract A, to add \$2,528.00 for an additional concrete stem wall in Mechanical Room and modify piping as required for fire suppression system, per proposal request #002. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed a possible change order for ADA compliance out of the jail kitchen. Approximate cost to be \$5,134.00. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to authorize Fauss to go forward with change order. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve pay application #7, contract A, to Fauss Construction in the amount of \$65,601.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve pay application #2, Contract B, to Fauss Construction in the amount of \$7,830.00. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, D. French, Frenchman, Peters, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to approve the Vice Chairman's signature on agreements between the State of Nebraska and Thurston County for Federal Aid Project #BRO-7087(2) (the Parker bridge). Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Robin Christiansen reviewed with the board the results of the tax sales held March 2, 2009. She informed the board that 91 parcels had the taxes purchased for a total amount of \$43,687.25.

Treasurer Christiansen also informed the board that she will likely exceed her budget due to the added expenses of taking over the issuance of titles in the Treasurers office, and the operational cost associated to that.

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

Jeff Malasek, Road Foreman, visited with the board regarding the road department equipment, and needed repairs on maintainers, as well as other equipment.

At 10:30 a.m. Vice-Chairman Smith opened the public hearing for amending the budget to allow for the expenditure of the additional \$38,049.59 received from FEMA due to the storms in the spring of 2008. No one from the public appeared to speak in favor or in opposition of the amendment to the budget. The budget hearing was declared closed by the Vice-Chairman at 10:38. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the amendment to the budget, and allow for the expenditure of the \$38,049.59 by the Road Department during fiscal year 2008/2009. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Smith. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting March 23, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Danelle Smith
Vice-Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

April 20, 2009

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 18th day of May, 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: none. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice and the agenda is attached hereto. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:08 a.m. Chairman Lamplot stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone that would like to review them. Motion by Smith, seconded by G. French to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The committee for performance evaluations reported that they are still working on the performance evaluations.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had spoken to the Sheriff's office regarding the equipment that is parked in the right of way on a county road, and they have spoken to the owner and informed him that it must be removed immediately, but as of last Thursday, the equipment was still there.

Chairman Lamplot and Supervisor G. French informed the board that they had conducted the walk through of the new addition, and some touch ups would be taking place, the parking lot stalls had been extended, at no expense to the county, and the front walk has been widened and will be moved to line up to the entrance doors.

The board discussed the committee members to meet with the Winnebago Tribe. One of the members of the Tribal council requested that the meeting take place, but without Supervisor Lamplot. A few board members felt that this was an offensive request, that the board would not be allowed to specify who would be in attendance, while other board members felt that if this would allow the meeting to take place, the board should re-appoint someone to take Lamplot's place. After much discussion, motion by Smith, seconded by G. French to re-designate the committee, and to have Gene French take the place of Lamplot and to attend the meeting with the Tribe. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French. Nay: Peters, Lamplot. Motion carried.

Jason Sturek, publisher of the Pender Times, spoke during the public comments and voiced his disappointment that the Tribe would request who should attend the meeting, and felt it was an inappropriate request, but was glad that the meeting was going to proceed.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the following Board meeting dates for July through December, 2009 as presented.

July 13	October 5
July 27	October 19
August 10	November 2
August 24	November 16
September 8 (Tuesday)	November 30
September 21	December 14
	December 28

Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Jeff Malasek, road foreman spoke to the board regarding the request of Burt County Public Power District to gravel and maintain what is now a minimum maintenance road. The power district is putting in new lines, but the road (25 Road, between H & I Ave.) that they originally were going to use, borders Tribal grounds on both sides and BIA will not give them permission to place the poles there. Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman that due to the tight budget of the county, we decline the request of Burt County Public Power District to gravel and maintain 24th Road, between H & I Ave. and to allow them to place the polls in the County's right-of-way on 25 Road. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to accept the appointment of Neal Nelson as the chairman of Winnebago Township to fill the vacancy left due to the death of Art May.

Roll call vote, D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none.
(Smith not voting, out of the room)

Brian McDonald, County Highway Superintendent, discussed with the board the bridge north of Thurston (Roeber bridge). Brian believes that it might be able to be fixed with tubes, but was concerned if they weren't big enough, it could cause flooding of the home property. If the county was to replace the bridge, the design phase would cost about 8 to 10 thousand dollars. To place tubes it would cost approximately \$50,000 and to construct bridge would be approximately 80 to 90 thousand dollars. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to get a survey completed, and decide from then whether to place tubes or replace the bridge. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald also discussed with the board the inter-local agreement drafted by the County Attorney, regarding the proposed agreement between the County and the Village of Pender regarding drainage issues on Logan Creek road. No action was taken until the Pender Village Board has time to review the agreement.

Brian informed the Board that at this point it appears that the county will have to separate the engineering and highway superintendent positions as the new manual states that it is a conflict of interest to have both positions on a road project. The consensus of the board was to put this item on the next agenda to be discussed how the county will proceed.

Dave Boschult presented to the board the annual Noxious Weed Report for Thurston County. Out of a possible score of 3400, Gene French, Thurston County Noxious Weed Superintendent received a score of 3332. The report was very favorable for the Noxious Weed Department and the board commended Gene on his performance.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve pay application #4, Contract B to Fauss Construction in the amount of \$82,477.80. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to approve pay application #9, Contract A to Fauss Construction in the amount of \$70,485.30. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisors Wolfe left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to table agenda item #18, to discuss/render decision regarding the waiting room furniture, until Frenchman has time to speak to the Tribe regarding surplus property that they have that could possibly be used by the County. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kleinberg spoke to the board regarding the payment for vacation time for 3 deputies. The deputies have been unable to take their vacation time, and the time to use it is about up, and he would like to pay them for those vacation hours that they were not able to use. County policy states that they must use vacation time, or they lose it on their anniversary date. The board agreed to put this on the next agenda, and make an exception to the policy book for the Sheriff's Department for payment of vacation time not used.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the following claims, with the exception of payment of \$82,477.80 to Fauss Construction, until money has been received from the grant. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the May 4, 2009 meeting with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Teri Lamplot, Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

June 1, 2009

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 1st day of June 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:03 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and 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 May 18, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the "Roeber" Bridge that was closed by the state. Brian McDonald informed Jeff Malasek that the survey was completed, and we are able to fix the bridge by removing the bridge and replacing it with 2 ten foot culverts, at a cost of approximately \$30,000. This would be a permanent fix, not a temporary fix as discussed before.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:07.

