

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

January 5, 2010

A statutory 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 January, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Caroline Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Teri Lamplot at 9:09 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 Frenchman arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2009 meeting as presented. 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 adjourn sine die to re-organize as the 2010 Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Clerk Moore asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2010. Lamplot nominated Peters; Smith nominated Wolfe. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French that nominations cease. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board cast their vote for chairman by secret ballot. Results of the vote were Peters – 4, Wolfe -3. Clerk Moore declared Leonard Peters Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2010.

Clerk Moore asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2010. D. French nominated Smith. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman that nominations cease. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board cast their vote for vice chairman by secret ballot. Results of the vote were unanimous for Smith. Clerk Moore declared Danelle Smith the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2010.

Clerk Moore asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Equalization. G. French nominated Wolfe. Motion by Peters, seconded by Lamplot that nominations

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

The board cast their vote for chairman of the Board of Equalization by secret ballot. Results of the vote were unanimous for Wolfe. Clerk Moore declared Darren Wolfe the Chairman of the Board of Equalization for 2010.

Chairman Peters made appointments of the supervisors to the various committees.

Under emergency items the board discussed the dangerous conditions of the roads. Peters updated the board that all roads are now open at least one lane, now the road crew is starting to widen the roads and get them open to 2 lanes.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #10-01 – to approve Pender State Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, Smith, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to table item #11 to approve Resolution #10-02 to approve Charter West National Bank as a county depository as the necessary paperwork has not yet been received. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to appoint The Pender Times as the County's official newspaper for 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Supervisor Gene French gave the board his annual Noxious Weed Report.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Wolfe to approve the Noxious Weed Report, and to authorize the chairman's signature, once the correction of "chairman" is made on the report. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board signed the annual report for the Secretary of State's office.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the meeting dates for the Board for January through June 2010 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the County Holidays (with changes) for 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Lamplot to approve Resolution #10-03 for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters informed the board that he had spoken to road foreman, Jeff Malasek last evening and Jeff informed him that he had not had time to interview the applicants for the motor grader operator due to the snow and Jeff running a motor grader. Jeff felt that all applicants should be interviewed prior to making a decision and would ask that the board table this item until the next meeting.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to table reviewing applications and hiring a motor grader operator until the January 11, 2010 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held a discussion regarding the purchase of a snow blower to be mounted onto a payloader. Peters has found the equipment in Washington for a total cost of \$28,500. The vendor request \$10,000.00 upfront, with balance to be paid upon delivery. Peters has been asking area residents and farmers their opinion, and over 50 have signed his "petition" and he received over 30 calls after that, with all in favor of the purchase. Other board members wondered if purchasing a new payloader would be more advantageous to the county. All board members agreed that at this point the roads in the county are very dangerous. After much discussion Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to approve and authorize Chairman Peters to fly to Washington and inspect the snow blower, and if it meets his approval to confirm the purchase of the snow blower and arrange for it's shipment here. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting January 11, 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, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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January 11, 2010

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 11th day of January, 2010. Present were Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:12 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 Lamplot, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting as corrected. Correction should reflect that under agenda item of "Old Business" it should state that signs, operations manual, policy and procedures manual, and roads policies were discussed as to progress made on these different items. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, D. French, Lamplot, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the road north of Gustafson's and agree that it is a county road, and that the County Attorney should draft a letter letting the parties know that it is a county road. The board also discussed applying for an energy grant that is available. It was decided to have Paul Randall, maintenance man, get informal quotes on replacing windows and also for the boiler, so that this information can be used in the application for the grant. Chairman Peters informed the board that he had closed the deal on the snow blower, total cost to be \$28,500, and delivery should take place by the end of the week. Jeff Malasek informed the board that he had talked to the state, and they were asking what type of equipment we need and how many machines. They are trying to push the emergency declaration through, so that Thurston County might receive help from the state for the snow clean up.

Approval of naming Charter West National Bank as a county depository remained tabled until the January 25, 2010 meeting.

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

Approval of hiring a motor grader operator remained tabled as all interviews have not been completed.

Item #10 on the agenda – a report from Supervisor Wolfe regarding signs for the ADA entrance had no action taken, due to Wolfe not being in attendance.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the remaining payment for the newly purchased snow blower from the Special Roads Fund. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed setting a policy regarding the closing of the courthouse in inclement weather, and whether employees should receive pay for those days. After some discussion, motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to leave the policy as it is, that the Chairman of the Board shall make the call whether to close the courthouse in inclement weather, and each elected official shall decide if their staff will be paid for the day or not. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Smith, D. French. Nay: Lamplot. Abstain: Peters. 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: G. French, Frenchman, D. French, Lamplot, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to adjourn to the next regular meeting January 25, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Lamplot, D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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January 19, 2010

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 19th day of January, 2010. Present were Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Caroline Frenchman, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Darren Wolfe and Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 10:20 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 Lamplot, seconded by G. French to enter into closed session to review applications for motor grader operator. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board entered into closed session at 10:24 to review applications received for motor grader operator.

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

The board reconvened in open session at 10:35 a.m.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to hire David Abendroth to fill the motor grader position in the Rosalie area, as recommended by the Road Foreman. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Abstain: G. French. Motion carried.

The board spoke with Sheriff Kleinberg regarding information received from FEMA and the declaration of disaster. FEMA toured the county one day last week, but it will be a while before we hear from them regarding any financial help that may be available to the county.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next regular meeting January 25, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting January 11, 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, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman of the Board

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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January 25, 2010

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 25th day of January, 2010. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Leonard Peters, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot. Absent: Danelle Smith and Leonard Peters.

County Clerk Tammy Moore asked for nominations for Chairman Pro Tem, as both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board were absent.

Supervisor D. French nominated Lamplot to be Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Frenchman. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, D. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Abstain: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to modify agenda and to add the approval of claims which was inadvertently omitted from the agenda. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French proposed to the board that Chairman Peters sit down with parties involved regarding the Gustafson road, and see if by explaining to the party that it is damaging the County Road and maybe that would take care of this issue.

Ray Cooney spoke to the board regarding their bill to the county for snow removal. He informed the board that he had spoken to the Road foreman, and that Ray understands the financial situation that the county is in, and offered to the county the ability to make payments on the amount, as opposed to paying the entire bill at one time. He told the board that they would be willing to work with the county regarding the bill, as he is aware that the county is trying to obtain FEMA money to help defray cost of the snow storms.

Supervisor Lamplot informed the board that she had attended the Northeast Nebraska Health Department meeting and it appears that the conflict with the Cedar County member is an ongoing thing. The health department is also looking at the purchase of a building, as they are now paying rent on three buildings.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to remove from the table the approval of Resolution #10-02, to approve Charter West National Bank as a county depository. Roll

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #10-02 – to approve Charter West National Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, D. French, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to approve the Chairman Pro Tem's signature on the Disaster Declaration covering the time frame of January 6, 2010 to January 10, 2010.

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

No action was taken on agenda item #9 – Report from Wolfe regarding signage. Supervisor Wolfe advised due to the adverse weather and other conditions he has not had time to gather the necessary information.

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

No action was taken on the agenda item #14 – to approve chairman's signature on grant to reimburse for deputy overtime. The chairman's signature is unnecessary on the documents.

No action was taken on agenda item #15 – to approve the Chairman Pro Tem's signature on grant application for the energy efficiency grant. Lamplot reported that she felt there would be too many requirements to be met for the Historical Society, as well as the time frame constraints. Supervisor Frenchman advised the board that after she had received the information from Supervisor Lamplot, she stopped working on the application.

