

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 2, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on January 2, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Sheriff Russ Briggs, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, and Aaron Bos Director of Nebraska CLASS. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023, meeting. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

Adjourn Sine Die motioned by English second by French. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Clerk Patty Bessmer called for Nominations for Chairman; English made the motion for Meyer to be Chairman second by Mueller. No further nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Nomination for Vice Chairman, Price nominated Mark English seconded by Harlan, no more nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Nominations for Board of Equalization Chairman. French nominated Mayberry second by Price, no more nominations were nominated. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer appointed committees as follows:

Finance Committee: Mayberry, French, English

Building Committee: Meyer, Mayberry

Region IV North Star: Mueller

Region IV Mental Health Services: Meyer

NE Nebraska Public Health District: Meyer

Safety Committee: English, Price, Harlan

Jail Inspection: French, Mueller, Price

911 Committee: Mayberry, Price, English

Loess Hills RC & D: Meyer

County Physician: Matt Felber

Evaluation Performances: Mayberry, English, Meyer

Jail Building Committee: Mayberry, Mueller, French

All Hazard Mitigation: English, French, Tom Perez

Roads Policy Committee: Mayberry, Price, French

Heartland Counseling Services: Mueller and Mayberry

Emergency Management: English, Harlan, Price

Handbook: Mayberry, Meyer, French and all elected officials

NE Nebraska Economic Development: Meyer

Grant Committee: Mueller, Harlan, French

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished business: None

Committee reports: Mayberry, Mueller and Meyer reported they had gone to NACO Conference in December.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to appoint the Pender Times as the Official newspaper. for Publications and County Board proceedings. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Harlan seconded by French to appoint Tom Perez as the Emergency Manager for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Harlan seconded by English to appoint Tom Perez as the Flood Manager for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to appoint Dan Alexander as the Hwy Superintendent for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez reported he had been busy with the weather and getting everything ready for NEMA and FEMA as they will be coming out this week to do an audit on projects from the 2019 flood. Mat Frazey will be going with them to inspect the sights. Tom reported that the magnets ordered had come in and the Fire Departments will be handing them out. After the Fire Departments are done handing them out, they will decide where to put them for the public to take.

Mat Frazey reported that they have been working on some ditches, cutting trees and blading. They also had a couple days of pushing snow. The wings have been put on all motor graders. The 160 Caterpillar is getting engine oil in the transmission. The mechanics is not exactly sure what wrong whether it is a ring or a seal. It will be scheduled to go to the shop and that will take approximately two weeks to repair. Nebraska machinery will bring us a loaner out while it is in the shop. They will pick the 160-motor grader up and deliver the loaner to us. This is all under Warranty. Mat said they still have some trees to cut up on D Ave. They have rented a stump remover as there are some large stumps to be removed. French asked if the landowner was paying for the removal of the trees and Mat informed him these trees were on the roads ROW but if they were on a person's land then they will be billed for them. Price suggested that Mat should send a list of locations and what need to be done to the Tribes, as he knows that the Winnebago Roads Department has ways and means to do these types of projects if there are trees and such on tribal land. This could be a joint effort that we work together on this.

Aaron Bos Director of Nebraska CLASS. Nebraska class is an investment pool for a local government investment. The deal with your basic operating capital. Nebraska CLASS will make sure we are getting a higher rate of return. They have the highest rate of return in the state, 5.62%. This is completely liquid. You can access your capital whenever it is needed. Additional aspects are they compound our capital every single day. Passing the resolution today does not mean that the county is locked into a contract, or commitment.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-01 Nebraska CLASS as Declaration of Trust for funds 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 513-514.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-02 Frontier Bank as a Depository of funds for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 515.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve resolution #24-03 to transfer \$40,000.00 from General funds to Roads Fund. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 516.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-04 to transfer \$5,000.00 from General Fund to the Building Fund. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 517.](#)

Motioned made by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-05 to approve Charter West Bank as a Depository of funds for 2024. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 518.](#)

Approve Resolution #24-06 approving First Nebraska bank of Valley as Depository for 2024.
Motioned died due to lack of motion to approve.

Motioned by Mayberry Second by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for December 2023. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Price to extend the lease on the 250 Excavator that we are currently leasing for another 5 years. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, English, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on January 16, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, James Price, Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan and Jim Mueller. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:07 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Committee reports: None

Public Comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk fee report for December of 2023. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee reports for October and November 2023. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Chairman Glen Meyer's signature on the Maximus 2022 indirect Cost Plan with Maximus. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the statements from NIRMA and Kurt Elder. The decision was made to approve them with the claims as presented today.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the MOU with the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs amendment that extends for 2 more years through 12-31-2025. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer gave a written report on NACO Convention she attended in December. The Board thanked her for doing this.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by French seconded by English to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

BOE was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry

Motioned by Price seconded by Meyer to approve Exemption application for Atlas of Winnebago for 3 vehicles. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Meyer to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to pay for radio reprogramming out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call Aye: French, English, Price, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan and Mueller. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported has been busy with the weather, he has been working with the roads department, getting reports for the state, federal and other departments. The roads crew has worked very hard and said it has been so difficult because the drifts are so hard. Tom has been tracking all of it and will keep working with Mat Frazey and the road crew. Tom has been talking with NEMA perhaps some reimbursement for some of the additional costs incurred. Their indication is that they are not going to pay for snow removal. Tom kept in close contact with Mat and told Mat to keep track of everything. Tom informed the board that he had finished up the FEMA and NEMA audit last week. Rebecca Blizzard had taken a bunch of paperwork back with her and had some more questions on that but overall, however the audits went very well. Glen Meyer had spoken with Mat Frazey, and Mat thought that by the end of today, Tuesday, everything should be open at least one pathway through the roads. Glen also said they had been working with the tribe's roads departments and on cooperation working together. James, Mat, Tom, and Glen have all worked together on this.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to put a thank you in the paper to thank all the Roads crew and the volunteers and to the public for all for the cooperation during this snow emergency. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss litigations. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to come out of Executive session at 10:12 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Emergency items were discussed, Price had suggestions for a list to be put together of what or who the first priorities should be on opened first. Example Law enforcement, Doctors, fire departments, EMT's and the people that do the snow removal. He would like some kind of notice to be sent out to the public to tell them to stay at home, it is not safe for anyone to travel. Price also suggested that a list of those certain roads be made so that they know which ones should be opened first. Price also wanted to know if the County could help open the highway in an emergency to get someone to the hospital in Sioux City if needed. The board said only in emergency and only to the county line and then Dakota county would have to take it from there. James would like to see some of this implemented into the county procedures. Glen suggested Tom put something together and work with Price on getting something put together.

English stated that he does not think it is a good idea to do the fire and rescue members on the list of priorities but to get the fire hall and roads first. The fire and rescue volunteers will find a way to get there. Meyer stated that from the emergency items to discuss we at least have some plans to move forward on now.

Discussion on a Declaration of Disaster was discussed but no action taken.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 29, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on January 29, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Road Superintendent Dan Alexander, Treasure Robin Christiansen, County Extension Staff Jennifer Hansen, Sydney Williams, Bobbie Hingst, Applied Connective Representatives Brandon Petersen, Erich Henn, and Will Zoucha. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Price, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee reports: Glen Meyer reported he had attended the Region IV Mental Health meeting last week. Glen received a packet indicating all the emergency protective custody, they provide this on a month-to-month basis. Everything is broken out on a county basis in the reports. Thurston County investment is around \$20,000.00, this is a prorated basis from the state formula based on population. Last year our return was about \$94,000.00 for our investments based on services rendered to our county. This is a very worthwhile committee and is doing a lot of good for our county and the others in this district. They deal with primarily drug addiction, drug interdiction and mental health issues.

Public Comments: None

Mark Heckenliable gave his report on his annual plan for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Mark had informed the board that he was using the new software, he had converted the old software over and it was fairly complicated, and he is still working on figuring it out. James Price had talked to him about some concerns with hemlock in Winnebago area. Mark had informed him that it was not considered a noxious weed for the state, so he is not able to do anything legally with that. James Price had asked Mark to get him some information on what to use on this type of weed and what product would work best to use on this weed.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman Glen Meyer's signature on the Noxious Weed Control Plan to the State for 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Price, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-07 to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund to the Building Fund. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Price, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 519.](#)

Jennifer Hansen Extension Coordinator presented her programming and financial summaries for 2023. Jennifer reports included her budget expenditures her current fiscal year budget and the County impact report. She also introduced her new staff member Bobbie Hingst, and a summary of what each educator and assistant job entails.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez reported that he has been busy the past couple of weeks with the weather. Paperwork has been started; however the state has not decided if it will be declared a disaster. Tom stated he had spent a lot of time on the phone back and forth with NDOT, Mat Frazey and area

Emergency Managers. Tom said that all costs of this storm are being tracked for the possibility of a declaration of some sort.

Eric Henn, Will Zoucha, and Brandon Petersen with Applied Connective were here to talk about a new phone system and the internet services to offer solutions to fix some of the issues that have occurred in the offices in the courthouse. Not only can they solve the problems, but it would also save the county a substantial amount of money by switching from Lumen. Eric explained each of the cost and the breakdown of all items that were in his proposal.

Brandon Petersen with Applied Connective, account manager for Thurston County spoke on all the issues they had working with Lumen when they began their process of getting cybersecurity and new emails up and running. The main issue was the cloud hosted firewall with the ADTRAN router was at end of life. Lumen was very difficult to work with, they worked with several people on this for several months. Applied Connective finally put their firewall in behind Lumen's so they could at least get the County some cybersecurity protection. The end goal would be to do a fresh start with Lumen and get them to put an internet circuit in here so Applied Connective can have a static IP address. Patty Bessmer Clerk will see when the Lumen contract ends.