The board spoke with maintenance man Paul Randall regarding the installation of a lawn sprinkler system on the west side of the courthouse. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to go forward with the installation. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Paul Randall also presented the board 3 informal quotes regarding the roof work that needs to be completed on the courthouse building. Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to accept the low quote of Guarantee Roofing for the amount of \$4,373.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters reported that he had attended the recent Region IV meeting. He reported that they had some training thru jail standards, approved the budget of 7.5 million dollars for the 22 counties, and Region IV faired well with the legislative bills that they have been watching. Supervisor Peters also reported to the board regarding the township meeting that was recently held with all the townships. Leonard informed the board that they had discussed each township staying on top of their levy's and increasing them as necessary, agreed to do billings to the townships on a quarterly basis once the cost of all operations involved are figured, such as machine costs, operator costs and so forth, and that these meetings should be held at least annually. Supervisor Peters also

reported to the board that Supervisor G. French and him had attended the last jail meeting held. It is planned to have the judges attend the next meeting, if available, to get their input on a new jail facility, and also the crime commission. The topic of financing was discussed and it appears that the most involved in the talks feel a lease purchase financing would be the best for the counties. It was discussed that if this gets completed, each county would assign a board member to make up a jail board that would oversee the operation of the jail, and a site has been decided on to place the jail, if it comes to being.

Supervisor G. French reported that he had also attended the township and jail meetings with Supervisor Peters, and he also attended the last Northstar meeting. At the Northstar meeting it was discussed that they had received an offer on the Oakland building, and discussed the increase for health insurance.

Supervisor Wolfe reported that they had held another meeting with 911 coordinator Gayle Dahlman and they discussed the protocol regarding the answering of calls for 911. A generator purchase with 911 Funds was discussed as well as improving the communications centers in Winnebago and Macy and getting them updated in order to communicate better with the County's dispatch Center.

Jerry VandeBrug spoke to the board regarding the township meeting recently held. He had several questions that had not been answered the night of the meeting, such as when the townships were formed, what constitutes a township road and a county road. He can not find in his township records when they were established, and how they were designated as county and township roads. He would like the research done on this because it would have a bearing on which direction to proceed in the future. The map he received at the meeting showing township roads does not match the map that he had on hand. It seems to him that this needs to be addressed first, and then work from that. Supervisor G. French, and road foreman Jeff Malasek agreed to do the research, but would be unable to begin until the fall since this is a busy time for the roads department.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to appoint Tasha Breitbarth as the budget authority for fiscal year 2009-2010, and to pay her \$1,800.00 for the preparation of the budget documents. Roll call vote Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to table the publishing of ad for Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board heard from representatives from Benefit Managers regarding their services in providing health insurance, as well as other benefit plans. They could offer a plan with benefits as requested by the board, thru the numerous companies that they work with. They will put a quote together and get it to the board prior to the next board meeting.

No action was taken regarding a quote for health insurance from Tri County Insurance as the quote was unavailable prior to this meeting. It will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

The board discussed options available for health insurance for county employees. They were informed that if the county were to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield, with the same amount as budgeted for last, would still be enough to cover that expense this year, even with the 18% increase.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to waive the county policy and approve the request of the Sheriff to pay out vacation time for 3 deputies who have not taken their vacation this past year due to lack of replacement officers. This will be a one time allowance as the county policy states that if vacation time is not used it is forfeited. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board heard a report from the "road committee" regarding the recent meeting with the Winnebago Tribe representatives regarding the county roads and bridges, and the lack of county funding to maintain the roads and bridges. Supervisor Smith provided the board with minutes of the meeting, and informed them that they felt they had had a very productive meeting. They discussed the bridges that are on the Winnebago Reservation, and were provided with a listing of those bridges on the 1 & 6 year road plan. Each group was to take the listing to their respective boards and prioritize the list of bridges that were in need to try to find those that could be a joint project. They discussed that the funding from the Federal government is the same for both groups, but that the county would have to be careful in the 20% match money, so as not to lose our soft match money through the state. It was also discussed that it may be possible to turn a bridge over to the tribe, and they would be able to get 100% funding for the repairs of a bridge, and then sign the road back over to the county after completion. One board member expressed concern with turning over a bridge to the tribe, as there may be no repercussions after it is turned over. The road committee has set another meeting date for June 29 to see what bridges might be options for a joint venture.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to table the discussion on back taxes on Winnebago trust properties until the former Assessor is available to provide some history on these properties and why they have not been removed from the tax rolls. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the chairman's signature on the addendum to the contract with the State of Nebraska regarding child support enforcement. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board heard from the Clerk's office that the Roads budget will be over budget prior to the next meeting. It was the consensus of the board that a transfer would have to be made from the General Miscellaneous Fund, prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Supervisor Peters informed the board that he had spoken to the Nebraska Extension Service, and they would like to move the Extension office to Pender, and they would they provide a full time educator for the Extension.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

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

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting June 15, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

June 15, 2009

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 15th day of June 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:05 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and 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 May June 1st, 2009 meeting as corrected. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that the equipment that had been parked in the county right of way for several years has now been moved to the owners place. Supervisor Peters passed on to the board that he had been informed that the post office and state fire marshal has been speaking to the Winnebago Tribe regarding the completion of 911 addressing. Supervisor Wolfe said that this was discussed at the last 911 meeting, and this issue is being addressed.

Supervisor Peters informed the board that he was resigning from his position on the Road committee that was meeting with the Winnebago Tribe due to concerns of his constituents, and his feeling the Tribe wasn't really interested in working with the County. Supervisor Wolfe said that he was interested in being part of that committee, but Chairman Lamplot informed him that she would not appoint him to the committee.

The board held a conference call with Kent Thompson of Blue Cross Blue Shield and answered questions that the board had regarding the health insurance.

Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald met with the board and offered a proposal regarding the position of highway superintendent. He will resign effective June 30, but will still do the necessary reports for the state. Brian also spoke to the board about the Roeber Bridge and the plan on how to fix it.