Road foreman Jeff Malasek spoke with the board regarding the payloader. It has been using a lot of oil, and is about to self destruct, this looks like another major expense and wanted to make the board aware of it. Jeff is checking on renting a payloader until ours is fixed. The board directed Jeff to get an estimate on the repairs needed.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to authorize Road foreman Jeff Malasek to rent a payloader until we have figures on what the expense will be to repair ours. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to approve the Chairman Pro Tem's signature on the engagement letter from the Auditor. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak spoke to the board regarding the fees paid to court appointed attorneys. She informed the board that she had spoken to the judge and he has informed her of his intention to increase the court appointed attorney fees from the current rate of \$60.00 per hour to \$75.00 per hour. It is the County Attorneys view that with this increase of fees, it may be advantageous for the county to consider hiring a public defender.

After discussion with the board, motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to table agenda items #18, 19, and 20 – all related to the position of public defender – until we have a full board to discuss the issue. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 10:30 the Chairman Pro Tem opened the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing. Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald presented the board with the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and discussion followed. Karyl Knecht was the only public that appeared to speak.

The Chairman Pro Tem closed the hearing at 10:46 a.m.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to adopt Resolution #10-04 to approve and accept the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan – with addition of C87(134). Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to enter into executive session regarding claim submitted by employee. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed claims.

The board entered into executive session regarding claim submitted by employee at 11:05 a.m.

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

AT 11:50 the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to pay the following claims. The board agreed to hold the claim of Loess Hills for \$300.00 to see if it could be lowered, and to hold the claim of Jeff Malasek until the next meeting so that his contract may be reviewed prior to his claim being paid. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next regular meeting February 8, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be

amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Frenchman, D. French, Wolfe, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Teri Lamplot
Chairman Pro Tem

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

February 8, 2010

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 February, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot and Leonard Peters.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 special meeting and the January 25, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French. Nay: none. Abstain: Peters. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French proposed to the Chairman that the Chairman and Supervisor G. French speak to the party regarding the road issue and see if sitting down and talking to them could solve the issue. It was the agreement of the board to request the parties to attend the next board meeting to see if the issue could be resolved.

Supervisor Frenchman gave the board a report of the webinar that she participated in regarding roads. Supervisor Smith reported to the board that she had met with the auditor last week and gave the board an update on the different things the auditor was looking at.

The board held a discussion on the level of commitment for proposed regional jail. At this time, there are no real commitments from Stanton and Wayne counties, and until then we can't make a commitment because without the other counties, there is no possible way for Thurston County to participate.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to approve the Chairman's signature on Disaster Declaration #3 for the time period of January 19, 2010 through January 24, 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Not voting: Wolfe and Smith - out of room at time of vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to approve Chairman signature on imprest account. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Not voting: Wolfe - out of room at time of vote. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe reported to the board that he had spoken to Jim Pape regarding making a sign to direct people to the ADA entrance. Wolfe informed the board that Pape could

make the sign 36" x 24" and would charge about \$165.00 installed. It was the consensus of the board proceed with Pape making and installing the sign.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to enter into executive session to review/discuss/make decision regarding performance evaluation of road employee. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The chairman stated that the board was entering into closed session for the purpose of reviewing, discussing and making decision regarding performance evaluation of road employee. The board entered into closed session at 9:54 a.m.

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

The Board of Supervisors reconvened into open session at 10:23 a.m.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman of the Board of Equalization Darren Wolfe called the board to order at 10:24 a.m.

Assessor Schrieber presented tax list correction # 48 for Dolezal Motor Co. They were assessed for alignment machine and also the lessor was being assessed and charging them for taxes. Original tax \$1,404.46, corrected tax \$856.00.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve tax list correction #48. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization reviewed the tax exemption continuation applications as presented by the Assessor. The assessor told the board that she recommends the approval of the applications. Assessor Schrieber also informed the board that it was her intent to exempt the Nebraska Indian College this year. Motion by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to approve the continuation for tax exemption applications as presented by the Assessor. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters, Wolfe. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Mr. Bennie Bridge spoke with the board regarding the condition of his road. He was concerned because the snow has been pushed to about 10 or 15 feet, and now the chunks of snow/ice are falling, and he has to move the chunks before he can travel on the roads. He lives on the corner of F and 26 Road and was out of power for a few days and couldn't get out to get gas for his generator, so everything froze up. Road Foreman Jeff Malasek told Mr. Bridge that the operator will be talked to in order to correct the situation.

The board discussed the level of membership they wanted to participate in for the Loess Hills RC & D. For \$100.00 we would have a representative on the board, but would not have voting rights. For \$300.00, we would have representation and voting rights. After discussion motion by Lamplot, seconded by Smith to participate at the \$100.00 level. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Lamplot, Smith, Peters. Nay: Wolfe, Frenchman. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Wolfe to approve the chairman signature on the GIS contract for re-addressing the Winnebago area. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The board again discussed the hiring of a public defender. County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak provided the board with a list of Attorneys that would be willing to set on a public defender advisory board. The Board of Supervisor could use the names provided, and then would also have to appoint a lay person to the board. No action was taken, but the board agreed to try to bring names of lay persons who might be interested on sitting on this board to the next meeting.

Thurston County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak also spoke to the board regarding bid letting for contracted snow removal. She was concerned due to the cost incurred for the contracted snow removal from previous storms. It was agreed that at the time the persons were asked to perform work for the county it was under an emergency situation, and there was no time to secure bids, but it is her opinion that for the remainder of this year, and for the future we should secure bids for snow removal. After much discussion it was agreed that the road foreman Jeff Malasek would draw up the specs required of the equipment for now removal and it will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

The board again discussed the payment for hours worked maintaining roads as submitted by road foreman Jeff Malasek. Jeff ran the maintainer in the Rosalie area after the recent storms due to not having a maintainer operator hired since the position was left vacant in the first part of December. Supervisor Peters stated that he felt Malasek was fulfilling his contract and was trying to keep everything running, and that he was sure the people in the area appreciated having their roads opened. Wolfe felt that if additional funds were to be paid above Malasek's contracted salary, then that should have been provided for in his contract. County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak informed the board that in her opinion, as the County Attorney, Malasek, as a contracted salaried employee, he should not be paid for the extra hours, as it was not identified as allowable in his contract.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to allow for 85 hours to be paid to Jeff Malasek at the maintainer operator rate of \$13.25 per hour for a total of \$1,126.25, due to extenuating circumstances and weather. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Maintenance man Paul Randall spoke to the board to request the purchase of an additional remote annunciator. There is currently one at each door for fireman, but Paul would like one added to the communications center. This would allow the dispatch to advise the fire department before their arrival where a fire is located. Paul presented the board with a informal quote of \$1,872 to add the additional annunciator. Motion by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to allow for Paul to have an additional annunciator installed into the communications center. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Lamplot not voting – out of room at time of vote. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to table the discussion regarding inmate medical payments and Title 471 until further information is available.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve Resolution #10-05, to transfer \$175,000.00 from General Miscellaneous Fund to the Road Fund. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims. During review of the claims, the board discussed whether to pay the entire Cooney bill for snow removal, or to take them up on the offer to make payments on the bill. Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the following claims, and to pay half of the Cooney bill (\$37,500.00) at this time. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting February 22, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be

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

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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March 22, 2010

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 22nd day of March, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the March 8th, 2010 meeting as corrected. Correction shall reflect the correct meeting date on the previous minutes. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Abstain: Lamplot. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lamplot gave a committee report on the Health Dept. meeting she had attended. Supervisor Lamplot also gave an update regarding her trip to Washington D.C. for the National Association of County Officials Legislative Conference. She advised they are still working on trying to address the fee to trust issues. Also she informed the board of the campaigning for Chris Rogers, a Nebraska candidate for 2nd Vice President. This would be a great asset for Nebraska, to have a Nebraska member on the National level.

Chairman Peters gave a report from the NACO workshop he attended. Peters informed the board that he had spoken to Dan Cady at the meeting, and there will be a 4 day seminar for motorgrader operators, and he would like some of the board members to attend, and all the operators should attend.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:15.