Robin Christiansen spoke on the issues that her office has had with the phones.

Road Supervisor Mat Frazey the roads department has been busy moving snow and breakdowns. When the weather is as cold as it was it causes more hoses to break, hydraulic leaks, breakdowns and just maintenance on the equipment. The guys all worked good together on this storm and put in a lot of extra hours. They are still moving snow and winging back some roads.

Dan Alexander Road Superintendent handed out the FC bridge inspections. These will need to be filed with the roads department. The only thing found in the inspections was on G Ave. This was closed due to its condition. Dan had met with NDOT about a month ago on the bridge East of Pender on Hwy 94 as they are looking at replacing the bridge trust. Update on CBMP for 2023 that the state rather than taking RFP's and applying for the funds are in a transition with legislature, they are going to decide how much they're going to put back into that fund and how they will distribute it in the future. The State just took the year prior application, and we did not receive anything there. That is how it was done this year. Dan informed the Board that the one-and-six-year plan will be done in February.

Correspondence: There was some information on the Consumption tax that is being proposed. This was just for information only.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims with the charge of taxes to be removed on the John Deere claim and Fastwayre. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Price, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Price, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on February 12, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and Davin French. Absent James Price and Arnie Harlan Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey and Sheriff Russ Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: None

Committee reports: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve fee report for January 2024 from County Clerk Patty Bessmer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve fee report for January 2024 from District Court Clerk Gina Roth. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to rehire Isaiah Walker for the Sheriff's Department. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez reported he had been busy working on 911 addressing in Winnebago and Macy, also worked on reports due for some grants.

Road Supervisor Mat Frazey reported that the roads department will busy blading this week. They have been busy working on equipment maintenance from the storm and getting it ready to go for the next storm. Last week they were able to haul some gravel from West Point, they are hauling again today as they may not be able to get gravel from West Point at any given time. The Caterpillar 160 is in the shop, we do have a loaner machine currently from Caterpillar until the County's is back.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve Resolution #24-08 to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund to the Roads Fund. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

A fifteen-minute recess was taken at 9:15 a.m. as the next item on the agenda was Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Back into session at 9:30 a.m.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by French second by English to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Tax List Corrections:

1. Parcel #003390004 Homestead was at 40% and changed to 30% additional amount is \$30.68. Motioned by English seconded Mueller to approve this correction. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.
2. Parcel #00210017 correction in the amount of \$117.24 reduction due to building be removed. Motioned by English seconded by French to approve this correction. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.
3. Parcel #002360032 correction in the amount of \$284.04 reduction due to concrete correction. Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve this correction. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by English to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Mayberry. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve claims with the correction of error on CNA claim and taxes to be remove from Janke Auto Co claim. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent Price and Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
February 26, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on February 26, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Deputy Chace Morgan, and Sheriff Russ Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

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Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Abstain Price. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Mark English wanted to set a date for the lunch for the Roads Department, Sheriff's Department and the public that helped with the removal of snow back in January. The lunch will be March 11, 2024, at the Walthill Fire Hall at 12:00 p.m. March 11, 2024.

Committee reports: Meyer attended that Region IV Mental Health meeting last week. The EPC yearly Emergency custody reports were reviewed and a review of the resources for our providers.

Debbie Borg with Northeast Nebraska Agriculture outreach Director for US Senator Pete Ricketts informed the Board that she was holding a mobile office hour from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. today down in the lobby on first floor. Debbie explained to the board what the purpose of holding these types of opportunities was so that constituents could come seek assistance with an issue. Examples of these issues are social security, Medicare, Veterans needing assistance, we might be able to help them navigate through the process. Some constituents have had issues getting benefits and what they do is request a follow up as to why they haven't gotten an answer or why they have not gotten an answer.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve the contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC. with the changes the County Attorney has clarified and approved. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Meyers signature on the contract with Great Plains Valuation LLC after County Attorney has approved the contract. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to advertise for gravel bids to be opened March 11, 2024, meeting. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey reported that last week they were cleaning up trees that they had cut down before the snowstorm. Mat informed the board that they will start working on some culverts as there are some scour issues.

Discussion was held on renovating the Rosalie shop as many repairs need to be done. The overhead door does not work properly, the building needs rewired, insulated and the roof needs repaired or replaced as it leaks. Mat was asked to get some prices on a new door for the Rosalie shop and get some prices for possible repairs on the other deficiencies.

Tom Perez reported he had been busy with some of the new programs rolling out. Tom has been working on 911 stuff that has been going on. Tom said the new state radios have been issued and Mark English had gone over to Macy to look at the new state radios that all Fire Departments will be receiving

through a grant. All departments will be on the same system and will be able to communicate with all departments throughout the state. This is a much-needed upgrade for all departments. The cost of each unit is \$14,000.00. They will be having training on the new radios at the next LEC meeting.

Correspondence: the following correspondence was presented to the Board, Nirma 2023 annual report. All correspondence is available for the public to inspect in the County Clerk's office.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 11, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on March 11, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Wendy Petersen, Brandon Peterson, and Eric Henn. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

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Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of February 26, 2024, meeting with the change of Region IV Behavior Health not Mental Health. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Chairman Meyer discussed before Treasurer Robin Christiansen can move or renew any funds for the County, the Board must approve it.

Committee reports: English reminded the Board of the luncheon today at the Walthill Firehall for the Roads, Law Enforcement, and all the volunteers for all their hard work during the blizzard in January.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer's February 2024 fee report in the amount of \$8,410.50. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by mayberry Seconded by Price to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth's February 2024 fee report in the amount of \$286.66. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Noxious Weed's 2023 Nebraska Department of Ag annual report. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Wendy Petersen representing the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska would like to purchase a property located in Walthill, Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition Walthill, Thurston County Nebraska. Parcel #003340027. This is behind the Dialysis Center; they are looking to expand. The board will start the process of selling the property as surplus.

Robin Christiansen Treasurer reported to the results of the tax sale March 4, 2024, 39 parcels sold with a total of \$54,300.00 collected.

Tom Perez reported that the first two quarters of state funds that are used for his salary had come in the amount of \$12,858.18. Tom reported he had a LEPC meeting this past week and it was discussed that. He stated that himself and a couple of the other Emergency directors would break the County down into sections and start going through addressing, it appears there are a lot of missing 911 addresses and things are not correct on the maps. Signs aren't where they are supposed to be, addresses have been changed and seems there has been a lack of communication on addressing. The overlays are not on the survey sites like they are supposed to be. Tom spoke with Gworks last week about getting this done so that the 911 overlay overlays with the Assessor. Tom said he had recruited a couple of people to help him with this.

Tom informed the board that the state radio programming is pretty much taken care of. Tom reminded the board again about the classes they need to attend to get certificates to be able to receive disaster funds, from FEMA, NEMA. Tom informed the board that he has these classes on a zip drive, and they can do them and get these certificates. The numbers of these certificates that are needed are 1, 2, 7, & 8. Four board members still need this. Mark English suggested that when the LEPC does this, all are welcome to do this with them. He will let everyone know when that will be.

Board of Equalization Minutes

Motioned by Price second by French to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:34 a.m.

Tax list correction:

1. Wally & Jennifer Juhlin parcel # 002121002 correction of a deduction of \$103.54 due to building being removed from property. Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the correction. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.
2. Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Exemption Application for Pender Care Centre District Inc. 2024 Cargo Trailer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Assessor Schrieber presented the 2024 Exemption Applications of the following properties:

Assembly of God Church Pender, Classis of Central Plains Winnebago Reformed Church, Community of Christ Church, Edu care of Winnebago; Evangelical Covenant Church Pender, First Methodist Church Walthill, Heritage Museum of Thurston County Inc., Ho-Chunk Community Development Corp. Winnebago, John Huss Presbyterian Church Pender, John Rooney Post #55 Pender, Light of the World Gospel Ministries Walthill, Little Priest Tribal College Winnebago, Methodist Church Rosalie, Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Nebraska Indian Community College Macy, Northeast Community Action Partnership Inc. Pender, Olive Branch Lodge No 274, A.F. & A.M. Rosalie, Our Lady of Fatima Church of Macy, Pender Care Centre District Inc., Pender Community Center, Pioneer Senior Citizen Inc. Pender, Presbyterian Faith United Church, Seventh Direction Inc., St. Augustine's Indian Mission Winnebago, St. John's Catholic Church Pender, St. Joseph's Catholic Church Walthill, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Susan LaFlesche Picotte Center Inc. Walthill, Trinity Lutheran Church Walthill, United Church of Pender, United Methodist & Presbyterian USA, Pender, Walthill Senior Citizens Inc., UCCXVIII, INC., DBA Omaha Care Senior Living, Walthill Saddle Club, Walthill Senior Citizens Center Winnebago Reformed Church, and Winnebago Senior Center.

Motioned by English seconded by Meyer to adjourn BOE at 9:42 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey reported the 160 maintainer that was out for repair is back and running. They have been cleaning up tree debris and have been working on culverts and replaced a culvert north of Thurston. Gravel bids will be advertised in this week and next week's paper. Bids will be opened 3-25-2024 at 9:40 a.m.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Exemption Application from Pender Care Centre District Inc. for a 2024 R & M Cargo Trailer. Vin# 55ZR1EC20R1011868. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:42 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Brandon Peterson & Eric Henn with Applied Connective to discuss the phone services they would provide to the County Court House. County Clerk Patty Bessmer had followed up with the contract that the County was currently with Lumen, and it is a month-by-month contract. Eric Henn gave all Board members a copy of the services they are providing to the County. This will be a great cost savings to the County.