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Wolfe at 10:07. Thurston County Assessor Susan Schrieber entered into the record of the Board of Equalization the 2009 under valued and omitted properties, the 2009 Opinion of the Property Tax Administrator for Thurston County the Level of Assessment, 2009 Land Values, and 2009 sales per acre. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to accept into the record evidence offered by the Assessor. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board held hearings and reviewed protests #09-01 through 09-08. No decisions on protest were rendered.

Assessor Schrieber presented tax list correction #43. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to accept tax list correction #43. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Assessor Schrieber presented tax list correction #44. Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to accept tax list correction #44. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the decision from TERC regarding the appeal of Nebraska Indian Community College. Deputy County Attorney Al Maul informed the board that the decision was that the land and building should be exempted from taxation as the building is still under construction. Regarding the land, it was TERC's opinion that it should also be exempted because it is restoration of prairie land, and the weeds are there since they can not use chemicals. TERC ordered that the application for exemption shall be approved for tax year 2008.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

The board met with representatives from Benefit Management who presented quotes for coverage options with different companies and the advantage of high deductible plans and health savings accounts.

The board held a discussion regarding the health insurance for county employees. After some discussion a motion was made by Peters, seconded by D. French, to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the time being at \$1,500.00 deductible, employee to pay the first \$750.00 of deductible and County to pay remaining \$750.00, while still researching other options and to set the in lieu of insurance fees at \$250.00, not ½ the premium rate. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dan Barnes from Murphy Tractor spoke to the board regarding a used maintainer. The machine is a 2006 and has 1759 hours, cost would be \$146,500, but it isn't equipped with wings and other necessities for county machines, which to put on could run another \$15,000. The consensus of the board was that the county was not interested in this machine.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to table the review of the county officials policy and procedures in handling of money in individual offices until the next meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French seconded by D. French to approve Lamplot and Peters to select and order chairs for the new addition. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to approve the fee reports of the Clerk of the District Court, County Clerk, Sheriff and Jail. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to set the date and time for hearing to amend the road budget for June 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The budget amendment would be to add an additional \$70,000. to the roads budget to cover expenses to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2009. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve pay application #10, Contract A to Fauss Construction in the amount of \$25,108.20. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to remove from the table item #19 – Discuss/Decision regarding Winnebago properties that are in trust, but still remain on the tax rolls. Lamplot had contacted the Department of Interior in Washington D.C. and was told the information that should be obtained through Aberdeen. When she contacted Aberdeen, she was told that they couldn't release that information, until they were informed that Washington said we were able to obtain these records. No action was taken until we receive further information, and to make certain that the properties are in fact in trust, prior to being removed from the tax rolls.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve the estimate from Berried Treasures for landscaping to be done on the west side of the courthouse. Estimate amount is \$1,579.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting June 29, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

June 29, 2009

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 29th day of June 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:10 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Supervisors Smith and Frenchman arrived at 9:11 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the May June 15th, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Jeff Malasek informed the board that he had obtained to 2 estimate quotes for the culverts to be used to replace the "Roeber" bridge. Husker Steel was \$23,210.00 and Midwest Service and Supply was \$21,345.00. Jeff advised the board that it was his intent to go with the low bid of Midwest Service in the amount of \$21,345. Jeff also informed the board that the bridge would be out this week.

Supervisor Peters gave a report on the recent jail meeting that was held. The committee feels it is at a point that it is time to meet with the county boards that would be involved and to give them an understanding what has been done by the jail committee that has been meeting.

Supervisor D. French gave a report on the last meeting of the Area on Aging Agency.

Supervisor G. French gave a report on the last health district meeting that he had attended. French reported that the Omaha Tribe CEO had approached the board and asked if they would apply for a grant on behalf of Carl T. Curtis health center and the board agreed to work on this grant.

Chairman Lamplot requested that no action be taken yet regarding the trust properties still being on the tax rolls, as she has not received any additional information that she had requested. Supervisor Smith questioned why there needed to be another delay on a decision and Lamplot replied that it was to make sure that these properties have actually been placed into trust, and that this is not just coming from the local area superintendent. If land was placed into trust, it should show on the federal register, and these properties do not show on the federal register. No action was taken after discussion.

At 9:31 a.m. Chairman of the Board Lamplot opened the budget hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed amendment to the budget, adding \$70,000.00 to the road budget to cover expenses.

As no one from the public appeared to give any testimony regarding the budget amendment, the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 9:37 a.m.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #09-10 to transfer the amount of \$70,000 from County General Misc. to County Road Fund. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held a discussion regarding the purchase of 2 new motor graders.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve advertising for bids for 2 new motor graders, and the bids shall be opened July 27, 2009 during the regular board meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Roger Gustafson spoke to the board regarding drainage issues on his property. A creek passes through 2 farm, and the driveway that they have used for 25 years is now too dangerous to use anymore. The water runs through the road and is backing up for several years. The ditches have been filled in and now the road is saturated on both sides because there is standing water on both sides of the road. Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had been working with Roger regarding this issue, and had placed a call to the Corp. of Engineers for their direction but has not received a call back yet. No action was taken on this situation at this time. It was the agreement of the board and Gustafson to wait until we hear back from the Corp., and proceed from there.

10:00 Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Wolfe. The board heard protests numbers 09-9 through 09-18.

Chairman Wolfe asked for a clarification from the Assessor regarding the TERC order handed down on Native American Indian College. Wolfe understood that the exemption would be for 2 years, tax year 2008, as TERC ordered, and also 2009. Susan Schrieber, County Assessor stated that the exemption from taxes that TERC allowed would only be for 1 year, as stated in the findings of the TERC board.

The assessor recommended her findings on the first valuation protest heard at the June 15th meeting.

Since there was no further business of the Board of Equalization, motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board heard a presentation from Mike Jones of Vision Care.

The board took no action regarding the acceptance of policies and procedures as presented by the officials, until a reply is received from the auditor whether they are as he would suggest, or if changes need to be made.