Jennifer Hansen from the Extension office introduced herself to the board, and gave them a brief update on what they have been working on.

Dianne Ballard met with the board regarding her services as a grant writer.

The board also met with Sonya Kelly regarding her services as a grant writer. Both parties felt that it would be the most beneficial for the board to put a list together of the priorities they wish to address with grant money. This would make their search much easier if they were to have an idea what the county was looking for.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to appoint Sharon Heineman to the Northeast Nebraska Health District. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. bids for contracted snow removal were opened and read, after a discussion on how much insurance was necessary. Supervisor Peters informed the bidders present, that instead of 5 million dollars in insurance coverage, it would be acceptable for them to have 2 million instead. Since this change wouldn't make any difference to the 2 bidding, it was the consensus of the board to proceed with opening and letting of the bids received. Bids were received from Sebade Brothers for the use of a front end loader in the amount of \$115.00 per hour; Penro Construction bid the use of a front end loader in the amount of \$105.00 per hour. Bids were declared accepted and this contract will run from now until September 2010, when we will again accept bids for snow removal.

Brian McDonald, County Highway Superintendent, met with the board and informed them that he had made an agreement with the Village of Pender regarding the water drainage issue on the Logan Creek Road. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to approve the signature of the Chairman of the Board on said agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to set date and time for bid letting on gravel for roads for April 5th at 10:30. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Jane Lyons property. Chairman Peters has been working with the Sheriff regarding this property. There is a possibility of family trying to purchase the property. The county doesn't want to get the property, but it appears that is what is going to happen.

Supervisor Lamplot suggested that the county put together a strategic plan on where the county is going in the next 5 to 10 years. She suggested that it might be advantageous to the county to hire a facilitator to help get that accomplished. She will check into facilitators and get an idea on the cost.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none.

The board entered into executive session to discuss possible litigation at 10:50 a.m..

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to go out of executive session at 11:25 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The board entered back into open session at 11:25.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Lamplot to adjourn to the next regular meeting on April 5, 2010 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: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

April 5, 2010

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 April, 2010. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Danelle Smith and Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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 D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the March 22nd, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Frenchman discussed with the board the condition of the road from Winnebago to Wayne is horrible. Peters informed the board that he had received an e-mail from Dan Cady and the Governor has declared this area as a disaster. At this time they are trying to hit the \$700,000.00 mark for the area. Peters asked that Frenchman take pictures of the road and he also will be taking pictures to get submitted for the disaster.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:10 a.m..

Supervisor G. French told the board that he had attended the recent meeting of Region 4.

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

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:13 a.m.

The board discussed the application for an occupancy agreement for the Omaha Tribe. They are asking for permission to bury a gas line over several miles in the county right of way. Concerns were raised whether they should have filed an easement as opposed to the occupancy agreement. County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak was directed to contact Tony Provost to see what the intention of this agreement is, and whether filing an easement wouldn't be more appropriate. She will also ask them to have a representative at the next board meeting in order to answer any questions the board may have.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to approve Resolution #10-05, authorizing the chairman's signature on agreement with the State regarding the payment for inspections on fracture critical bridges. During discussion some board members were against signing the agreement, they don't want to set the precedent of paying for the state to come in and do our inspections and then bill the county for the inspections. The members voiced concern over using the softmatch money to pay for inspections and when we get ready to build a bridge, the soft match money will be depleted enough that we won't be able to complete the work we had intended to do. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French. Nay: Lamplot, Peters. Motion carried.

The board spoke with Emergency Managers Chris Kleinberg, and deputy Tom Perez regarding the letter received from NEMA regarding the de-obligating of grant monies. Perez explained to the board that the county never received the money, and it had not been requested to be drawn down. This grant is for radio equipment and communications equipment. The county has already been able to purchase the equipment and so the county has no need that fits the scope of the grant at this time, but this does free up money for the Winnebago Tribe through this grant. Part of the problem in the release of these funds was providing the completed LEOP. Now that that has been accomplished the Winnebago Tribe should be able to use approximately \$72,000. of this grant that was allocated for them and the county may be able to use 25 to 30 thousand to go towards county equipment.

The board discussed preparing a strategic plan for the county. Supervisor Lamplot provided the board with names of facilitators to help the county through this process. A suggestion from Supervisor Smith was to have Lisa Hurley from Northeast Economic Development District apply for a grant for strategic planning. Motion by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to have Lisa Hurley apply for a grant for strategic planning. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Robin Christiansen spoke to the board regarding installing a drop box for after hour payments for the offices. The cost of the drop box would be approximately \$880.00 and would mount on the sidewalk. This would just be an added service we could provide with little cost. The board advised Ms. Christiansen that they would consider it.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to postpone the opening of gravel bids since it had not been advertised. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the appointment of the budget authority, and asked that it be placed on the next agenda.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting on April 19, 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, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: Tammy Moore
CountyClerk

Signed: Leonard P. Peters
Chariman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

April 19, 2010

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 April, 2010. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, Teri Lamplot, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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.

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

Chairman Peters informed the board that he has been talking with Lisa Hurley from the Economic Development District about holding a “board retreat”. The date for this has been set for June 14, following the regular meeting. Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had contacted the county surveyor to have the road surveyed by Gustafsons that has been a topic of discussion for quite some time. Mr. Flowers will be providing a report to the board later in the meeting.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:12 a.m.

Chairman Peters informed the board that he had received a letter from the Village of Pender informing the county that there is an issue with the rain water that is running into the sewer system behind the Welfare building. Chairman Peters will speak with maintenance man Paul Randall, and they will see what they can do to correct the problem.

Supervisor D. French reported that he had attended the meeting for Area Agency on Aging, but that there was nothing to report. Chairman Peters informed the board that he had attended a meeting on the council that the Governor had appointed him to – Nebraska County Attorney Standards Council and they are discussing the continuing education requirements for the County Attorneys.

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

The board held a discussion regarding the appointment of the Budget Authority for this years budget preparation. Supervisor Lamplot voiced her concern of having the same issues that occurred last year. Supervisor Wolfe suggested that the board work collectively with the Budget

authority so that she is working with one proposal – presented by the entire board, as opposed to one supervisor coming in and asking for changes. It was also discussed that the budget authority be present at the board meetings during all budget discussions. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to appoint Tasha Breitbarth as the budget authority, as recommended by the auditor. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to table agenda items #8 and #9 – regarding the request of the Omaha Tribe for an Occupancy Agreement to place a gas line in the county right of way. BlackHills Energy had indicated that they would appear at this meeting to give the board more information, but no one appeared. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Surveyor Clyde Flowers appeared before the board to give them a report on the survey he had conducted at the request of Supervisor G. French. Clyde reported that the road has been surveyed as requested and it does run a little off (approximately 18’ in some areas). In the research Clyde conducted he found that the road has been there since 1928. Clyde will write up the legal description and provide that to the County Attorney to proceed.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the County Surveyor contract with Clyde Flowers. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:54 a.m.

Maintenance man Paul Randall spoke to the board and informed them that the blower unit in the courtroom needs to be replaced. He has spoken to 2 contractors, one informal bid was for around \$5,000.00, and the other was around \$3,000.00. The one he received that would be around \$3,000 also has a replacement blower unit that could be installed next week. Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to contact Jensen’s and have them replace the blower unit for the air conditioner in the court room. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m. gravel bids were opened and read aloud.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to award gravel bid for Item #1 (Thayer, Pender, Bryan, Flournoy) to Smith Farm Service for \$10.84 per ton. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to award gravel bid for Item #2 (Winnebago) to Cooney Fertilizer for \$13.38 per ton. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to award gravel bid for Item #3 (Anderson, Omaha, Blackbird) to Cooney Fertilizer for \$12.58 per ton. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to award gravel bid for Item #4 (Dawes) to Seibrandt Trucking for \$11.06 per ton. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to award gravel bid for Item #5 (Merry, Perry) to Siebrandt Trucking for \$11.23 per ton. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Road Foreman Jeff Malasek voiced concern with being able to get the gravel delivered from Smith's on a timely basis. Right now, roads districts one and seven have been waiting for three weeks to get gravel delivered. General consensus of the board was to grant the Road Foreman the authority to use his discretion in getting gravel from Smiths, or if he can't get it in a timely manner he may then get the gravel from the next lowest bidder (Siebrandt Trucking).