The managed services will be \$881.68 a month and hardware costs are \$5811.65 with a one-time installation cost of \$6,000.00.

Motioned by English seconded Mueller to approve the Applied Connective contract with the approval of the County Attorney, and the new dollar amounts that will be sent to the Clerk as discussed to be changed. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to advertise for bids for the Rosalie Shop to replace the Overhead door, rewiring electrical interior, sealing of the roof and installation of insulation in the building. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller second by Mayberry to post signs in both entrances of the Courthouse requesting any vendor or technician entering the building must check in at the Clerk's office. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the associate membership of \$100.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:36 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on March 25, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Deputy Chace Morgan, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Communications Laura Novak, Richard Smith, Ray Cooney, Marvin and Bernice Siebrandt, Matt May. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished Business: Meyer stated at the last meeting we had made a motion to accept the Applied Connectives quote with the approval of the County Attorney looking at the quote. Meyer stated that we would accept the quote. The amount did exceed \$10,000.00 and on a technical basis we would need to have informal bids, however since Applied Connective is our cybersecurity contractor and has been substantially involved in our systems, he believed it was appropriate that we go ahead with Applied Connective and go with them as the County's phone provider and services.

Committee reports: English said the luncheon was well attended for the Roads and Law Enforcement and Volunteers.

Meyer reported the Survey has been completed on the Morgan's scale and the information needs to go the County Attorney to decide if we must have an easement or what action we want to take on this particular issue. Glen also spoke regarding Region IV Behavior Health and the what the County match is yearly \$16,048.00 and this is paid quarterly. Region IV contributions on a yearly basis for Thurston County specifically is \$98,674.01.

Public comments: Brad Krusemark spoke with the board about the need to repair 12th Road.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve Robin Christiansen to rollover the CDs at Frontier Bank into a 6-month CD at a rate of 5.37%. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the Special Liquor License for Bohemian One Stop at the Kai Family Barn, May 25, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to declare the fair market value at \$1,250.00 of the property located at 149 S. Tallman St. Lot 21 block 24 Original Plat Village of Walthill, Thurston County Ne. Parcel # 003340027. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to rescind the vote on the fair market value of \$1,250.00 for the property located at 149 S. Tallman St. Lot 21 block 24 Original Plat Village of Walthill, Thurston County Ne. Parcel # 003340027 due to it was advertised to set the Fair market value April 8th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to join NE Region 911 group. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

The cost of the 911 membership and the upgrades was tabled until the next meeting April 8, 2024.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the Fee report of the Sheriff Russ Briggs, December 2023 in the amount of \$1,907.10 and January 2024 \$545.34. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom reported that this coming week is severe weather awareness week, and the sirens would be tested in all the communities throughout the county. Tom informed the board that last week he had gone to Walthill school and

went through some drills and scenarios of things to do in case of an emergency. Last week he participated in drill from South Sioux Emergency departments, it went very well.

Mat Frazey reported that they have been blading and have been taking rock out to areas that need some extra stabilizing before the rainy weather starts. They have worked repairing culverts and scours, cleaning ditches, and removing some trees.

Gravel bids were opened at 9:40 a.m. Bids were received from Smith Trucking, Siebrandt Trucking and Cooney Fertilizer. This year they were all asked to submit bids based on two points of origin of gravel due to availability and distance. Those being Stalp's in West Point and Dolezal's in North Bend.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to award the bid of \$28.69 Stalp's / \$33.98 Dolezal's to Cooney Fertilizer for Winnebago Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to award the bid of \$27.39 Stalp's / \$32.70 Dolezal's to Cooney Fertilizer for Anderson, Omaha, Blackbird Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to award the bid of \$25.98 Stalp's / \$30.98 Dolezal's to Smith Farm Service for Thayer, Pender, Bryan, Flourney townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to award the bid of \$25.98/\$28.50 to Siebrandt Trucking for Dawes Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to award the bid of \$26.75/\$29.45 to Siebrandt Trucking for Merry, and Perry Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve Resolution #24-08 the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 520.](#)

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to accept the 2024 Fracture Critical bridge inspection proposal from Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$3,700.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion on the block grant From Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. No action was taken.

Discussion on changes or amendment on the Entity Authorization resolution from Frontier Bank. No action taken tabled until next meeting.

Approving signatures on the Frontier Entity Authorization resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
April 8th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on April 8th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Derek Herron, Beth Ferrell, Jo Tonjes. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of March 25th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished business: None

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: French talked about the Tribal Transportation Conference he and Glen Meyer had attended. Dan Alexander, Road Superintendent gave a great presentation on what all Thurston County has completed and projects for the future at this conference.

Jo Tonjes appeared before the board to discuss 911 services.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Glen Meyer Chairman and County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signatures on 911 Regionalization Contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for March 2024 in the amount of \$12,535.00 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for March 2024 in the amount of \$399.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Glen Meyer Chairman signature on the revised Diversion Application. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. A hearing was opened to declare fair market value on the property located at Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska, Parcel #003340027 located at 149 S Tallman St. Walthill, Ne. Motioned by Mayberry to set the fair market value at \$1,250.00 seconded by Price. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Beth Farrell with NACO was here to give an update on what NACO has been working on for the last few months. NACO works very closely with legislation and works very hard for the benefit of the Counties. NACO has been doing an Employees benefit and salary study that will be released at the June Convention.

The June Convention will be in general sessions and then break out to individual departments. Beth thanked Glen Meyer for coming down and testifying before the legislation on behalf of Thurston County how important the Inheritance tax is for the counties. It did come out of committee and did not

have enough votes to advance. She thanked all those who reached out to their Senators to let them know how important the Inheritance tax is to help keep levies down. Beth went over several new laws that will go into effect in January 2025. The County workshop in October will be held in Ogallala at the NACO new facility. Beth told the Board if anyone has any suggestions for the 2025-2026 legislation, please reach out to her or one of the staff members at NACO.

9:40 a.m. Bids were opened for the projects advertised to be done on the Rosalie Shop as follows:
Seal and repair the roof, Insulate the inside of the shop and electrical work to be done as advertised.
R and A Seamless foam insulation walls and gable, \$19,250.00
No other bids were submitted.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid from R and A Seamless. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Thomsen Electric: rewire the shop and install a new 200-amp panel, install 12 new high bay led shop lights, install outside lights, install sub panel on east west for dedicated circuits, install outlets on east and west walls \$28,218.00. No other bids were submitted.
Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English second by price to purchase a security wand and combination lock for the Courtroom to be paid out of ARPA funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez updated the Board on the 911 sign list. The newest 911 sign list has been made for the Winnebago addresses that need to be done. Tom spoke with Matt as he was going to get that list from him. Tom is going to email that list and cc everyone, so they know it has been done.
He was to give Tom the signs, but he was tied up with other projects, so Tom said he will load up the signs up and take over to the shop this weekend along with a map so they can complete Macy. After that they will work on Winnebago signs. There are some signs we are finding in the County that are not correct. The problem is people are putting up signs wherever they want or possibly getting their own look like 911 signs made that are not 911 signs.
In some places within the Tribal boundaries, they are using Unit numbers instead of the 911 address. Tom said he was going to set up meetings with the communities and inform the residents that they must use the 911 addresses assigned to them.
Last week the sirens were tested, and Laura Novak Communication manager and Sheriff Russ Briggs put together a list of things that need to be fixed. Tom stated that they will be taking care of some of these issues with programming. The siren at Walthill to start it, but it could not be shut off. They will have to come back and reprogram that. There is some other programming that needs to be done. Tom has called them to get this done, they are currently tied up with other projects as other systems have had trouble as well, at this point, they will get to us as soon as they can. Tom stated that dispatch is moving forward, joining the 911 Regionalization is a great thing. He feels this will help with a lot of different things. The things that didn't go right with the weather drill will be discussed at the LAPC meeting on April 18th meeting.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
April 22nd, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on April 22nd, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Derek Herron. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of April 8th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: None

Unfinished business: The agenda will now include any previously discussed items to be reported on until they have been resolved or completed. It will remain under unfinished business until the Chairman has declared it as completed and removed off the list. 911 services were discussed and there was nothing to report on this issue currently. First on the list is the 911 Regional contract if signed and submitted, it has not been and will be checked into and updated at the next meeting. The amended Diversion Application has been signed. Mat Frazey informed the board what has been done in the Rosalie shop, and a storage container was being delivered today, they have removed some of the old insulation and getting it ready for the insulator and electrician. 911 signs to be installed has not been done in Macy or Winnebago. They should begin work on the new phone system this week.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to advertise for bids for property in Walthill, Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska. Parcel # 003340027 149 S. Tallman St Walthill, Nebraska to be opened and accepted on May 6, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English going forward the Mid America Journey will be in arrears and will be contributed to monthly starting in August 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Internet services with Fastwyre was tabled.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to provide funding that is necessary over and above the grant funds to purchase computers for each law enforcement vehicle to be paid out of ARPA funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he had worked on 911 stuff, had bad weather this past week and had LAPC meeting. There will be a mock disaster this week at the Carl T Curtis Center in Macy that he will be attending.