The board discussed raises for the road foreman and maintenance man. After some discussion, motion by Wolfe, seconded by Smith to go into executive session at 11:37 to discuss performance evaluations and possible raises. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to come out of executive session at 11:50. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Regarding the wage increases requested by Jeff Malasek and Paul Randall, motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to conduct performance evaluations to be completed prior to the next regular meeting of the board and raises will be addressed at that time. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Kleinberg spoke to the board regarding concerns with the sprinkler systems being placed in the male cell area of the jail.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next regular meeting July 13, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes and resolutions are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

July 27, 2009

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 27th day of July 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Smith and Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:03 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters seconded by D. French to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters gave a report to the board about the last meeting he attended for the Region IV Health District. Supervisor G. French gave a report to the board regarding The meeting he attended for Public Health District.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:10 during committee reports.

The board discussed the drainage issue on the north side of the courthouse and new addition. No decisions were made on how to correct the problem.

Linda Johnson from Heartland Counseling gave the board a presentation on what services they provide.

No action was taken on agenda item 14, regarding the Winnebago Tribes request to remove trust properties from the tax rolls, as there was no new information yet available.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to go into executive session to discuss the results of the performance evaluations completed. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board entered into executive session at 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to reconvene back into open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reconvened into open session at 10:02.

The board opened bids received for the purchase of 2 motor graders and read them aloud. Bids were received from Titan Machinery, Murphy Tractor & Equipment, and Nebraska

Machinery Co.. The board deferred making any decisions or awarding the bids until the next meeting so that they had time to review all information submitted.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. (Not voting G. French –out of room at time of vote). Motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Wolfe, Chairman of the Board of Equalization, at 10:30 a.m. The Assessor presented a exemption application for Prairie Breeze Assisted Living, which is a subsidiary of the Pender Hospital District. Assessor Schrieber was unsure if they needed the exemption as the Hospital District is already tax exempt. After discussion, motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to hold the application until the next meeting for a decision, until further information is available. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the tax list correction for last year for Indian Community College. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Assessor submitted and reviewed with the board the Assessors 3 year plan of assessment. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to accept the Assessors 3 year plan of assessment as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

As there was no other business for the Board of Equalization, motion by Lamplot, seconded by Peters to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent gave the board an update on the roads. He discussed the concern of the Pender village regarding the proposed inlet by the dike to control water flow over the road. They would like the inlet inside of the fence, but Brian doesn't know if the Corp. will allow that. He will look at it again today, and see what he can figure out. Brian informed the board that we have been authorized recovery bonds in the amount of \$576,000, but these are not tax free bonds. The bonds can be used on infrastructure such as roads and bridges. The county would have to apply for the bonds, and the government pays 45% of the interest.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the \$500.00 annual raise for the road foreman. The raise shall be retroactive back to the contract date. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve a .50¢ per hour raise for the maintenance man Paul Randall. Raise shall be retroactive to his anniversary date. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held budget discussions and reviewed the budget proposals. The board agreed that they would like to set another day to review budgets. Meeting date was set for Monday, August 3, 2009 at noon.

Supervisor Lamplot informed the board that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the courthouse elevator addition will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 2:30. This was when Congressman Fortenberry could attend, which she felt was very important since he was so instrumental in obtaining the congressional appropriations used for the project.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, D. French, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next special meeting August 3, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Full text of minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

August 10, 2009

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 10th day of August, 2009. Present were Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Absent: Smith and Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:58 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2009 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French seconded by Peters to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009 special budget meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to table the approval of the July 20, 2009 special meeting of the Board of Equalization as the minutes were not available in advance for the boards review. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Minutes of the Board of Equalization

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:01 by Chairman of the Board of Equalization Wolfe.

Michael Hansen from the Pender Community Hospital spoke to the Board regarding the exemption application presented by Prairie Breeze Assisted Living. This application does not fall under the exemption of the hospital. It was recently passed by the Legislature that Assisted Living facilities are entitled to be exempt from taxes. Mr. Hansen also informed the board that there are 3 acres of property that is being farmed and those acres should be taxed. The Board told Mr. Hansen that they would review the material he had presented, and make their decision at the next regular meeting.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:05 and reconvened as the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to terminate the agreement with the Engineer for the Parker Bridge. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Paul Randall visited with the board regarding his wage increase.

Supervisor Frenchman arrived at 10:12 a.m.

Tammy Maul-Bodlak discussed with the Board the necessity of having an agreement with a licensed animal control facility. Tammy informed the board that the Pender Vet Clinic will be licensed, and this is who the Village of Pender will be using. Supervisor D. French will do some checking and see what the other villages are doing, and check out the costs involved and report back to the board at the next meeting with his findings.

Dale Krusemark met with the board regarding his concern with the way valuations are being done. He told the board that he had called their attention to some things in the past, but they didn't pay attention to him or do anything about his concerns.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to table agenda item #14 – to approve the additional 1% increase for the restricted funds. This item needs all board members present and voting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, French, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Kleinberg spoke to the board regarding statements made by a board member in reference to the Interlocal agreements with Walthill Village regarding law enforcement. The Sheriff asked if the board wanted to pursue filing charges against the board member, or wait to see what comes out of the meeting with the Walthill Village this evening. It was the consensus of the board to not take any formal action at this time, but to make the member aware, that they are not attending the meeting of the Village of Walthill, and he is not there as a spokes person for the board.

Shelly Perez informed the board that they have received a grant for diversion, and now needs the signature of the Chairman of the Board on the grant paperwork. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the signature of the Chairman on the diversion grant paperwork. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters, G. French, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board held discussions regarding the budget.

The board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the claims as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next meeting, August 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for more budget discussions. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

AUGUST 17, 2009

A special 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 17th day of August 2009. Present were Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Absent: Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lamplot at 9:09. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Substantial Completion form for the elevator project, after receiving and reviewing the list referred to in the form. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve payment application number 12 to contract A. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held budget discussions, reviewed budget proposals, and talked to the officials regarding their budgets. It was the agreement of the board that all budgets will be rolled back to the budgets of 2008/2009, with some additional cuts being made. The levy will be set at .43¢, which will be lower than the levy for the last several years.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:50 during budget discussions.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Wolfe to remove item #5 – approve 1% increase in all funds. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the 1% increase of county funds. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to adjourn to the next regular meeting August 24, 2009 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

August 24, 2009

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 24th day of August 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:18 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Wolfe seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (G. French not voting – out of room at time of vote).