The board reviewed correspondence. The board received a letter from the Pender Community Hospital requesting a letter of support for the construction of a new hospital. Consensus of the board was to write a letter of support.

The board reviewed claims.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting on May 3, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

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Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

April 19, 2010

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 3rd day of May, 2010. Present were Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:17 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 April 19th meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters informed the board of the retreat for strategic planning will be held on June 14th at 1:00 with Lisa Hurley.

Supervisor G. French asked what the next step is with the Gustafson road. Do we hire an attorney to pursue it, since the Corp. of Engineers will not step in to settle it? Peters stated that it is making our road soft, but the road is still there, this may end up having to be solved by the parties involved and not the county.

Chairman Peters advised the board that he had been selected to participate in a study of how County Government is working. Peters also informed the board that he planned to attend the meeting in Norfolk regarding the county health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Paul Randall spoke with the board regarding solutions to the drain problem behind the Social Services building.

Supervisors Lamplot reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Public Health District, and that they are still discussing options for buildings to relocate to.

Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had visited with Chad Engels who is with NIRMA regarding safety issues.

Jason Sturek, publisher of the Pender Times, informed the board that he had received a phone call last week regarding the roads in the Rosalie area, and was wondering if the board could disclose any solutions. Chairman Peters informed him that they had shifted operators around in hopes of solving the problems.

Supervisor Lamplot would like a memo to the roads personnel that they should not be shouldering the roads so high while planting is taking place.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:35 a.m.

The board discussed with Deputy County Attorney Al Maul the property in Walthill that was obtained by the County through a sheriff's sale for delinquent back taxes. Right now there is an

elderly woman living in the trailer that is on this property. Maul informed the board of the process they will need to go through in order to sell the property.

Representatives of Black Hills Energy spoke with the board regarding the Omaha Tribes request of an occupancy agreement. They informed the board that they are very early in a process to see if it is feasible to run natural gas into the village of Macy. They will not be requesting an occupancy agreement to be signed, if this is a feasible project, they will obtain an easement from the property owners.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve Resolution #10-06, to transfer funds from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the Roads Fund the amount of \$181,119.48. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution #10-07, to transfer funds from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the Courthouse Building Fund the amount of \$56,222.29. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #10-08, to transfer funds from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the County Emergency Bridge Fund the amount of \$100,000.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the safety manual as presented. Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Lamplot to table action on approving the safety manual until they have more information. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting May 17, 2010 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: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

May 17, 2010

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 17th day of May, 2010. Present were Danelle Smith, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:14 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 Lamplot to approve the minutes of the May 3rd meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Abstain: D. French. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:16 a.m.

The board discussed how to proceed with the filing of the Sheriff's deed on foreclosure property the County obtained. This is the second property, formerly owned by Timothy Wood. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to move forward to file the deed on the property, and that this should be included with the notice of hearing for the paper. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to set date and time for hearing regarding possible sale of acquired real estate for June 1st at 11:00 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the notification of application to place land into trust for the benefit of the Winnebago Tribe. Legal description is Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in Block 3 Railway Addition to the City of Winnebago in the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 8 – Warner Earth property. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to direct the County Attorney to provide comments regarding the negative impact to the County of putting land into trust. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe, Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the chairman's signature on the FSA paperwork. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Lamplot, G. French, Smith, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by the Chairman of the Board of Equalization Darren Wolfe at 10:04. Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to approve motor vehicle exemption application made by the Nebraska Indian Community College on a 2001 Chevrolet Pickup. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:07.

County Attorney, Tammy Maul-Bodlak spoke to the board regarding the re-establishment of the restricted Child Support Fund. Tammy had a conversation with the Child Support administration and was advised that the money sent to the county in incentive funds must be spent on Child Support, not deposited into the General Fund. Once it is in the General Fund, it is not possible to track the money to show that it was spent only on Child Support. Their suggestion is to re-establish the restricted Child Support Fund to receive the incentive payment, or it could be possible for the county to no longer receive incentive payments for Child Support. Motion by Smith, seconded by Lamplot to re-establish the restricted fund for Child Support, effective July 1, 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Wolfe, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to approve the child support contract amendment concerning state computers. The reason the amendment is needed is because the state currently provides a computer, printer and internet access, but as of July 1, 2010, they will no longer be providing the equipment or internet access. Roll call vote, Aye; Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Roger Gustafson spoke to the board regarding the issue with the road by his place. Chairman Peters informed him that at the time we are at a stand still, while looking for another avenue. We have been trying to get the Corp. of Engineers out of Omaha here to give the County some direction. Roger stated that it has already been over a year since we started asking the county for help, and as of yet, nothing has been accomplished. It was his understanding that the road was going to be closed, but just the other day someone did work to it and now there is wire sticking out of the hole that was there. Gustafsons think it would be easier to close the road since the road is so soft now that it is very dangerous to travel, and right now they can't get equipment out of the place due to the shoulders being so soft. Chairman Peters stated that he would like to keep the road open, contact the Corp of Engineers and get them back up here to look at the situation. Supervisor G. French will contact the Corp. and see if we can get someone here so that this can be addressed. Supervisor Smith will draft a letter to the other party involved in causing the road situation and inform him that if something is not addressed soon, the road will be closed.

The Board reviewed preliminary budget requests. Only budgets that didn't involve any personnel were reviewed.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting June 1, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

June 1, 2010

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, 2010. Present were Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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 Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the May 17th meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters informed the board that he had spoken to Fortenberry's office regarding the road situation with Gustafsons and Bodlaks and they asked that all information be sent to them and they will look into it and see what they can do. Chairman Peters also informed the board that he had attended the Dept. of Roads meeting regarding their proposed projects to be completed, and outlined the projects that would take place in Thurston County. Chairman Peters also informed the board of the seminar he had attended by Blue Cross Blue Shield regarding the county's health insurance coverage.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Jeff Malasek spoke to the board regarding his desire for the county to purchase another motor grader out of next years budget. He spoke to the board about considering this now, so as to make sure the money is allocated in the next budget. The board agreed to take this request under advisement, and consider the purchase when doing budget reviews.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:19 a.m.

Jeff Malasek also discussed with the board the request of Gene French, the County Signs and Noxious Weed Superintendent, regarding his request to cut his hours back to 30 hours a week from 40 hours a week. Gene feels that he can get his work done in the shorter work week, and it would be easier to commute back and forth from work since moving to Carroll, Ne. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the work week being cut to 30 hours a week. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Abstain: G. French. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to approve the letter drafted by the County Attorney regarding trust application of the Winnebago Tribe. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe, Smith. Abstain: Frenchman. Motion carried.

The board discussed the issuance of ID cards through the Health District. It is no cost to the county, and would be used for emergency situations to allow access as necessary. It was the general consensus of the board to have all officials receive the ID cards through the Northeast Nebraska Health District.

Motion by Smith, seconded by D. French to approve the chairman's signature on the agreement with the Dept. of Roads – to tie out corners on roads that will be under construction in the county. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jeff DeLine from Dana F. Cole Co. presented the audit report to the board. Motion by Smith, seconded by Wolfe to accept the auditors report and to place the audit report on file in the County Clerk's office for public review.. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald gave the board a report on the roads department.

The board discussed the potential vacancy on the county board due to a member of the board moving out of the county. County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak informed the board that according to state statute office shall be vacant upon the happening of any of the following events.... "Incumbent ceasing to be a resident of the state, ...county...in which the duties of his office are to be exercised or for which he may have been elected. After discussion, the board decided there was no action to be taken.