Mat Frazey Roads Supervisor reported they have been hauling rock and gravel. They are still working on culverts. Mat has talked to the two construction companies that will be working on the Rosalie shop and they were hoping to get started in a couple weeks, Mat stated they will have it ready for them to begin the work.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by Mueller and seconded by Mayberry to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 6th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on May 6, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and Davin French. Absent: James Price and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Laura Novak, Communication Manager, Heidi Borg Agriculture Liaison Representative of Adrian Smith Congressman District 3. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the minutes of April 22nd, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: None

Unfinished business:

- a. The Rosalie shed update is all the insulation and everything has been removed and needs some cleaning for the insulation process to begin.
- b. 911 signs update are moving along, the meeting for this was rescheduled due to a death in the community.
- c. Phone system update new phones have been installed and the cordless phones are being installed this week.
- d. Internet Service with Fastwyre to board has decided to go ahead with Fastwyre. Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve the contract with Fastwyre internet services. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.
- e. Blyburg Rd. 911 address to be completed waiting for a reply from the Road Superintendent as he was to get information on this to Emergency Manager as to what it needs to be and has not yet done so.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve signature of County Clerk Patty Bessmer or Chairman Glen Meyer with approval of the County Attorney looking over the contract with Fastwyre Service contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mueller to approve the Perry Township agreement. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Perry Township contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-10 appointing Thurston County Sheriff, Russ Briggs or his designee to make the decisions on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 Committee. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the handbook. No action was taken.

Motioned by Mueller second by English to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by English seconded by French to reject the homestead application of Gary and Joyce Dolezal due to house exceeds the value of the county maximum residential value by \$20,000.00 or more. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the Exemption Applications of Educational, Religious and Charitable Organizations. Liest is available at the Clerk's office. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the rehire of Teresa Humphrey as a jailer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Bids were opened at 9:35.a.m for the property in Walthill, Lot 21 Block 24 Original Addition, Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska. Parcel # 003340027 149 S. Tallman St Walthill, Nebraska. The Carl T Curtis Health Education Center was the only bid submitted in the amount of \$2, 500.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to accept the bid form the Carl T Curtis Health Education Center in the amount of \$2,500.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to open and accept bids for the network and 911 system for regionalization as advertise. Motorola Solutions bid in the amount of \$32,211.09 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

OPTK Networks bid in the amount of \$400.00 monthly. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to accept the County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report in the amount of \$8,227.00 for the month of April 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report in the amount of \$144.50 for the month of April 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Heidi Borg Agriculture Liaison representative of Adrian Smith Congressman District 3 was here to update the board on details of what has been happening in Washington DC. District 3 is one of the largest districts in the state. Adrian Smith's district is 80 of the 93 counties in the state. It is the number one Ag producing district in the state. Adrian Smith has offices in Grand Island, Scottsbluff and recently opened an office in Nebraska City. They visit every county in the district throughout the year to give updates.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve signatures of Sheriff Russ Briggs and Clerk Patty Bessmer on the UNMC Omaha for drug testing contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager has been busy with the weather for the last couple of weeks. Tom went over to Macy and participated in the drill; all went well. He also took part in a couple other drills put on by other counties for Hazardous Mitigation. Tom stated he has been working with Sheriff Briggs and Laura in Communications on an active shooter drill in the future. Tom continues to work on 911 addressing. Toms said he will be going to training in July on all hazards unless it is over the 4th of July week, he will not be able to attend.

Mat Frazey reported the road crew has been busy hauling gravel and blading when weather allows. Last week they worked on the Black Mack truck and that took all afternoon to get that fixed. Mat stated

they are behind on projects that were lined up for this Spring and when it dries up, they will get to them. Mat informed the board that the road between 12th Rd, ½ mile North of H Ave. has been closed due to 310 bridge needing repairs.

Correspondence: Village of Pender TIF report. Blue Cross and Blue Shield pricing of the new rates for 2025.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 20th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on May 20th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and Davin French. Absent: James Price, Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Derek Herron, Jennifer Hansen Extension Educator. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the minutes of May 6th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: Meyer reported he had been to the Region IV Mental Health meeting and gave an update on that.

Georgia Mayberry gave a report on NIRMA Conference in Norfolk, she had attended. It was very informative.

James Price arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Unfinished business:

- a. The Rosalie shed update, a little more cleaning up needs done, and the insulation contractor will be there to start work in the next week to a week and a half.
- b. 911 signs update, Tom has been going back and forth with Winnebago and Macy, but they have multiple things going on and they cancelled the meetings. It is a work in progress. Tom said he was going to get the map and talk with Matt. The road crew is busy now so he will take what help he can get when he gets it. Even if he must do it himself.

Motioned was made by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to allow Thurston County Extension to rehire a previous employee for the summer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve for Thurston County Extension office to get a county credit card. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the three year service contract with Rassmussen for the HVAC, Electrical and Mechanical Preventative Maintenance \$12, 112.00 first year, \$12,476.00 second year and \$12, 839.00 for the third year. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to rehire Deputy Ben Carillo a certified officer part time. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman Meyer and the County Attorney signature on the Thurston County Juvenile Services 25-CB Grant award packet. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Opioids Settlement funds to be transferred to the K9 fund. No action taken. This will be discussed at the next board meeting and will need to be done by Resolution.

Discussion was held on the Alert sense overages to be paid out of the ARPA funds this was tabled until further information was received. Tom will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the Sheriff Russ Brigg's fee report for February and March 2024 in the amount of \$6376.46 February, and \$1,255.26 for March 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-11 to amend the MidAmerica Health Reimbursement arrangement. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez has been busy the last couple of weeks with radio programming, as it is almost complete. Tom has been working with dispatch in getting ready to work with businesses throughout the county, making sure we have the information we would like to have from them, if a disaster of some sort were to take place.

Tom has been working with the State with reports and other things, Tom informed the board that he will be sending a list of those that will need to complete what is required of them.

The LEOP is the plan that we have for the county, and they are going to start enforcing that all have training in this, or the funds may not be available. If you can't prove that you have anything in place or that you have even been working on it they may not reimburse the County not only as a disaster but take your EPA money.

Tom talked to all the departments at the last LAPC meeting about the changes he may have to make due to some changes that are going to be implemented by bold planning. They want to do a complete revision of what they are wanting from us Emergency managers. The departments all said they would help him with that.

This has become a big discussions lately after the recent disaster's, they really want to make sure that everyone is prepared shall a disaster hit our area.

Mat Frazey reported that the Road department has been busy hauling gravel and grading when possible. There are a lot of culverts that need work but with the rain, they have not always been able to work on them.

The 310 bridge has been closed and will need to be worked on. They will go in and work on it. The bridge will eventually need to be replaced.

Mark English left the board meeting at 9:55a.m.

Mitchel Sheridan did not show up for the agenda item he had put on to discuss.

Correspondence: None to discuss.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Price, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
June 3rd, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on June 3rd, 2024. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan, Glen Meyer. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Matt May, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Julie Nilges Jail Supervisor. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Mark English at 9:00 a.m. Co-Chairman English stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the minutes of May 20th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: the tin is being installed on the roof and the contractor will be there to start coating the roof this week.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address no update.
3. 911 signs: still working on getting that set up there has not been any progress the last two weeks due to vacation, weather, and other things.
4. Alert sense: the overages Tom has been talking with them on a new contract and it should be done by the next meeting.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve Contract with Crown Correctional Telephone to upgrade the software. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve the contract with the BIA to house prisoners. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Sheriff Russ Briggs discuss wages and what needs to be done to try and retain employees. He just wanted the Board to be aware of the issues and that there will need to be a solution. No action was taken.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the purchase of body cameras, 7 of them and 6 video systems for the cars in the amount of \$38,559.00 and \$34,772.00 to install all this equipment. This is a 5-year contract. This is with the approval of County Attorney reviewing of contract. This will be paid out of ARPA funds. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the renewal of NIRMA Insurance for 24-25 in the amount of \$139, 513.00. This is a decrease of \$29,386.00 or 17.40 percent. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer signature on the Blue Cross Blue Shield subgroup application. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded French to approve Resolution # 24-12 to transfer \$15,000.00 from the General Funds to 911 Funds. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 523](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve Resolution #24-13 to transfer \$90,000.00 from General Fund to Roads Fund. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 524](#)

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he has been busy with weather, signs, grants, and contract with the alert sense. He will get a list together of the updates on 911 addressing and get it sent out to everyone.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor was not in attendance.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Price second by Mayberry to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:33 a.m. Roll call aye: French, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, English. Absent: Harlan and Meyer Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Emergency Meeting
June 27th, 2024

An Emergency Board meeting was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 27th day of June 2024. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller, Davin French, Glen Meyer, Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, and Emergency Manager Tom Perez. Absent: Mark English, Arnie Harlan, James Price Sr. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Glen Meyer at 10:00 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting and are posted the back wall of the boardroom for anyone wishing to review them.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-16 to transfer \$140,000.00 out of General Fund (0100) to the Thurston County Impress Account. This was to correct an error on the warrant date 6-27-2024. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan, English. **Resolution book page 528.**

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Price, Harlan, English.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Glen Meyer Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 1st, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on July 1st, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan, Jim Mueller and James Price. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Matt May, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Assessor Susie Schrieber and Road Supervisor Mat Frazey. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of June 17th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: English had stated he had followed up with Jo Tonjes on the 911 call she was in question about and reported that all departments had all followed the proper procedure.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: the insulation is being installed.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Glen Meyer reported that there is a resolution for this issue and Dan Alexander will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez was on vacation, so no report was made on this.
4. Alert sense overages: Tom was on vacation, so no report was made.
5. Utility ROW application for Omaha Tribe of Nebraska was discussed no decision

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve the new telephones for the Courthouse to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to have the Highway Superintendent, Dan Alexander to establish specifications for multiple types of structures for the board to choose from, to replace the 310 Bridge. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to have the Highway Superintendent Dan Alexander to establish specifications for multiple types of structures for the board to choose from to replace the 4905 Morrow Bridge. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motioned by English seconded by French to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Public Hearings – Consideration and or action on: Property valuation protests as follows:

2024-01 Motion was made by Meyer seconded by French to accept the County Assessor recommendation was to lower from \$41,938.00 to \$15,085.00 is valuation after she reviewed the property of Mark Jahde #003040022. Roll call aye: English, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

2024-02 Dwight and Pearl Morgan #003705002 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-03 Arlan Leinart #002270027 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-04 ONeal Family Farms LLC ONeal Family Farms LLC #002420016 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-052024-04 ONeal Family Farms LLC #002080011 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-06 Lance G Morgan #0003705013 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-07 Melanie L. Parker #003704007 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-08 Joy Long #003705015 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

2024-09 Shawn Clark Overfelt #001110016 did not appear. Decision to be decided after the County Assessor reviews the property.