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2009 special budget meeting as corrected. Correction shall reflect that we are not actually lowering the levy, but rather we are at the maximum allowed with the lid growth restraints, which reduced the levy from .45 to .43. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor French reported that each of the villages are contracting for animal control, but was unsure of the cost involved, he will check into the cost and report back at the next meeting.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Smith to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board convened in closed session at 9:27a.m..

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reconvened in open session at 9:40 a.m.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Peters to approve the fee reports of the Clerk of the District Court, and County Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding meeting with the Omaha and Winnebago Tribes regarding legislation. Lamplot stated that it was important to get both tribes involved and the state representatives to help with possible financial relief for Thurston County. It was the agreement of the board to set a committee to hold discussions with the Tribes regarding legislative discussions. Motion by Peters seconded by D. French to have the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Supervisor Peters to make up the committee for these talks. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held discussions regarding the motor grader bids received. Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to purchase 2 motor graders. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

After more review of the bid documents, and a recommendation of the road foreman, motion by G. French, seconded by Wolfe to approve the purchase of 2 John Deere motor graders. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French. Nay: Frenchman, Peters, Lamplot. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Wolfe to trade the machines from Walthill and Thurston. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Wolfe at 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Peters to approve the exemption application of Priarie Breeze. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

As there was no further business of the Board of Equalization, motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Gene French brought attention to the pay discrepancies in the roads department. A couple of the new motor grader operators are making more than those that have been here for several years. Motion by Peters to give a nickel raise to the 2 that are lower, seconded by G. French. During further discussions, Peters withdrew his motion and agreed that the

pay scale that is currently used by the roads department needs to be reviewed and updated, and that no action be taken until this has been reviewed.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve pay applications #5, 6, and 7 for Contract B to Fauss Construction. Pay applications total \$100,928.98. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to table the approval of the officials inventory's as all inventories have not been turned in by the officials. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Wolfe, Frenchman, Smith, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to approve the grant application that would provide overtime pay to the deputies in the Sheriffs office. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve the bond of Rick Moody as treasurer for Pender Rural Fire District. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve Resolution #09-12, that informs the townships that they will not receive any part of the counties levy. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution #09-13, that informs the fire districts that they will be allowed 3.5 cents of the county levy. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to approve the setting of a public hearing regarding the CDBG grant received for September 8 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Peters, D. French, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to set date and time for budget hearing for September 8, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held very lengthy budget discussions. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Peters to have employee pay 20% of insurance premiums, and to discontinue the payment of \$250.00 per month for employees not taking the insurance. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe, G. French, D. French. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Peters to approve the proposed budget cuts as follows: Clerk - \$13,000; Assessor - \$14,000; Treasurer - \$12,000; Jail - \$18,000; Sheriff - \$15,000; Noxious Weeds \$4,200; Clerk of District Court – \$8,000. Roll call vote, Aye; Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to adjourn to the next regular meeting September 8, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Full text of minutes are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

September 8, 2009

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 8th day of September, 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:07 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:08.

Motion by D. French seconded by Peters to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 meeting as corrected. Correction shall reflect that concerning the discrepancies in Road pay, Supervisor Frenchman will be working the Jeff Malasek to review the pay scale for the Roads Department; and that the cut from the Noxious Weed budget would be \$4,228 instead of \$4,200. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

D. French reported to the board that he had gotten the Pender Vet Clinic to sign the document required by the state regarding where the county would house animals that would be picked up by a deputy. After some discussions, the board requested that D. French find out how each town is handling this and what it costs for the different services they would be providing.

Tammy Maul-Bodlak presented the board with a budget proposal from the County officials. It proposed the reinstatement of the in lieu of insurance, increase the employee's share of insurance premium, and possibility of 2% cut from each budget in the General and Road fund. It also included the possibility of employees giving up some of the paid holiday's and shorter work week to cut expenses. The proposal was close to the amount of cuts that was offered at the last meeting, but does not include cutting of any employees.

The board discussed the proposal of the Veteran's Service officer being cut to half-time and picking up the job of emergency manager, to take effect November 1, 2009. Supervisor Smith will prepare an ad to run in the newspaper for an emergency manager. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to provide \$15,700 in the emergency management budget, and \$22,065 to remain in the Veteran's Service budget. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. Tom Perez also spoke to the board and informed them that he would like

to stay on for awhile, and in the future as a deputy for emergency manager since there is a lot going on right now and the threat of H1N1.

The approval of the officials inventories remained tabled, as all inventories have still not be received.

The board discussed signage or a directory to the county offices, as well as to the elevator. After discussion, G. French will check out the signs needed. Smith offered to make signs off the computer to save costs, and Peters offered to donate a piece of plexiglass to cover the signs.

At 10:00 Chairman Lamplot opened the public hearing regarding the use of grant funds. Lisa Hurley from the Economic Development District informed the board that the CDBG grant for the elevator project was recently monitored and everything went great. The funds from the grant are now expended and the final paperwork is being prepared. No one from the public appeared to give any comments. The chairman declared the hearing closed at 10:07 a.m..

Discussion was held on the financing for the purchase of 2 new John Deere Motor Graders. Chairman Lamplot appointed Supervisors G. French and D. Wolfe to research the financing options, and report back to the board with their findings.

At 10:15 a.m. the Chairman declared the budget hearing open. Tammy Maul-Bodlak was asked to repeat the proposal that was given to the board earlier, so that those in attendance for the public hearing can hear the proposal. Much discussion was held on the budget proposals, and public comments were heard. The Chairman concluded the hearing at 12:15 p.m.

Tasha Breitbarth spoke to the board regarding the preparation of the budget and informed them that she probably will not be doing the budget next year due to the problems that it has caused this year.

The board discussed the letter received from the Department of Interior regarding properties that they claim are in trust, still being on the tax rolls. Chairman Lamplot informed the board that she still had not received the information that she had requested from the Great Plains Office regarding this issue. The board took no action regarding this item.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve the final payment application for Contract B – elevator project. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to enter into closed session to discuss possible litigation. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board entered into closed session at 1:07 p.m.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board returned into open session at 1:27 p.m.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to direct the County Attorney to file a response to JEO and Fauss Construction advising them that the County is not obligated to pay. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: Peters. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to set date for changes in insurance to take effect November 1, 2009. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board agreed that they would meet on September 14, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. review proposals and to conclude the budget preparation.