Tom Welsh, Veteran's Service Officer, spoke to the board regarding the possibility of closing the courthouse during the Q125 event of the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Park. The board concluded that this is not a county wide event, and the courthouse should remain open.

The board discussed the county's health insurance policy. Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield with deductible remaining at the current rate of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed budget figures as presented by the budget authority. The board spoke with Tammy Maul-Bodlak and Jeff Kurtz regarding the County Attorney Budget, and the child support. Tammy prepared one budget that included child support and one that did not include the handling of child support cases through the County Attorney's office. Tammy informed the board that in September of this year, the board may have to contract out the child support work, due to the retirement of one of her deputies, she may not have the staff to continue to provide the child support services. The board heard from the budget authority that the county will need to establish a E911 fund as part of the budget process.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by G. French, seconded by Smith to adjourn to the next regular meeting June 14, 2010 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: Leonard Peters
Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

June 28, 2010

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 June, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:08 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 June 14, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor G. French Chairman Peters where we were at regarding the disputed Gustafson Road. Chairman Peters advised he had received a call from Louis Pofahl and they will be working on this this week. The board discussed the machine in Thurston, we are still having problems with it overheating, which should have been fixed with the overhaul that we had done a year ago. They have been out several times but have not for sure figured out what was going on with the machine. Chairman Peters informed the board that with the last storm, the county had a bridge and a culvert wash out.

Supervisor Lamplot reported that she had attended the recent District Health meeting, and they had held discussions with the owner of the building that the District Health is trying to negotiate and buy.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to approve the meeting dates from July through December as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed and discussed the results of the poll taken during the strategic planning meeting.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, Deputy Director, met with the board regarding the status of the FEMA money that they have been working on. For the first disaster declared, the county could possibly receive \$56,000.00, with the county receiving 75% of that. The flood disasters will start in July, and they will have to reassess things again, and we will maybe get more.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #10-12 to rename the current E911 to be 911 and to establish the 911 fund. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, D. French, Lamplot, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Lamplot, to approve Resolution #10-13 to re-establish the Child Support Fund in order to receive incentive payments.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #10-13, to transfer from the General Misc. fund to the County Elections fund the amount of \$8,613.21. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: Lamplot. Motion carried.

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

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Chairman of the Thurston County Board of Equalization called the meeting to order at 10:00. Assessor Susan Schrieber re-entered her evidence into the record. The board discussed the Nebraska Indian Community College and their tax exempt application. Assessor Schrieber explained to the board the process that the Community College has been through over the last several years, and wanted the board to be aware of what was taking place.

The board reviewed the Light of the World Gospel Ministries application of exemption for motor vehicles. This is on a 2002 Dodge B3500. Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the vehicle exemption application.

Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Peters, Wolfe. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization reviewed valuation protests #1, 2, 8, 9, and 10. Assessor Schrieber will give her recommendation regarding these protests at the next meeting.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

The Board held budget discussions.

At 11:00 a.m. the hearing was opened regarding the possible sale of surplus real estate.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to declare real estate as surplus property. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Wolfe to offer said real estate for sale. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to close hearing regarding real estate at 11:10. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Wolfe to adjourn to the next regular meeting to be held July 12, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

July 12, 2010

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 12th day of July, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:15 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 June 28, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, D. French. Nay: Lamplot, Peters. Motion carried.

Supervisor Lamplot asked questions regarding the Resolution to Transfer funds to the Election Budget, and why that transfer wasn't showing up on the budget sheets.

Dale Vavra and others appeared to speak to the board regarding the Blackbird Creek Bridge being closed, and the distance they have to travel – some up to 28 miles to take care of livestock, when it should only be about a six mile trip, and to get to their farmland due to the bridge being closed. County Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald addressed their concerns, and asked the board if they have checked into getting any type of FEMA money for this. This is not a quick process to get Federal Aid money, or soft match money to complete the bridge, but what ever the decision the board makes, the first step will be the environmental study. The gentlemen voiced their concern that we are not to far away from winter, and that this is their only way out. After much discussion, the gentleman gave their opinion of what minimum maintenance roads could be worked on to alleviate the long travel to get to their farmland and livestock, and Chairman Peters assured them that we would make every effort to get this accomplished in the shortest amount of time that they could. Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to authorize the Highway Superintendent to proceed forward as a soft match project and to begin the environmental study. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smith arrived at 9:45.

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

Chairman Peters addressed item #13 on the agenda - to discuss “responsible charge person” and Emergency Management”. The Chairman informed the board that he had received literature regarding this but that it would have to be someone that could attend a course for 2 weeks, and would put a burden on them to keep up to date with everything. Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald suggested that the County put pressure on the Northeast Economic District to consent to perform the duties of responsible charge as they have someone able to perform these duties.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Chairman of the Board of Equalization called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Assessor Susan Schrieber re-entered all evidence previously submitted.

The Chairman asked that it be noted in the record that 2 protests (Easton and Urbanec) lacked proper filing of form 422.

All those appearing to give testimony were sworn in by the Chairman of the Board of Equalization.

Protest #10-03 through 10-07 were heard; Protest 10:08 – not filed on proper form; 10:13 – dismissed due to lack of legal description of Form 422; Reviewed Protest #10-14 through 10-17.

The Board of Equalization heard the Assessors recommendation on Protest previously reviewed.

Protests #10-21 through 10-24 were denied as they were lacking proper forms.

Protest #10-18 through 10-20 were heard.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Smith to recess from the Board of Equalization until the Assessor has had a chance to review the testimony offered, and make her recommendations on the protest heard. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Smith, Peters, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization recessed at 11:15 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Roger and David Gustofson again spoke with the board regarding the water issue on their property and the damage that it is causing to the County Road, due to another party changing the flow of water. Chairman Peters informed them that he has been in contact with Louis Pofahl, a member fo Senator Fortenberry’s office, in order to have the Corp. of Engineers involved and also that they were dispatching the enforcement arm of the Corp. and they were to be here this

week to look at the situation, and direct the county on the solution. Gustofsons have lost a second year of crops on this property, and have waited for over a year for the board to take action. They were informed that this would be considered a criminal act, and asked the county for their assistance. The Board had the County Attorney join the discussion, and asked if she would have a conflict of interest, and direct them to hire outside counsel. The County Attorney's response was that until she had time to review the paperwork, she would be unable to give a decision regarding whether it would be a conflict of interest, and that she was unaware of the situation being discussed. The County Attorney was advised that dirt work was done by Paul Bodlak, causing damage to property and the county road. The Road foreman also stated that the road is soft and mushy, and the contributing factor is that it is a drainage problem due to dirt being moved to change the flow of water. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to gather all information regarding the Gustofson road, Road 12, and get the information to the County Attorney for her review, and to place this item on the next agenda to get the County Attorneys decision whether this will be a conflict of interest for her or not. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

The board held budget discussions. The Board discussed with the Sheriff Chris Kleinberg the position of Emergency Manager, and his thoughts on the position after he leaves office.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called back into order at 1:25 to receive the recommendations of the Assessor on the Valuation Protest heard.

The Board heard the Assessors recommendations on the following protests: #10-3 through 10-7; #10-14 through 10-20.

The Board rendered decisions on all protests filed. (A full listing of all actions taken may be reviewed at the County Clerk's Office).

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors was reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

The Board reviewed claims. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve the claims. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Lamplot not voting – out of room at the time of vote).