Motioned by English seconded by Meyer to adjourn Board of Equalization at 10:16 a.m.

Mat Frazey reported that the road department has been busy with working on culverts, shoulders, scouring and sink holes. They also have been hauling gravel. Mat told the board that the black Mack truck transmission went out last week and is in the shop to be repaired, the estimated cost of that is between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00.

Joy Long and Melanie Parker arrived at the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Joy was to appear before BOE at 10:10 a.m. and Melanie was to appear at 10:15 a.m. however they were not here at their assigned times. The board discussed how the process works and answered any questions they had. The Assessor is required by State law to follow to set the valuations. Joy and Melanie left the meeting at 10:51a.m.

Correspondence: 2023 Audit preliminary report.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 15th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on July 15th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan, Mark English and James Price. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, and Road Supervisor Mat Frazey. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of July 1st, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: waiting for the Electrician to come
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said he had talked with Isaac Smith on Friday, July 12, 2024, Isaac said to give him the maps, a timeline, signs and it will get taken care of.
4. Alert sense overages: Tom is still working with them on the contract
5. Utility ROW applications Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to have a new Utility ROW application for the Omaha Tribe with this being added to the Application. On completion of the project the road and anything that was disturbed in the county right of way including the road is returned to its original condition or better that the ROW fee would be returned. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer Fee report for the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$11,922.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report in the \$398.00 for the month of June 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Russ Briggs Sheriff fee reports for the months of April 2024 \$31,594.00 and May 2024 \$37,397.35. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to approve the Promotional grant application for the Pender Betterment Group in the amount of \$500.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to approve the Improvement grant application for the Beautification Committee in the amount of \$1000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the Printing Company of CSG for printing the post cards for LB644. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-17 Fire District Political Subdivision Tax Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-18 Township Political Subdivision Tax Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, Mueller, Price. Motion carried.

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry
Public Hearings – Consideration and or action on: Property valuation protests as follows:

2024-01 decision was made on this protest July 1, 2024

2024-02 Dwight and Pearl Morgan #003705002 Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor to lower the valuation from \$228,075.00 to \$191,365.00 a reduction of \$36,710.00. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-03 Arlan Leinart #002270027 Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried

2024-04 ONeal Family Farms LLC #002420016 Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation County Assessor of no change. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-05 ONeal Family Farms LLC #002080011 Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-06 Lance G Morgan #0003705013 002080011 Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation of lowering the valuation from \$217,455.00 to \$195,870.00 a reduction of \$58, 295.00. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-07 Melanie L. Parker #003704007 Motioned by Mueller seconded by Fench to accept the County Assessor recommendation to lower the valuation from \$290,440.00 to \$263,860.00 a reduction of \$26, 580.00. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-08 Joy Long #003705015 Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to accept the County Assessor recommendation of lowering the valuation from \$234,040.00 to \$211,940.00 a reduction of \$22,100.00. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-09 Shawn Clark Overfelt #001110016. Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller, to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

2024-10 Jessica Walker #003705008. Motioned by French second by Mueller to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of lowering the valuation from \$199720.00 to \$190,510.00 a reduction of \$9,210.00. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain: Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization. Roll call Aye: Mueller, French, Meyer. Mayberry. Absent: Harlan, Price, English. Motion carried.

Approval of Clerk Patty Bessmer signature on the Great Plains Communication Service was tabled until the next meeting, July 29,2024.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to advertise for a skid loader for the Roads department to lease or purchase. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned to approve the Bid from Brite for the cameras for the patrol cars and body cameras for the officers in the amount of \$96,417.50 to be paid out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

ROW Permit for Great Plains Communication was tabled.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to get the specs on Bridges 4905 and 310. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey gave his report that the Road Department has been busy working on culverts, they are resetting and patching them. They have also been hauling gravel, primarily to stockpile. Mat said that they are getting roads graded and will be getting to minimum maintenance roads soon.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan, English, Price. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 29th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on July 29th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, and Road Supervisor Mat Frazey. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of July 15th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, French, Meyer. Abstain: English, Price, Harlan. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: waiting for the Electrician to come
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said the Village of Macy is complete and the outskirts of Macy are still being worked on. Winnebago signs with POW WOW this week has been put on hold.
4. Alert sense overages: Tom is still working with them on the contract.
5. Utility ROW applications Omaha Tribe of Nebraska waiting for County Attorney to have a new ROW Application with added verbiage.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to rescind the vote on the Fastwyre Service agreement voted on May 6, 2024. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Great Plains Service Contract was tabled.

Zelle proposal was tabled until further information can be received. Mayberry will reach out to Zelle.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #24-19 to transfer \$120,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to Road Fund (0200). Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 530.](#)

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been busy hauling gravel and blading. Mat spoke to the board about the Winnebago Tribes ROW Permit/ Great Plains Communication for Fiber optic. Mat will have the County Attorney look it over and then will have it put on the agenda to approve in the future. Mat had received a call saying they have secured funding for bridge 4905 for engineering.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been getting ready for Pow Wow. Been working on 911 stuff, worked on his budget with Mark. Tom has been busy with schools calling about policies with tornados, shooting, and intruders and other dealings. That has kept him busy. He has an LAPC meeting Wednesday. Mark English talked with Tom about his time and advised him that he should take time off during this time of the year when so busy with Pow Wows and Fairs, overtime should only be used for Emergencies.

Correspondence: None

Bids were opened at 9:50 a.m. for skid loaders.

Matt Heineman with Agri Vision presented 3 bids as follows:

A 2023 model 333 G John Deere in the amount of \$73,500.00 to buyout the skid loader that the County is currently leasing with an additional extended warranty of one year in addition to the 2 year manufacturer's warranty still remaining.

A 2024 John Deere Compact Track Loader model 333 G in the amount of \$91,500.00 with an 2-year extended warranty.

A 2024 John Deere Compact Track Loader model 335 P in the amount of \$99,750.00

Kenneth Beaudette Jr. with Murphy Tractor and Equipment presented bids as follows:

A 2024 John Deere model 333 P Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$95,800.00.

A 2024 John Deere model 335 P Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$105,800.00

Bobcat of Omaha presented a bid as follows:

A 2024 Bobcat model T86 T4 Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$93,938.00

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to accept Agri Vision bid of the 2023 333 G John Deere in the amount of \$73,500.00 Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 12th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on August 12th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robins Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, and Sheriff Russ Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of July 29th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: English and Meyer had attended the LEPC meeting last week in Pender. Meyer had also attended the NE Nebraska Public Health District meeting last week.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: waiting for the Electrician
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said that all of Macy is done. Winnebago has not had much done as Tom has been busy with other stuff.
4. Alert sense overages: it was decided to stay with the contract that we currently have and continue to pay the overage as this would be cheaper in the long run.
Motioned by English seconded Price seconded to leave the contract as it is with Alertsense and pay the overages out of the ARPA fund. Roll call aye: Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
5. Utility ROW applications Omaha Tribe of Nebraska waiting for County Attorney to have a new ROW Application with added verbiage.
Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to add the language of upon completion of project in a workmanlike manner in accordance with applicable standards and regulations, applicant may request a refund of the application permit fee previously deposited with Thurston County in connection with the application. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency manager has been busy with fairs and pow wows and getting ready for school to be back in action. Tom received a notice from NEMA and FEMA going forward as of Friday August 9, 2024, implementing immediate needs functions and impact on declared disasters. What that means is if we have a disaster the only things they are going to take care of is the immediate needs. Any projects you need to rebuild, like walls, some roads. These will be set back to the back until Congress decides to put money back into the that fund. Tom reported that they had a LEPC meeting last week, a lot of discussion on the future of rescue and the services that may be available for the future for transfers and the alternatives available. Price asked Tom for an updated 911 address list.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded English to approve Chairman Meyer and Road Superintendent Dan Alexander to sign the Annual Certification for Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Mayberry, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-20 Environment Services Agreement BK2272. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 531.](#)

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Environment Service Agreement project #32410. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-21 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2024. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 532.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-22 to transfer \$5,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Courthouse Building and Grounds Fund (4001). Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 533.](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve the service agreement for internet with Great Plains Communication this is for 36 months. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Clerk Patty Bessmer's signature on the Service Agreement with Great Plains Communication. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the skid loader purchase at the July 29th meeting to be paid for out of the ARPA Fund. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey reported the Roads department has been hauling gravel, blading, working on some bridge decking and replacing some planks, also worked on some guard rails. They have been cleaning out ditches and worked on some field driveways that had been washed out by rain.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve County Clerk's fee report for the month of July in the amount of \$7,479.00. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of June in the amount of \$32,964.72. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve District Cour Clerk Gina Roth's fee report in the amount of \$320.75. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Assessor's' office to be closed August 22, 2024, to attend training. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on paying for tires for Emergency manager Explorer to be paid out of the ARPA Funds, the Board said it should come out of his budget.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to adding state radio system to FirstNet cell phones with a cost of \$28.00 per phone with that being Tom Perez's and Russ Brigg's phones. This is an app that is added to their FirstNet phones. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Price seconded by French to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to reject Homestead Exemption application of Leroy and Teria VanMatre due to incomplete and inadequate documents. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve the list of Cemeteries in Thurston County as presented by Assessor Schrieber. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: All. Motion carried.