The board continued with budget discussions.

Supervisors Smith and Frenchman left the meeting at 2:09.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next special meeting September 14, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Full text of minutes and resolutions are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

September 21, 2009

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 21st day of September, 2009. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:22 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009 special budget meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to adopt the final budget document, after making necessary corrections. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve Resolution 09-15 – to appropriate necessary funds for expenditures in the budget. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had been in contact with the Corp. of Engineers regarding the water drainage problem by Gustafson's and the Corp. will be out on September 30, 2009 to look at the situation.

Supervisors Peters gave a report on the meeting he attended for Region IV Mental Health District.

Supervisor G. French gave reports on meetings he attended for RC & D and also Northstar Mental Health.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the fee reports of the Clerk of District Court, County Clerk, Sheriff, and Jail. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to remove the approval of official's inventories from the table. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the officials inventories with the exception of the Extension Service and Emergency Manager, as those inventories have not been turned in yet. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Frenchman, D. French, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French wondered if anything had been done yet concerning the discrepancies in pay in the road department. Supervisor Frenchman informed him that she had yet to meet with Jeff Malasek to review the pay scale in use for the roads department. Supervisor Peters voiced his opinion that this would be something for the road foreman to decide. Supervisor Frenchman agreed to look into the pay scale issue and report back to the board.

Supervisor G. French wondered if the number of miles for the road operators could be changed and split more equally, as some operators have several more miles than others. Jeff Malasek agreed that there needed to be adjustments made and will look into it.

Supervisors G. French informed the board of a situation on D Ave. and 13 Road where a private party hired a dirt mover to come in and make the road wider at the corner for their trucks to make the turn. After discussion, motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to direct the County Attorney to write a letter and tell them to change the road back, and if they fail to fix the road in 30 days, the county will fix it and they will be billed for the work. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Peters, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had gotten information regarding the costs for handrails on the west side of the courthouse. After discussion, G. French will get bids from Ivan's Welding and also Wenke's for the handrails, and present it at the next meeting.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to appoint Pender Veterinarian Clinic for the Counties Animal Control. Pender is the only one at this time that is licensed. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Al Maul spoke with the board regarding the late change order request regarding dirt work performed for the courthouse project. There was additional information provided from one of the parties involved. The interested parties plan to attend the next board meeting to see what can be worked out.

Dale Krusemark spoke to the board regarding his concerns with his valuation. He provided the board with the questions he had asked, and the reply's he received and asked the board to check into this and get back to him.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, D. French, Peters, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next regular meeting October 5, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

October 5, 2009

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 5th day of October, 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Smith, D. French.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:16 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2009 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:20.

Supervisor G. French gave the board a report from the Health District meeting that he attended, and a report of his meeting with the Corps. of Engineers regarding a drainage issue. Supervisor Peters informed the board that he will be attending other county meetings to give them an update regarding a possible regional jail, and that the Thurston County Board would also be getting an update at the October 19, 2009 meeting.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to move the meeting starting time for the October 18 meeting to 10:00 a.m.. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the board chairman's signature on Certificate of Statement relating to the indirect costs reimbursements, after review by the County Attorney. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald met with the board with road issues. He informed the board that they would have to decide whether to let the state do the fracture critical inspections of bridges, or to have someone else do the inspections. The state would do the inspections at a cost of \$1,500.00 per bridge and the county would have to pay \$300.00 per bridge. It was the decision of the board to have our bridge inspector conduct the fracture critical inspections of the counties 35 truss bridges.

Brian McDonald also informed the board that he would need the signature of the chairman on the Nebraska Board Classification Standards Certification (NBCS). Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the chairman's signature on the NBCS

certification. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Brian informed the board that he has the changes made regarding the Pender levy, and he will get them to the city for their review.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to convene in closed session to discuss possible litigation, and payment of late change order requests. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Peters out of room at time of vote).

The board entered into closed session at 9:50 a.m.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Peters to return to open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reconvened in open session at 10:12 a.m.

The board held a discussion with Fauss Construction and JEO regarding the late application for change order work on the courthouse elevator project. After discussion with Fauss, JEO, and Cooney's, motion by Peters, seconded by G. French, to have Fauss refund to the county the overpayment made of \$4,389.88, and consider the contract paid in full. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

No action was taken regarding agenda items 14, 15, and 16, all related to the purchase of maintainers. The machine that was to be used for a trade has broken down and needs extensive work done to it in order to use it as a trade. Due to the costs the board considered purchasing only 1 motor grader, and to keep the Thurston motor grader since it broke down and is currently being repaired, and renegotiate the trade in the future. The board held a conference call with the John Deere representative to see what John Deere could do for us in light of the situation. At this point, the County will wait until we get some direction from John Deere regarding this machine.

The board reviewed the delinquent tax listing as provided by the Treasurer. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to get a current listing to be used in order to direct the County Attorney to begin foreclosing on delinquent tax properties. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve and set levies for the County Subdivisions as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the report from the Sheriff as to collection of delinquent tax collections.

The board reviewed informal bids obtained for placing a handrail along the sidewalk on the west side of the building. Bids obtained were from Wenke Manufacturing in the amount of \$2,230.00; Ivan's Welding in the amount of \$2,930.00. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to accept the low bid of Wenke Manufacturing in the amount of \$2,230.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jeff Malasek, Road Foreman asked the board if employee benefits that were lost during budget discussions could be reinstated since the county ended up with more money at the conclusion of the budget discussions, and these cuts weren't absolutely necessary. After much discussion regarding the budget preparation, and concern of the county employees and officials it was decided that the board would have the state auditor review the budget prior to any changes being made.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Peters to adjourn to the next regular meeting October 19, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Full text of minutes and resolutions are on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

October 19, 2009

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 19th day of October, 2009. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Danelle Smith, Gene French, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Darren Wolfe and Leonard Peters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 10:03 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Lamplot appointed Gene French as the voting delegate at the annual convention in December, and Tammy Moore as the alternate.

Dale Krusemark spoke to the board regarding his frustration in trying to get questions answered and information from the assessor. He feels there are discrepancies in the valuations.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 10:15, Supervisor Peters at 10:20, during discussion with Mr. Krusemark.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to have both the assessor and Dale Krusemark meet with the board to try and get the questions answered. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Peters out of room at time of vote.)