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting July 26, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

July 26, 2010

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 July, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 10:07 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.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting as presented. Lamplot offered an addition to the meeting minutes – regarding her questions asked at the last meeting regarding the transfer being made. She felt it should state that the budget authority would seek answers to her questions and provide them at the next meeting. Both Supervisor's Gene and Doyle French agreed to include the addition as part of their motion. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters reported to the board that due to the Vavra discussion at the last meeting, Jeff Malasek and him went and took a look at the road they had proposed to open, it that will be very costly to get the road open since the county would need to put in a bridge since there is a 25 foot creek that runs through it. Malasek and Peters agreed it would be more feasible to do the work on the east/west road instead, and not open the other one.

Supervisor G. French reported that he had attended the Region IV meeting. Region IV will not house anyone at halfway houses now, they are all closed, and all go to Lincoln. The Region is expecting budget cuts.

Supervisor G. French also had questions for the board regarding the safety manual, and what they felt should or should not be included in it so that the board may pass it. Supervisor Lamplot felt that it should be tailored more to fit Thurston County than what was previously presented. Supervisor Lamplot also expressed her desire to get the other safety book completed – “what to do if Paul is gone”. Chairman Peters informed the board that we need to get eye wash stations in the Rosalie and Emerson shops.

Under public comments Supervisor Lamplot stated that she would like it reflected in the minutes that the meeting did not start until 10:07 due to a lack of quorum.

Dale Krusemark did not appear to speak to the board as scheduled.

Vivian Hartwig did not appear to speak to the board as scheduled.

Dave Boshult from the States Noxious Weed Department gave his annual report to the board regarding the Thurston County Noxious Weed Department. There are 4 areas that the state evaluates; inspections, office evaluations, county reports, and continuing education. Of the possible 3,400 possible points, Weed Superintendent Gene French received 3,342 points. He reported that Gene continues to work hard on the Noxious Weeds.

Tammy Maul-Bodlak spoke to the board regarding the possible conflict of interest with the Gustofson road issue. She informed the board that she still has not received any information or documentation regarding this. She is unable to run the conflicts check until she receives further information.

Chairman Peters informed the board that he has asked the Nebraska State patrol to investigate the Gustofson issue, and they are in the process of getting the approval of the Attorney General's office to begin the investigation. Supervisor G. French informed the board that he had a meeting with Justin McCauley regarding this situation. Justin McCauley has spoken to Mr. Bodlak regarding this issue, since there are 2 pieces of tribal property along that road, and Mr. Bodlak agreed to digging out the ditch. Supervisor G. French suggested that he and Justin McCauley continue to work with Mr. Bodlak, and set up a time frame for the work to be done.

Sheriff Chris Kleinberg met with the Board and informed them that he was submitting his resignation as Emergency Manager Director. It is too time consuming, and he will have to take 2 weeks training in Grand Island to continue being emergency manager director. He recommended appointing the deputy emergency manager since he is in fact doing the work. After some discussion, it was agreed that Chris should submit his resignation in writing before the board took any action.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Lamplot to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Lamplot, G. French, D. French, Lamplot. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into executive session to discuss personnel at 11:03a.m.

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

The board reconvened into open session at 11:07 a.m.

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

Motion by D. French, seconded by Lamplot to direct the Assessor and County Attorney to compare files on properties going into trust, and those that are in trust so that the board may address the letter received regarding properties the Tribe feel are in trust and still on the county tax rolls. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held budget discussions.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by D. French, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting August 9, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

August 9, 2010

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 August, 2010. Present were Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Frenchman, and Wolfe.

Due to a lack of a quorum no county business was conducted.

The board adjourned to an emergency meeting on August 12, 2010, with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Attest: Gina Roth
Acting Deputy County Clerk

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS**

August 12, 2010

A emergency 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 12th day of August, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Teri Lamplot, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 2:10 p.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.

Chairman Peters informed the board that the sole agenda item for this meeting is to review and approve payroll claims.

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

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the special meeting on August 16, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Lamplot, D. French, G. French, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Gina Roth
acting Deputy County Clerk

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting**

August 16, 2010

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 16th day of August, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Gene French, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Lamplot, Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:24 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 July 26, 2010 meeting as corrected. Correction shall reflect that Supervisor G. French met with Jason McCauley, not Justin McCauley. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters gave a brief report of the Nirma Round 3 on Self Defense that he had attended.

Dale Krusemark spoke to the board regarding numerous questions that he has asked the board, and has never gotten an answer. He wondered why his valuation protest was not allowed, (due to not providing the street address of the property) and yet the Board of Equalization voted to concur with the Assessor with no change to valuation. His house has increased in valuation 27% over the years, and yet the neighbors have decreased in value. Dale had brought to the board's attention a discrepancy of a neighbors valuation, and how it had changed without them protesting, and asked the board if they had done any investigating into the situation. Dale stated that every meeting he has been to he has been cut off, all he wants is answers to his questions and doesn't feel the board has given him respect. Dale asked the board to look into the accusations he has made and get back in touch with him.

Supervisor Frenchman arrived at 9:43, during the discussion with Mr. Krusemark.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to set date and time to open bids regarding the sale of surplus real estate for September 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., and to approve the advertisement for such. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to accept the resignation of Chris Kleinberg as Emergency Manager Director, effective Monday, August 23, 2101. Roll call vote, Aye; D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

No action was taken on Agenda Item #11 – to discuss/take action regarding Emergency Manager Director position. The board requested this be placed on the next agenda.

The board received an update from County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak and Assessor Susan Schriber regarding properties being taken into trust, and those that are still in the trust process. County Attorney Maul-Bodlak believes some confusion came about because there were some properties that began the process of being taken into trust over again, but the properties that the Tribe is concerned about are not among those properties that had to start the process over. These properties appear to the County Attorney as being in trust, and that the time for any appeals has passed. Supervisor Smith questioned why they were still appearing on the tax rolls and the Assessor replied that they do not believe that the proper notifications were made, and that those concerns were part of a letter that was sent to the Field Solicitor in 2008, and as of yet there has been no reply to that correspondence. It was the consensus of the board to have the Assessor contact the Field Solicitor and get any information available from them, and a decision will be made at the September 7, 2010 meeting regarding these properties.

Agenda Item #13 –Discuss/take action regarding the disposition of those properties that the Winnebago Tribe contends are in trust, but still appear on the tax rolls – no action taken until the September 7, 2010 meeting, to allow the Assessor time to contact the Field Solicitors office.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve an additional 1% increase on restricted funds for budget purposes. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, JG. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss possible litigation.

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

The Board entered back into open session at 10:50 a.m.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to remove Tammy-Maul Bodlak as the attorney for the county in regards to the Gustafson road issue. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to authorize Chairman Peters to contact outside attorney regarding the Gustafson Road issue. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by G. French, seconded by Wolfe to adjourn to the next regular meeting on August 23, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

August 23, 2010

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 August, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Smith, Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 9:32 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 Frenchman to approve the minutes of the August 9, August 12, and August 16, 2010 meetings. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Peters informed the board that he had contacted Stu Mills to act as the counties attorney in the Gustafson road issues.

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

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to appoint Deputy Emergency Manager Director Tom Perez to be the Interim Emergency Manager due to the resignation of Sheriff Kleinberg. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to approve the advertising for Emergency Manager Director, and to appoint the new Emergency Manager at the September 20, 2010 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to approve Resolution 10-15, notifying Fire districts that they will receive 3.5 cents of the miscellaneous 15 cent levy authority. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve Resolution #10-10, notifying townships that no portion of the 15 cent miscellaneous levy authority will be allocated to the townships. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the request of the County Ag. Society, to be allowed to increase their budget request by \$9,000.00. They had \$9,000.00 of unexpended funds from the last years budget, and

would like that added to the request of this year, and this year only. Motion Frenchman, seconded by G. French to allow another \$9,000.00 to be added to the County Ag. Society budget to raise their budgeted request of \$18,000.00 to \$27,000.00 for one year. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board held budget discussions. As the budget was presented, the levy would be set at 41 cents (down from 43 cents last year), and would have approximately \$178,000.00 in carry over to start next year's budget with.