Robin Christiansen 2022 tax year delinquent Personal Property and I.O.L.L taxes that are issued by Distress Warrants by Thurston County Sheriff and permission to turn over to a third-party collection agency, this was tabled as the Clerk had not include the turn over to third party collection agency on the agenda. This will be added to the next agenda on August 26, 2024.

Board of Equalization was reopened by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:35 a.m. due to roll call was not done according to Statue according to County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak. Motioned by French seconded by Meyer. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Mueller to reject Homestead Exemption application of Leroy and Teria VanMatre due to incomplete and inadequate documents. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve the list of Cemeteries in Thurston County as presented by Assessor Schrieber. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Meyer to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:38 a.m. Roll call Aye: French, English, Mueller, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Robin Christiansen asked if she could get the ceiling fan in her office replaced. This was not an action item.

Discussion was held on an exit interview and no decision was made.

Discussion was held on a policy on equipment and uniforms provided by the County to be returned after employment ends. No action was taken.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by French seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 26th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on August 26th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, and Sheriff Russ Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of August 12th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: English, Mayberry and French reported that they are meeting with departments on the budget and continue to work on it.

Meyer reported had gone to Region IV Behavioral Health this past week, budgets and legislation were discussed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: The Electrician has been there and is working on the project.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do. Dan has not gotten back to Tom waiting to hear from him.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said Winnebago has not had much done the past two weeks. Work is still in the process.
4. FEMA status on the 4420 2019 flood paperwork. Paperwork is still in the process.
5. Approve ROW with Great Plains Communication from July 15, 2024, meeting

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the ROW agreement with Great Plains Communication sections 24,13 & 18 Township 25 Range 6. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signature on the Child Support Agreement. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve Treasure Robin Christiansen to turn over the delinquent property and I.O.L.L. taxes over to a third-party collection agency. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English that uniforms will not be paid out of ARPA funds effective September 1, 2024, however this will include anything Sheriff Russ Briggs currently has on order prior to September 1, 2024. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve all Departments 2024 Inventories. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve 2 computers, 2 monitors, backups batteries and software in the amount of \$7,370.20, there will also be two 50" TVs to display maps, not to exceed

\$8,000.00 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was backup power for the entire Courthouse. No decision was made at this time.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-23 to transfer \$60,000.00 from General Fund (100) to Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Maberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-24 Preliminary Service Agreement BK 2288. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Preliminary Agreement BK 2288. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, the Emergency Manager stated he had reached out to Gworks and let them know it was time to update maps, 911 maps and other maps for the county. This will be provided to the Clerk, Assessor and whoever else may need these maps.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Harlan Meyer. Absent Mueller and Price. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 9th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on September 9th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French. Absent Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, and Sheriff Russ Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of August 26th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: French, English, Mayberry, Meyer. Abstain: Mueller and Price. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: English, Mayberry and French reported that they have met with some of the departments on the budgets. The budget is complete and will have the hearings at a Special meeting on September 17, 2024, and approve the budget on September 23, 2024, regular meeting

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: The Electrician has been there and is working on the project. The garage doors should be installed in the next week or two.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do. Dan has not gotten back to Tom.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez said Winnebago had nothing to report.
4. FEMA status on the 4420 2019 flood paperwork. Paperwork is still in the process.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the Resolution #24-25 to transfer \$79,335.00 from the ARPA Fund (2580) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried. [See Resolution book page 537](#)

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer's fee report for August 2024 in the amount of \$6,267.00. Roll call aye: Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve District Court Clerk Gian Roth's fee report for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$160.00. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to advertise for lease and/or purchase a new payloador with specifications to be drawn up by Mat Frazey Road Supervisor to be opened at the September 23, 2024, meeting at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve the signatures of Chairman Glen Meyer and Mat Frazey Road Supervisor on the Utility ROW application with the Omaha Tribal Utilities. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-26 to transfer \$240,000.00 out of the General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried. [See Resolution book page 538.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to set the 2024-2025 Budget hearing for September 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they are busy hauling gravel, working on bridges replacing planks and doing other repairs. They have also been cleaning out ditches and replacing culverts.

Tom Perez reported he had received paperwork from EMPG that needs to be completed such as job description verification, job duties, percentage of time dedicated to emergency management in total. Tom informed the board this must be done for the County to receive EMPG funding. Tom stated that he had gone to a regional meeting last week and they are working on getting the training sessions set for the region. Tom informed the board that Thurston County was selected to host a training in April 2025. This will be a training course in Law Enforcement. There will be a LAPC meeting Wednesday this week in Macy. Tom informed the board that he was going to meet with Laura Gamble CEO Pender Hospital, to go over some drills and other items.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. Roll call aye: Mueller, English, Mayberry, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD
PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
September 17, 2024**

A Special Board meeting was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 17th day of September 2024. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller Davin French, Glen Meyer, Absent: Arnie Harlan

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the 1% lid increase for 24-25 Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to open the 2024-2025 Budget hearing. Roll call: Mayberry, English Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motioned carried.

A public hearing to receive taxpayers support, opposition, or observation on the proposed 2024-2025 budget which was published in the Pender Times the legal newspaper, on September 12th, 2024.

The budget was presented: 1. Total budget is \$14,195,489.98. The total tax dollar requested is General \$3,972,670.50. The Jail Bond is \$378,410.00. .

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve the budget hearing as presented. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to close the hearing at 9.04 a.m. There was no public in attendance. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Glen Meyer Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 23rd, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on September 23rd, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs and Amy Volk. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of September 9th, 2024, meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Public Comments: None

Committee Reports: Meyer reported he had attended the district meeting in Norfolk Friday September 13, 2024. Jon Cannon with NACO gave updates on what happened in the special session. Meyer had also attended a Region IV Behavior Health meeting this past week. Patty Bessmer had attended the district meeting as well.

Patty Bessmer, Steven Schneider and Tom Perez reported they had also attended a training session with the Secretary of State and CISA which is the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency for Homeland Security. This training was for cyber security and scenarios of things that could go wrong on Election Day. Thurston County was used as an example of what could go wrong with and Election and how to handle the situation. Thurston County lost the internet and phones in the Primary Election in May 2024. Thurston County Election Commissioner was commended on how well they handle the situation. Mark English reported him, and Tom had attended a meeting with the Pender Hospital administration regarding the EMS issues in Thurston County. It did not sound like the hospital is willing to take any initiative to take over ambulance service. They are reaching out to Pioneer Health Ambulance service that has shown a lot of interest in coming to Thurston County. They will be meeting with them the first week in October.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: The Electrician was supposed to be there this week.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working on this and will let Tom Perez Emergency Manager know what to do. Dan has not gotten back to Tom. Glen Meyer said he will reach out to Dan Alexander.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez had no updates on 911 signs in Winnebago.
4. FEMA status on the 4420 2019 flood paperwork. Paperwork is still in the process.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the grant application for Promotional and Improvement Fund for Thurston Watermelon Days in the amount of \$1000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to accept and approve the 2024-2025 budget. Approve Resolution #24-27 for Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 539.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the Resolution #24-28 Setting the Property Tax Request 24-25
General Fund \$3,972,671.00
Jail Bond \$378,410.00
Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
[See Resolution book page 540.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded French to transfer \$100,000.00 from General (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.
[See Resolution book page 541.](#)

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to advertise and put on auction the 4 surplus pickup trucks of the Roads department. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$63,758.36. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to purchase the stand-alone radios and repeaters for the Sheriff office in the amount of \$14,109.56. out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

9:30 a.m. Motioned by English seconded by French to call Board of Equalization order.

Motioned by Meyer seconded by Price to approve the Exemption Application form NENCAP for the 2024 Jeep Wrangler vin# 1C3RJKAG7R850846. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller and seconded by French to approve the Protex Central 3-year contract for fire alarm inspections and a 5-year alarm monitoring contract in the amount of \$2550.00 for the 3year and \$1800.00 for the 5-year contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey reported that he did not get the specs in the paper for the payloader this past week, so will be in for the next board meeting October 7, 2024. Bids will be opened at the October 7, 2024, meeting at 9:35 a.m. The roads department has been hauling gravel, moving dirt, cleaning ditches. Mat told the board he has put an ad online for help.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Mayberry Abstained. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Meyer pointed out the NIRMA Notice of meeting and agenda for the Annual Membership.