Jim Berg, the facilitator for the regional jail talks, along with Steve Sills, Cuming County Commissioner, and Richard Jansen as well as Supervisor Peters, gave the board a presentation on the jail discussions that have taken place, and the results of those discussions. They asked that the board for their input by the first of the year as to their interest and commitment to the project, whether the county wants to participate and with what type of ownership, and at what level.

Dan Barnes with John Deere spoke to the board regarding their options concerning the maintainer that broke down, and was to be used for a trade. Dan told the board that he could offer them three options: to keep the machine and tear up the order for the new machine; if we still wanted to buy a second machine they would apply a \$6,200 discount;

or they would honor the bid for the Rosalie machine. The board decided that the third option was not an option since the Rosalie machine was not advertised to be used as a trade.

Dave Priner and Tim Reese from Nebraska Machinery, who is currently repairing the Thurston maintainer informed the board that they currently have been authorized to do \$32,885 worth of work in repairs to the machine. They offered the board to do a CAT rebuild, which would rebuild the machine for \$61,000, since the already committed to \$32,885, it would be an additional \$27,000 and the county would be provided a 3 year warranty. They would provide the county with a machine to use until all repairs were done at a capped cost of \$1,300, and they could get the rental here in a matter of days. The rebuild program also provides interest free financing for 24 months.

After discussion regarding the options offered by John Deere, motion by Peters seconded by Frenchman to honor the purchase order of one machine with John Deere, and to let the other machine go. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

After much discussion on the repairs authorized for the Thurston machine, and concern voiced by some members of the board that felt this should have been a decision of the whole board, motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to go forward with the CAT rebuild program, and then retain that machine. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to approve the rental of the machine from Caterpillar in the amount of \$1,300. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to have Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent to compose a letter regarding a private party doing dirt work on a county road in order to widen the corner, without county permission. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held a discussion regarding the Emergency Manager position. The board had originally set November 1st as the effective date of change, but the closing date for applications is October 30. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to extend the November 1st date until November 16, 2009. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Peters out of room at time of vote).

Tom Welsh, County Veteran's Service Officer, as well as several members of the Veteran's Service Committee spoke to the board regarding reinstating that position to full time. It had been cut to half time during budget discussions. Members of the committee felt that it was a full time service to the veteran's and that it should remain as a full time service. Franklin Fendrick, Chairman of the committee voiced his concern that this action was taken without any input from the committee, and asked that in the future, if there were considerations to make this less than a full time position that the committee be contacted so that they could meet with the board and discuss it.

Chairman Lamplot informed the board that she had heard from the States Auditors Office and that in their review of our budget, everything seems to be correct.

Tasha Breitbarth spoke to the board regarding questions raised at the last meeting concerning the budget and budget authority. She explained where she thought the issues arose with the budget preparation, and what may have caused the confusion with the board. She also gave the board her opinion of the conduct of one board member during this process.

The board discussed the Veteran's Service position. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Peters to reinstate the Veteran's Service position to a full time position, and to amend the budget to reflect this at the next meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot.

The board discussed the re-instatement of the employee benefits that were lost during budget discussions. Those benefits consisted of the "in lieu" payment for those that chose not to take the county health insurance, and employee's paying for 25% of the insurance premiums. After much discussion, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to reinstate benefits to as they were before cuts were made. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French. Nay: Lamplot. Abstain: Peters. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolfe to table the selection of properties with delinquent taxes to begin foreclosure proceedings. The board felt that it needed more information before they could begin this process. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the signature of the Chairman on the ASSIST application to purchase an automated Emergency Defibrillator through NIRMA. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Maintenance Man, Paul Randall presented the board with informal bids for the heaters to be placed in the 3rd floor vaults. Bids were received from Maise Electric for \$1,850.00 and Klein Electric for \$1,180.00. Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the bid of Klein Electric in the amount of \$1,180.00. Roll call vote, Aye: D.

French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

No action was taken on agenda item number 11 – discuss National Flood insurance program. Chairman Lamplot informed the board that there will be someone coming to the November 16, 2009 meeting to explain what is involved.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Peters to approve the following claims, with the understanding that changes would be made to reflect decisions made by the board regarding the employee contributions to insurance premiums. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting November 2, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

November 16, 2009

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 16th day of November, 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:04 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French answered the boards questions regarding the Public Health District hiring an attorney to remove one of the board members. Chairman Lamplot reported to the board some of the items discussed last week at the NIRMA meetings she attended.

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

The board discussed the sign pickup. It had been having transmission trouble, but seems to be running fine now. Will hold off on any repairs at this time.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the chairman's signature on the final EDI/appropriations grant paper work. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay none. Motion carried.

The board again discussed financing options for the newly purchased motor grader. After much discussion, and discussing options with the County Treasurer, it was the agreement of the board to place this item on the next agenda, and to vote on paying the machine off, without any financing.

Dale Krusemark again spoke to the board regarding questions he feels were left unanswered after the last meeting. After listening to Mr. Krusemarks concerns the board informed him that there was no action the board could take. The time had passed to appeal this to the TERC board, and there is nothing at the county level that could be done.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:40, during discussions with Mr. Krusemark.

The Chairman of the Board opened the public hearing for amending the budget at 10:32. No one from the public appeared to give support or criticism regarding the amended budget. The budget hearing was closed at 10:33.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the amended budget as published. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Chris Kleinberg informed the board that they would need to pass a resolution to appoint him as the emergency manager for Thurston County.

Bill Jones from the Department of Natural Resources spoke with the board and presented to them the National Flood Insurance Program. The biggest concern during this discussion was who would have jurisdiction in some areas – would it be the county or the tribe. It was suggested if the land has a deed it would fall under the county. Winnebago does participate in the program, but the Omaha Tribe has not made application for the program as of this time.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

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

Motion by G. French, seconded by Wolfe to adjourn to the next regular meeting November 30, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

November 30, 2009

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 November, 2009. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:06 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Jeff Malasek informed the board that regarding the intersection that had had dirt work done by a private party has been corrected and returned to the original condition.