Chairman Peters offered a proposal to the board regarding the ever increasing costs of the employee health insurance. Peters would like to have the employee pay \$45.00 a month towards the premiums of the health insurance. This would be the amount the insurance increased from last budget year to this budget year. The in lieu of insurance would also be decreased by \$45 to set that at \$205.00 per month. Chairman Peters stated that he was offering this as a proposal now, so that by next year, we will research other options for health insurance, possibly a health savings plan, but this is one way to contain the health insurance costs.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to approve proposal of Chairman Peters, to have the employee contribute \$45.00 per month towards the health insurance premium, and to lower the in lieu of insurance payment to \$205.00 per month. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposed budget. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to advertise for the approval for the proposed budget. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to set the budget hearing date and time for September 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to approve the re-advertisement for setting the hearing date for sale of surplus real estate. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, G. French, D. French, Frenchman, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Kleinberg spoke to the board regarding changing the contract for the inmate telephone service to another vendor. This vendor offers a more modern system for listening and taping inmate conversations. The board asked that the contract be reviewed by the County Attorney prior to the board signing the contract. This item will appear on the next agenda, after review of the County Attorney for the boards approval.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting on September 7, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Thurston County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:32.

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

Attest: Tammy Moore

Signed: Leonard Peters
Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

September 7, 2010

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 7th day of September, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Gene French, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Frenchman, Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters at 10:02 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 August 23, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the purchase of radio equipment for communications, and to pay for equipment from the 911 fund. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by G. French to approve the phone contract for the jail facility. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Smith to accept the overtime grant awarded to the Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the Chairman's signature on the grant award from the Crime Commission. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Smith to approve the County Officials Inventories as presented and to place them on file in the County Clerk's office. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the help wanted ad to be placed in the Pender Times for the Emergency Manager Director. It was the consensus of the board that the position should be advertised as a part time position.

The board received an update from the Assessor regarding properties that the Winnebago Tribe claim to be in trust still appearing on the tax rolls. County Assessor Susan Schrieber advised the board that she had sent a letter to the Field Solicitors office asking for a response to a letter sent quite some time ago. The board asked the Assessor to also send a letter to the law firm and let

them know that we are waiting for a response from the Field Solicitors office before removing these properties from the tax rolls.

No action was taken on agenda item #14 – Decision regarding properties in trust remaining on the tax rolls, to give the Field Solicitors office a chance to reply to the letter sent on August 26, 2010.

At 11:00 a.m. the Chairman of the Board opened the public hearing on the proposed budget. Several of the road crew employees were in attendance to speak to the board regarding asking the employee to pay for \$45.00 of the health insurance premium. They felt that the board looks at the employees first to make cuts. They pointed out to the board that they have not received a raise in 2 years, and the deductible continues to increase, as well as the out of pocket expenses, and now they are being asked to take more from their pockets to pay for part of the health insurance premium. The board explained to them that this was the first step in attempting to control the health insurance costs that continue to increase, they also intend to do research into a health savings plan to try to cut some of these costs.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by G. French to approve the proposed budget and set the budget hearing for September 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m. culvert bids received were opened and read aloud. B's Enterprises bid \$29,391.00; Midwest Service bid \$30,046.00. Motion by D. French, seconded by Smith to accept the low bid of B's Enterprises in the amount of \$29,391.00. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Brian McDonald met with the board to give them an update on the roads. He advised the board that 2 bridges in the County had been closed by the state. They will need to be braced, and suggested to have the road foreman take pictures of the bridges and forward them to Brian. The survey and permits are underway for the Blackbird Creek project as well as the soft match project; NEMA will be doing a site investigation this week and we should qualify for assistance.

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting on September 20, 2010 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. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Leonard P. Peters, Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

September 20, 2010

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 20th day of September, 2010. Present were Darren Wolfe, Danelle Smith, Gene French, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Frenchman, Lamplot.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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 D. French to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under Agenda item #3 – Old business, the board discussed the water drainage issue between Paul Bodlak and the Gustofson brothers. Chairman Peters informed the board that he had spoken to the NACO attorney's and was given direction on this matter. The board can simply send a letter to Mr. Bodlak advising him to clear out the drainage ditch within 15 days, and if it is not completed, the county will come in and dig it out, and the bill will be assessed against his property taxes. Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the Chairman to draft the letter and send to Mr. Bodlak. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Also under old business, the board discussed the drop box that was requested by the Treasurer's office. Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the purchase and installation of a drop box on the east side of the courthouse for use by the public. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

Supervisor Gene French gave a report on the Committee meetings he recently attended. Northstar has finally sold the building in Oakland, and they have approved the CEO for Northstar. Supervisor G. French also reported that he attended the last meeting of Region IV, where they also appointed the CEO for the organization. Supervisor G. French also asked the Chairman if he should attend the District Health Meetings until January, 2011 since Supervisor Lamplot was the appointed representative from the Board. Chairman Peters appointed G. French to attend the District Health Board meetings until January, 2011.

Supervisor Frenchman arrived at 9:30 during committee reports.

Chairman Peters reported that him and Jeff Malasek had attended the recent meeting held by NEMA, and relieved a lot of good information in regards to working with FEMA.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to accept the resignation of Teri Lamplot from the Board of Supervisors. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to declare Board of Supervisors District #2 seat vacant due to the resignation of Supervisor Lamplot. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter to be sent to Mr. Dale Krusemark, regarding the questions he posed to the board when he met with them. Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to approve the letter to be sent to Dale Krusemark. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #10-18, to direct the county attorney to foreclose on those properties that have delinquent taxes and have been offered for sale, but not sold due to want of bidders. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Budget Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. No one appeared to give testimony in favor or opposition to the presented budget.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by G. French to approve the 2010-2011 Budget document as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman, to approve Resolution #10-17, to adopt the budget document, and to make necessary appropriations to the funds for use by the various offices. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by D. French, seconded by Frenchman to adjourn to the next regular meeting on October 4, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Leonard P. Peters, Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

October 18, 2010

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 October, 2010. Present were Danelle Smith, Caroline Frenchman, Gene French, Doyle French, and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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 D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under agenda item #4 – emergency items, Gene French informed the board that the transmission has gone out of his pickup. He has checked into it, and the transmission could be replaced for approximately \$1000.00. After discussion, it was the consensus of the board to look around at used vehicles, and give the board an update at the next meeting.

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

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:13.

Discussion was held regarding the “Scott” property, and notice of the intent to place into trust. Chairman Peters felt that it is the duty of the board to file an appeal, since this again erodes at the tax base of the county. Supervisors Frenchman voiced her concern that the County Attorney be using her time to appeal the decision, since the decision has already been made to place the property into trust.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Frenchman to abandon the appeals process regarding the “Scott” Property being placed into trust. Roll call vote, Aye: Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe. Nay: D. French, G. French, Peters. Motion Failed. No action taken.

The board again discussed the road situation by Bodlaks and Gustofsons. Chairman Peters informed the board that nothing had been done about the situation since Paul Bodlak received his letter from the board to return the flow of the ditch back to it’s natural flow, and jour equipment is not big enough to dig out the ditch. Peters advised that he had heard that if this situation has been ongoing for over 10 years, there is nothing the county can do about it. The engineer looked at the situation, and thought the county could solve it’s road issue by putting in a bigger tube and

widening the road. The county engineer also stated that he would try to pull aerial photos on the Bodlak site, and see when the ditch was changed.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Smith to approve the chairman's signature on indirect rate sheet and certification of cost allocation plan. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Marcus Tooze spoke to the board regarding the 911 addressing in the Winnebago area. Winnebago was not included in addressing project when it originally took place due to what Marcus believed was lack of interest on behalf of the village and tribe, and so the county moved on without the addressing being completed in the Winnebago area. Now people are discovering the delays when calling 911 for the Winnebago area and complaining of not receiving good service from 911. Marcus presented information on what could be done to correct the issue, and to address Winnebago, consist with the rest of the county. Marcus pointed out all the trouble spots with the current addressing system, and what could be done to improve the situation. Problems faced now are the inconsistent numbering in Winnebago. Marcus proposed that Winnebago be readdressed with addressing that meet NENA standards. Marcus would also approach the Village and Tribe prior to anything being done, to make sure they understand the new system, and they benefits of consistent addressing. As Marcus described the process, the number of the new scheme would be presented to the county board, and then approach the Tribe and village. They would work with the Post office and telephone company to get all addresses the same. Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to move forward with the project. Roll call vote, Aye: Wolfe, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald spoke to the board and presented the NBCS report. Motion by Wolfe, seconded by Frenchman to authorize the chairman's signature on the report. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to approve Resolution #10-21, to transfer \$150,000.00 to the Roads fund from the General Miscellaneous Fund. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Smith not voting, out of room at time of vote).