Motioned by French seconded by English to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 7th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on October 7th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan, James Price, Jim Mueller. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Deputy Derek Herron, Kevin Petersen, Randy Tremayne, Cole Knapp, Matt May Mike Boden and Judd Allen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of September 18th, 2024, Special meeting. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller. Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2024. meeting. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: English reported that the LEPC met with the Hospital and that Pioneer Ambulance Service is very interested in coming and doing Service with Pender Hospital.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Rosalie Shop: The Electrician was there working this morning.
2. Blyburg Rd 911 address: Dan Alexander is working with Tammy Maul Bodlak on this. They have established it is not a road. Tom said he just needed to put an address on it, so he was going to do that. He will talk with Tammy Maul Bodlak to make sure what he needs to do. It is a driveway. Dakota County's Blyburg Rd does not proceed to the county right of way within Thurston County. Tom stated that this should all be resolved within the next couple of weeks with address and a final.
3. 911 signs: Tom Perez had no updates on 911 signs in Winnebago.
4. FEMA status on the 4420 2019 flood paperwork. This was not discussed.

Motioned by English seconded by French to advertise for a PPV truck for Law Enforcement with bids to be opened October 21, 2024, at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the LPA Certification. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve Chairman Meyer's signature on the Maximus Cost Allocation for 2023. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to allow the Sheriff Department to surplus 2016 Ford Explorer vin # #1FM5K8ARXGGB73744 Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Resolution #24-30 First Concord Benefit Group.

Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller. [See Resolution Book page 542.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer September fee report in the amount of \$5,594.25. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for the month of September 2024 in the amount of \$90.00. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$42,726.29. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

The Board of Equalization was cancelled due to the person no longer needed to do the Exemption Application.

Bids were opened at 9:35 a.m. as follows.

Murphy Tractor and Supply with Randy Tremayne and Cole Knapp Representatives
644 P Loader in the amount of \$338,800.00 with 5-year 3000-hour Warranty
644 G Loader in the amount of \$276,800.00 with a 5-year 3000-hour Warranty

Nebraska Machinery Co. with Kevin Petersen Representative
Caterpillar 950 GC loader in the amount of \$290,580.00 with 7-year 4000-hour Warranty or for \$2500.00 less with a 5-year 2500-hour Warranty.

Motioned by English seconded by French to purchase the John Deere payloader the County is currently leasing from Murphy Tractor in the amount of \$129,742.00 with additions of a quick latch bucket and third valve added for an additional \$30,000.00. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Mike Boden and Judd Allen, NACO Insurance representatives were here to explain the two options that MidAmerica Benefits is changing its business practices going forward. They are asking for an ACH wire transfer.

The ACH will speed up the process of the claim for the employee.

Motioned by English second by Mayberry to go with option 1 as recommended by County Clerk on the recommendation of Mike Boden and Judd Allen. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he has been busy working on grants and working with the Hospital. Tom informed the board that more 911 signs have come in for Winnebago as some more changes have been made. Toms will be busy the next couple of weeks with fire departments, seeing if they need him to help with the fire prevention classes they will be giving to the schools.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been busy cleaning ditches, working on some culverts. Last week the motor grader in Walthill had a couple of injectors go out, we have received the parts and will be up and running this week. Gravel continues to be stocked piled.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by Mayberry seconded English to approve claims with changes of District Court Clerk's claim to Winnebago News to come out of her budget not the misc. general budget and the claim Jack's uniform is not to come out of ARPA, it is to be paid out of the Jail budget. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to go into Executive session to discuss personnel at 9:51 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to come out of Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan, Price, Mueller.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Glen Meyer Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 21st, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on October 21st, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, and Davin French. Absent: James Price. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of October 9th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Abstains: Mueller, Harlan. Absent: Price

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: English reported that the LEPC met with the Hospital and the Pioneer Ambulance Service had presented their proposals for services, no decision was made at this time. Glen Meyer reported he had attended the Region IV Mental Health Service meeting this past week.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Rosalie Shop: the overhead doors have been installed, there is still electricity to be done
- b. Blyburg 911 address: Tom stated that he needs to talk with Tammy Maul Bodlak County Attorney and see where they are with that.
- c. 911 signs in Winnebago: they sent Tom some addresses that need fixed, and he has worked on those. It continues to be a work in progress.
- d. FEMA 4420 disaster: This is still in progress.

Ann Giebler with Legal Shield and Identity Theft spoke with the Board to offer the service to all employees wanting to take this policy at their own expense after board approval. If approved, she will be back to talk with all county employees. No decision was made at this time.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to go into Board of Equalization 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried. Absent: Price

Motioned by Meyer seconded by English to approve the 24-25 Levies set by Clerk Patty Bessmer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried. Absent: Price [See Resolution Book page 543](#)

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to readvertise to purchase a used 644 K payload to be opened and accepted November 4th at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signature on the Thomsen Reuters contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

9:35 a.m. open bids on the 2024 Law Enforcement Truck.

Sid Dillion bid for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4-wheel drive Crew cab PPV truck in the amount of \$50,930.00

No other bids were received.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to accept the bid from Sid Dillion in the amount of \$50,930.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the Resolution #24-31 Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Pender. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price. [See Resolution Book page 544.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve Chairman Glen Meyer's signature on the Pender Interlocal Agreement. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-32 Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price. [See Resolution book page 545.](#)

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, reported he has been busy with all the fires this past week and the LEPC meeting with the Pender Hospital. Tom also had a virtual meeting with the state on communications. There will be some changes coming. Tom stated that the farmers did a great job with bringing discs and water tanks to the fires and the law enforcement was a big help also. Mat Frazey did a lot of calling to those farmers. All went well with the help of everyone including other fire departments.

Mat Frazey, Road Supervisor reported they have been hauling gravel to stockpile for now. The road crew has also been working on a few of the wooden bridges repairing decks. Mat informed the Board that he had an employee resign and he had hired someone and the possibility of another new employee soon.

Correspondence: None.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Price.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Glen Meyer Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
November 4th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on November 4th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French. Absent: Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, and Sheriff Russell Briggs. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of October 21st, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Abstains: Price. Absent: Harlan

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: No reports.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

- a. Rosalie Shop: Ther is still electricity to be done
- b. Blyburg 911 address: Tom stated that he needs to talk with Tammy Maul Bodlak County Attorney and see where they are with that.
- c. 911 signs in Winnebago: they sent Tom some addresses that need fixed, and he has worked on those. It continues to be a work in progress.
- d. FEMA 4420 disaster: This is still in progress.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Mayberry to rescind the vote to purchase payloaders at the October 9th meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve Clerk Patty Bessmer's fee report for the month of October in the amount of \$2,286.50. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

9:35 a.m. Opened bids for Payloaders. No other bids were received. Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid from John Deere as previously bid in the amount of \$130,556.35. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to pay for the Payloaders and the Law Enforcement truck out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve Resolution #24-33 to transfer \$130,556.35 from ARPA Fund (2580) to the Roads Fund (0200) payment of the payloaders. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan. **See Resolution book page # 543**

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-34 to transfer \$50,930.00 out of the ARPA Funds (2580) to the County General Funds (0100) for payment of the new truck. Roll call

aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan. [See Resolution book page 544.](#)

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to MOU with the Omaha Tribe for Engineering on the Morrow bridge with the approval of the County Attorney Tammy Mail Bodlak review of the MOU. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Price to approve the advertising for bid letting on C008700310 Thurston West Bridge. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Tom Perez Emergency manager reported he had been busy with flood permits. He currently has four requests for those and has completed two of the four. Tom informed the board that he was not notified of the water issues in Pender until Friday afternoon. He contacted the rural water board Lowell Roeber. He had contact with him all weekend, his knowledge of it affects Pender, and Thurston and the areas in between. Paul Randall had shut down the water fountains in the courthouse. There was water available for anyone to drink.

Tom had also received some calls for service to do 911 addressing in Pender and around the county. He will be out working on those. Tom reported he had worked with County Attorney Tammy on Blyburg. They are getting an address, Tom said that he now knows that there are other places up there that will also need 911 addressing. He was hoping to have that address this Wednesday or Thursday. He informed the Board that he had gone out on Halloween and gave out light sticks to kids.

Tom stated that he had received an email on 4420 for Winnebago portion, which is not Thurston County's, he will send that onto Winnebago. He will follow up to make sure that the Tribe has received the email.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the road department has been working on culverts, blading and hauling gravel. Mat informed the Board that the 140 Maintainer will be in Omaha to be worked on, it will be down there for about a week. Mark English asked how does that get down there? Mat said that Cooney's will be hauling it.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller. Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried. Absent: Harlan.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Glen Meyer Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
November 18th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on November 18th, 2024. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Absent: Glen Meyer. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs and Matt May. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Mark English at 9:00 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of November 4th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, English. Motion carried. Abstains: Harlan. Absent: Meyer

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: Tom Perez reported that he and Mark English had met with the Hospital on ambulance services. They are working with Pioneer Ambulance Service, this is an ongoing discussion.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None to report.