Supervisor Lamplot spoke to the board regarding her letter sent to the Public Health Department, and the concerns she has for them hiring an attorney to have a committee member removed. Supervisor G. French, who is a member of the committee for the Public Health Department gave his opinion that the committee voted unanimously to hire the attorney to have the member removed, and those committee members have been appointed by the 4 county boards to represent those counties.

Supervisor Smith arrives at 9:12; Supervisor Frenchman arrived at 9:15 during the discussion of the Public Health District.

Supervisor D. French gave a report on the meeting he attended for the Area Agency on Aging.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the payment for the John Deere Motor grader from county funds, and to not finance the payment for the motor grader. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to table approving Resolution #09-17 – appointing Sheriff Kleinberg as the Emergency Manager, as Resolution had not been prepared yet. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Peters to approve Resolution #09-18, to transfer from General Miscellaneous Fund to the Heavy Equipment Fund the amount of \$130,046. The money is to be used to pay for the purchase of the new motor grader. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed and agreed to have NIRMA, the counties insurance carrier, to come to the courthouse and do a walk through to give the county ideas of where corrections should be made, in order to lower the liability to the county. This would involve them evaluating the jail, as well as the rest of the Courthouse. This is at no cost to the county, and when finished, they would provide their recommendations to the county.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve NIRMA coming and doing an assessment of the jail and courthouse facility. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to adjourn to the next regular meeting December 14, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

December 14, 2009

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 14th day of December, 2009. Present were Danelle Smith, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman, Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:13 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and 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 30, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French spoke to the board regarding the drainage situation with Roger Gustafson. French said that the Corp. of Engineers is still working on it, but doesn't appear like there is anything they can do. After some discussions it was the agreement of the board that Supervisor G. French contact the Corp. of Engineers and see if someone would be able to come to a board meeting and help explain why they can't do anything, and what they feel a solution to the issue would be.

Supervisor Frenchman arrived at 9:15.

The board discussed the communication received from Nebraska Energy Office regarding energy grants being available. After some discussions Supervisor Frenchman agreed to look into the grant, and to see if the county would have any projects that would qualify for grant funding.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:30.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to convene into closed session to discuss personnel at 10:45. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Smith, Frenchman, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 10:55 by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to convene back into open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Smith to place an ad for motor grader help wanted in the Rosalie area, application period to close on December 30th, 2009, and applications to be

reviewed at the first meeting in January. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 9:30 Alan Anderson met with the board and expressed his concerns over the condition of the roads after the snow storm, and how long it takes for them to get them cleaned off. Road Foreman, Jeff Malasek will talk with the operator.

The board held a discussion regarding the setting of officials salaries for 2011 through 2014. After discussion motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve a salary increase of \$300.00 per year for elected officials. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to set the board salary at the 2010 rate with no increases allowed for years 2011 through 2014. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to remove from the table agenda item # 9 – to approve Resolution #09-17 to appoint Chris Kleinberg as Emergency Manager for Thurston County and to appoint Tom Perez as Deputy Director. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #09-17 – appoint Chris Kleinberg as the Thurston County Emergency Manager. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting December 28, 2009, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

December 28, 2009

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 28th day of December, 2009. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Danelle Smith, Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 10:40 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters informed the board that he had spoken to the Road Foreman and we are receiving applications for the motor grader position in the Rosalie area, and those would be reviewed at the next regular meeting. Supervisor G. French discussed with the board information received that it appears if a road has been used as a public road for so many years (7-10), it is considered a public road.

Brian McDonald, County Highway Superintendent reviewed with the board the proposed One and Six year road plan. Brian asked the board to review the plan, and to bring any additions to the hearing to be added.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to set the hearing date for the One and Six year road plan for January 25th, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 11:15 a.m.

The board again discussed the participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. If the county does not participate, it will affect county residence getting federal loans or grants. Discussion was held regarding the jurisdictional issues of the county, and how this might cause problems with this program. The consensus of the board was to offer the program, and deal with any jurisdictional issues at a later time, should any arise. Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to delegate the duties and record keeping connected with the National Flood Insurance Program to the Clerk's office. Roll call vote,

Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the fee report of the County Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Wolfe not voting—out of the room at time of vote).

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to accept the grant from Nirma in the amount of \$500.00 to be used towards the purchase of a automated defibulator for the main floor of the courthouse. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Wolfe not voting - out of room at time of vote).

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve the annual maintenance agreement for the fire sprinkler inspections with DeMaranville Installations, Inc. for the amount of \$800.00 per year. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Wolfe not voting—out of room at time of vote).

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #09-19—to set officials salaries for 2011 through 2014. The resolution allows for a annual salary increase of \$300.00 per year. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith. Nay: Lamplot. Not voting Wolfe (out of room). Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to convene as the Board of Equalization at 10:40 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Peters, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS

Assessor Schrieber presented tax list corrections #45 and #47. Both are for Pender Public School Dist. #1.

#45—Block 16, Lot 3, Lot 4 less W 10' Peebles Main Street Addition. Credit of \$28.44 for total tax of \$767.04. School purchased—after levy setting date, before lien date, the property shall be exempt from property tax for current year.

#47—Block 1, W 75' lot1, N 43' of the W 75' of Lot 2, E 5' W 75' 57' of lot 2 and E 62' N12.5' Lot 3 Peebles First Addition to Village of Pender. Tax credit of \$32.12 for total tax of \$866.54. School purchased in Nov. 09, after levy date, before lien date, the property shall be exempt from property tax for current year.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Lamplot to approve tax list corrections #45 and #47. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Also on the agenda was for Board of Equalization was to hear concerns of the Indian College in Macy regarding remaining to be on the tax rolls when they feel they should be exempt. No action was taken as no one appeared on behalf of the college.

Supervisor Frenchman asked the Assessor to check into the Winnebago Tribe continuing to receive tax statements on properties they believe are in trust. Supervisor Frenchman will contact the Assessor with the legal descriptions of the properties in question, and the Assessor will research the properties and provide an answer to Supervisor Frenchman.

As there was no further business for the Board of Equalization, Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried. The Board of Equalization adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The board reviewed correspondence. In response to correspondence received from the Northeast Nebraska Public Health District regarding the appointment of a community member to the Health District Board. Supervisor G. French will inform them that we would like for them to advertise the vacant position.

The board reviewed claims.

Motion by Peters, seconded by D. French to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the statutory meeting January 5, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman of the Board