The board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Wolfe, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting November 1, 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. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Leonard P. Peters, Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

November 15, 2010

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 November, 2010. Present were Danelle Smith, Gene French, Doyle French, Joel Lamplot and Leonard Peters. Absent: Darren Wolfe, Caroline Frenchman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Leonard Peters 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 D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Abstain: Lamplot. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: G. French, Smith, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamplot, seconded by G. French, to approve the minutes of the special meeting on November 5, 2010. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, G. French, Lamplot, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under old business, Supervisor G. French said that he had been approached by Gustofsons wondering where we are going with this issue. Their attorney continues to tell them that it is the county's responsibility. Chairman Peters said that the county can't do anything until Gustofsons clean out the ditch, and then the county will be able to fix the road. Supervisor G. French said that he would inform Gustofsons of this.

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

Supervisors Frenchman arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Motion by D. French, seconded by G. French to approve the chairman's signature on the GIS agreement for addressing Winnebago. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence from Karl Baker regarding the Assessor's office failing to come to his place and reconsider the valuation on his place. He had requested the Assessor's office to come out and look at his place some time ago, but they have not shown up yet. It was the consensus of the board to respond to Mr. Baker that the board only has the ability to review

valuations during the protest time, and to provide Mr. Baker with the necessary dates for filing a valuation protest.

Supervisor Wolfe arrived at 9:21a.m.

The board discussed the Emerson Road Shop. It has previously been discussed to have Dakota County pay for their use of the Emerson Shop, and due to work needing to be completed in the shop, so that there is a restroom and eye wash station, it is time to start collecting rent from Dakota County, that will help pay for the renovations that need to be done. It was suggested that we charge Dakota County \$1,200.00 per quarter for rent on the shop. Motion by D. French, seconded by Smith to approve the request for \$1,200.00 rental fee per quarter from Dakota County for their use of the Emerson Road Shop. Roll call vote, Aye: Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe. Motion carried.

The board discussed the purchase of a pickup for the sign department. After some discussion, motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to buy the 2003 ¾ ton pickup that Supervisor G. French had found. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the sign/weed supervisor position that will open the first of December. It was the agreement of the board that when hiring for this position, it would be for someone to take on the signs and weeds, but also be able to operate other machinery as needed – a motor grader, backhoe ect. Motion by D. French, seconded by Smith to approve advertising for a full time position for the signs and noxious weed position. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by G. French, seconded by Frenchman to request that the County Attorney represent Thurston County for an upcoming TERC hearing with Herman Frese Jr.. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dale Vavra and others visited with the board regarding work being done in their area. Wondering when anything is going to get done. Chairman Peters informed them that the bridge is on the list to be completed, but right now we are waiting on stringers, and are caught up in the bureaucracy, we have had no acknowledgement from the state yet to get all approved to go forward. As far as the road, it is on track to get done, but with the timing now, not sure if we can get the road built up yet this year. Dale and others wondered if there was a cost estimate in going north on the road instead of south. Peters responded that there had not been a cost estimate completed on going north. Alan Preston talked with the board regarding the corners that are all really short, making it very difficult turn corners with a truck.

One of the gentlemen also questioned whether county vehicles are to be taken home in the evenings, and they were informed that the pickups were not to be taken home at night. The gentleman informed that board that one of the county pickups is being driven home at night, and Jeff Malasek, road foreman, said that it would be dealt with immediately.

At 10:30 the lone bid received for contracted snow removal was opened. The bid was submitted from Cooney's. The bid was for \$150.00 per hour for the 950HCat; \$135 per hour for 140HCat; \$200 per hour for the D6R Cat. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by Frenchman to accept the bid submitted by Cooney's for snow removal. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

After review of the bid, the board discussed having only one bid for the snow removal. After some discussion, motion by Frenchman, seconded by D. French to re-advertise the soliciting of bids for contracted snow removal, and to run the notice in the Elkhorn Valley Shopper, South Sioux City Star, and the Morning Shopper. Road Foreman Jeff Malasek will draw up the ad and have it placed in these newspapers. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Smith not voting, gone from room at time of vote. Motion carried.

The board visited with Tom Perez, Emergency Manager Director. He gave the board an update on the generator they are purchasing for the communications department. The total cost of the generator is about \$32,000, but the state will provide for all but about \$2,000.00, that will be paid out of the 911 fund. Tom also gave the board an update on where we are at with FEMA. He told the board that he is still dealing with them on the pay loader that broke down, and getting some reimbursement on that, but at this time it looks as if we could receive about \$17,000 from FEMA. Tom spoke to the board regarding the Emergency Manager Director position being a full time position. The state has a grant available that would fund the fulltime position, with the county matching half of the salary. The state could provide about \$25,000.00 to make the position full time. The board agreed to consider making the position a full time position, with the state providing half of the funds.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman of the Board of Equalization Darren Wolfe at 11:09. Assessor Schrieber presented tax list correction #48. Tax list correction is for William Scotsman Inc. on personal property that was omitted in 2009. Actual valuation \$18545, for an added tax of \$341.65. Motion by Peters, seconded by Frenchman to approve tax list correction #48, adding tax of \$341.65. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Smith, Frenchman, G. French, Lamplot, D. French, Wolfe. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The board held a discussion on pursuing or abandoning the fee to trust appeal by the County Attorney. Motion by Lamplot, seconded by D. French to pursue the appeal of property going into trust. During discussion the question was raised as to how far and at what cost are we going

to pursue the appeal. Peters stated that he felt it was time that we took an appeal all the way to the top, and get this settled once and for all. Supervisor Wolfe questioned at what expense and cost does the board pursue this, and wondered, before going forward, how much is the board willing to spend on this. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Peters. Nay: Wolfe, Frenchman, Smith. Motion carried.

After the vote, Lamplot asked Smith, if it wasn't a conflict of interest for her to vote on trust issues involving the Winnebago Tribe. Smith replied that it was not a conflict of interest as there is no personal gain by putting the property into trust on behalf of the tribe.

Diane Ballard spoke with the board and asked the board to consider enacting a county lodging tax. This tax would be used to promote tourism in Thurston County. She had talked with the state, and the state projected that this tax could bring in approximately \$2,000.00 per year, which in turn would be used to promote tourism throughout the county. If the county was interested they would have to appoint a 5 to 7 member board to oversee what the money would be spent on. At this point, she was checking to see if the board would be interested in approving a county lodging tax. She provided the board with a hand out for their consideration, and would be in contact with the board regarding any questions they may have regarding the lodging tax.

Motion by Frenchman, seconded by Wolfe to approve the chairman's signature on the Certification for County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed correspondence.

The board reviewed claims, by review of the claims report due to printer issues.

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

Motion by G. French, seconded by D. French to adjourn to the next regular meeting on November 29, 2010 with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: D. French, Lamplot, G. French, Frenchman, Smith, Wolfe, Peters. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Leonard P. Peters, Chairman