Discussion on the Internet not working in the County Attorney's office on Court Day. County Clerk Bessmer informed them she will get ahold of Applied Connective and get it taken care of. No action was taken.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roths fee report for the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$398.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer

Discussion was held on the possibilities of creating a policy for sharing sick time amongst employees. The County attorney will check into this and report back to the Board.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for the month of September 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Discussion was held on camera in the courthouse on who can view them. Tom said there was a policy that stated that someone must sign a form in his office stating the reason they would like to view it. Tom also said that before anything can be taken out of that system it must be approved by the County Attorney and then by the County Board to have that information removed from the courthouse.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to pay Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk \$1,300.00 for her assistance and work on the 24-25 budget. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve a \$.50 per hour raise for Tom Perez Emergency Manager. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve \$.75 per hour raise for Paul Randall Courthouse Maintenance. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Price to approve a 3% raise for Mat Frazey which is \$75.54 increase per pay period. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-35 to transfer \$23,233.66 out of the ARPA Fund (2580) to the Law Enforcement operating Fund (2960) for the purchase of car and body cameras and equipment and the installation of the cameras. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer. [See Resolution Book Page 545.](#)

Tom Perez Emergency manager informed the board that he had received a grant from NiRMA for the first aid kits that were put together and ordered for the Law Enforcement and Roads department this last Summer. He also informed them that he had received the EMPG grant to be completed and is working on that. This grant will pay for one half of his wages. Tom went to a meeting last week with the Omaha Tribe on assessment and strategic planning, The tribe is wanting to set up a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. Tom had attended a couple other meeting through out the last couple of weeks. Tom informed the board that a bunch of changes are coming into the LEOP program. Tom will pass this on to the Board as he receives it. Tom said he had had a bunch of new 911 stuff coming in for the new solar farm going up outside of Pender.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the road crew has been busy hauling gravel. The Walthill location is full, and they will be hauling gravel to Thurston next. Mat informed the board that the Rosalie shop is coming along and the electrical is done except for hooking it up in the box and that is on hold until an Electrical inspection is done. Mat also informed the board that the surplus sale will be on December 11, 202 with Big Iron. The 140 Caterpillar maintainer is still in the shop, and it will need a new engine at the cost of \$52,000.00 remand motor and will have three-year 5,000-mile warranty, Mat told them to go ahead with the remand motor.

Correspondence: there was NIRMA information with the Board packet.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, English. Motion carried. Absent: Meyer.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Mark English Co-Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 2nd, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on December 2nd, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs, Chris Hawk, Melissa Tarr, Ryan Kinning, Dan Alexander, Todd Kastamer. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of November 18th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, English. Motion carried. Abstains: Meyer

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: None

Unfinished business: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-36 to transfer \$2,000.00 from the County General Fund (0100) to the Courthouse Building Fund (4001). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #24-38 to transfer \$9,900.00 from the County General Fund (0100) to the Jail Bond Fund (3300). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry Seconded by English to close the ARPA account and to transferring the Interest into the Treasurer's checking account in the amount of \$8,903.46. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Gary Anderson appeared before the Board to ask for the interest he was charged due to a parcel of his land taxes not paid last year, due to an error either on his part or the Treasurer's office. The Board explained to him that by statute they are not allowed to refund any funds with land taxes. The board thanked him for coming.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve the rehire of Jose Casillas part time as a certified police officer.

9:15 a.m. bids for C008700310 were opened by Dan Alexander Thurston County Roads Superintendent. Bids that were received:

Kea Construction Bridge/ \$567,467.91 Box Culvert/ \$511,016.68

Penro Construction/ Box Culvert \$425,921.45

A & R Construction/ Box Culvert \$335,054.22

Theisen Construction Bridge/ \$542,562.78

Collins Construction /Box Culvert \$ 356,068.16

K-2 Construction Bridge/ \$806,630.40

J M M Construction /Bridge/ \$589,147.82 Box Culvert/ \$493,729.60

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Prive to accept the Bid and Contract with A & R Construction in the amount of \$335,054,72 for C008700310 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez reported he had attended a regional meeting, and he had attended a meeting in Omaha with the Omaha Tribe and the University about the wind project that they are trying to do. They want to try to isolate where most of the damage from the cross winds are in their reports. They are wanting us to get onboard with this project. The Omaha Tribe will come up with and MOU that Tom will bring to the board and can be signed. This project will not have a cost to the County. This will be a work in progress. Tom reached out to the schools to get the maps for the bus routes to give them to Mat Frazey.

Mat Frazey reported that the Caterpillar 140 Motor grader is still in the repair shop. They are putting in a new engine, The new engine will have a 3-year \$5,000.00 Warranty. That motor grader had a hydraulic leak in it, Mat asked them to look at that also while it was in the repair shop. They tore one side apart and it needed new bearings so Mat told them to go ahead with the other side as well, it should be done this week. Mat informed the board that the Dually pickup was in the shop in Fremont at the and needed some work done for it. This would be covered under Warranty. The roads department has been blading and hauling gravel. The Rosalie shop is still waiting on the Electrical inspection to happen.

Correspondence: none

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 16th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on December 16th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price and Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs, Robb Roeber. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of December 2nd, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: Meyer reported he had attended the Region IV Mental Health meeting,

Public Comments: None

Unfinished business: None

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to have the County attorney's office hard wired by Applied Connective. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by French to advertise for bids for a motor grader with specs that Mat Frazey has put together to be opened January 13, 2025, at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the grant application from Pender Community Center in the amount of \$500.00 for the event of Taste for the Holidays. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #24-38 First Nebraska bank for depository for 2025. Motioned died due to lack of motion. [See Resolution book page 545.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the signature of County Clerk Patty Bessmer and Chairman Meyer on the letter of Engagement to KRP and Co. LLP. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve the Board meeting dates for 2025 as presented. Monday January 13th, 2025, being the first meeting of the year and then every two weeks on Monday to follow until the end of 2025. The list is available at the County Clerk's office and Thurston County website. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve the Holidays for 2025 as presented with April 25th Arbor Day as a Floating Holiday. The list is available at the County Clerk's office and on the website. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for November 2024 in the amount of \$9,873.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for November 2024 in the amount of \$406.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to accept the MOU between The Omaha Tribe, the BIA and Thurston County on the Morrow bridge project C008704905. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Tom Perez reported he had been working on 911 addressing in

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the 140-motor grader is still in the shop, should be done this week. The road crew has been busy blading, hauling gravel and working on some culverts. The Rosalie shop is all done, the road crew put all the tools and equipment back in the shop.

Mat informed the board that he had shop audits last week. Over the last three years he has had a different auditor each of the last three years and everyone looks for different things and some of the scores went down from last year's audit. There are some things that we will be working on to have a better audit next year.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager report has been working on 911 addressing in Winnebago for the last two weeks. Tom stated that 911 has picked up through the whole area, people want their address as they are not able to get packages due to the addresses not being correct. He stated that he gets the changes done quickly in Gworks, but Google and Apple don't change them in their system right away. Tom stated that sometimes that information must be sent two or three times. Meyer asked him where does google and Apple get that information from? Tom replied that he is the one that sends that to them. It takes time to get them changed.

Tom also stated that he was busy with the ice storm this past weekend.

Tom talked about a letter he and the Board had received from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, in regard to DR-4420 2019 Flooding, Thurston County has seven projects that are still open and need to be completed by 12/31/2024 in order to receive the funding.

Correspondence: Letter from Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. Letter from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to approve claims with the changes of taxes to be removed on Zmart invoice and to correct mileage rate on the claim for Anders Belazquz. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 30th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on December 30th, 2024. Present were Glen Meyer, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French and Arnie Harlan. Absent Mayberry. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russell Briggs, Benjamin Walker Jr. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of notice of the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Meyer at 9:00 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of December 16th, 2024. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Mayberry. Motion carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: None

Unfinished business: Matt Frazey reported the Electrical and remodel of the Rosalie Shop is completed.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #24-39 to transfer the interest from the ARPA Fund (2580) \$8,937.25 to the General Fund (0100) Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Mayberry. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 546.](#)

Motioned by French seconded by Price to approve Resolution #24-40 to transfer \$100,000.00 from General (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200) Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Mayberry. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 547.](#)

Tammy Maul Bodlak informed the Board that on January 1, 2025, LB938 is a new purchasing act that goes into effect. Competitive bids will increase \$70,000.00, informal bids \$15,000.00-\$70,000.00, Open Market up to \$15,000.00, surplus property up to \$3,500.00 and mobile equipment up to \$7,000.00. This will follow with increases again in the years 2029 and 2034.

Mayberry arrived at the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Discussion on the MOU between UNO, Omaha Nation, and Thurston County was tabled until the County attorney has a chance to look it over.

Tom Perez, the Emergency Manager, received information from NEMA last week that they are moving away from the bold planning program, they are wanting to go back to Words and in PDF forms. They are also doing a Tip Peak which is an interoperable communication tool. Tom reported that the NEMS needs to be updated starting February after every Board meeting. Tom, said himself or Matt May would be available for people to get those done. Tom will email the Board members the address in which you need to get your classification completed. If you need help let him know.

January 9th, Tom will be doing a Regional EOC drill here in Pender. Tom informed the board that on the 14th he will be in Omaha to talk with the National Weather Service on the new warning system coming out this spring.

On the 22nd of January Tom will be taking training online regarding continuity of government operations planning for rural communities

Tom stated that he had spent a lot of time the last couple of weeks talking with Donnie, James, Joel & Rebecca and a couple more people on the 4420-flood disaster, he has moved forward with a lot of it.

Two projects have been closed. Those projects being 1489 and 1984. Tom informed the board that he will receive an email notice giving us an extension to the deadline. Tom will share that with the board.

Mat Frazey Roads Supervisor reported that the 140 Motor-grader is back and running great. It was picked up on Thursday and hauled back to the Walthill Shop. Afterwards the wing was attached and now all the motor graders have their wings on and ready for the snow to fly. Mat stated that they are not hauling gravel right now as Stalp's are closed over the holidays. The road crew has been blading, they have also been working on the snowblower due to a leak and as they worked on it, they discovered the bearing was bad, so the bearings and seals were replaced.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by French to accept the resignation of Glen Meyer affective December 30th 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Motion carried.

Correspondence: leave sharing information was shared.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve claims with the change of taxes to removed on two claims. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer. Absent Mayberry. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer