

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 13, 2025

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 13th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., Jim Mueller, James Price, Mark English, Robb Roeber. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Bullett Beaudette, Kevin Petersen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Vice 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 Mueller seconded by French to approve the minutes of December 30th, 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, English. Abstain: Walker and Roeber. Motion carried.

Adjourn Sine Die.

Clerk Patty Bessmer called for nominations of Chairman.

Mueller nominated French seconded by Mayberry

Price nominated English seconded by Walker.

Motioned by English to cease nominations seconded by Mayberry. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Blank ballots were handed to each board member and then picked up by County Clerk Bessmer and read aloud. English three votes, French four votes. French was elected as Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were then asked for by Chairman French. Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber for English as Vice Chairman.

Motioned by Mueller to cease nominations for Vice Chairman and seconded by Mayberry. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. English was elected as Vice Chairman.

Nominations for Chairman for Board of Equalization

Motioned by Price to nominate Mayberry seconded by English.

English motioned to cease nominations for Board of Equalization Chairperson seconded by Price. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. Mayberry was elected as Chairwoman.

Chairman French tabled the committee appointments and wanted all board members to look the committees over, let him know what ones they would like to be on and then the next board meeting the committees would be appointed.

Motioned by Roeber was seconded by Mayberry to appoint the Pender Times as the official newspaper for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to appoint Tom Perez as Emergency Manager and Flood Plan Manager. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to appoint Dan Alexander as the Road Highway Superintendent for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Fund balances were reviewed.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comments: None

Unfinished business: Mayberry asked if Tom had received the email form NEMA on the extension for 4420, the 2019 flood disaster as discussed in the December 30th2024. French then explained to the new board members what this was about. This is a disaster that is being worked on to close out. Tom informed them that there were 7 projects, two were closed and the rest he is still working on. Other than that, we just have two projects left open out of those. Mayberry state that there is approximately \$400,000.00 yet to receive. Tom said he has worked with Mat, and the Clerk's office getting the information needed for those still open. They have included H and D Avenue, but Toms says that it will have to be taken out, so we don't have \$500,00.00 out there to receive anymore. We only have around \$200,000.00 out there now. Tom said he had just received the email for Joel stating he had received the paperwork from Tom, and he will be back in touch with Tom if they have any questions. Tom said he will be in Contact with Amber today to make sure she had everything that she needs, her and I will finish up this week and next week.

French reported that the MOU with the Omaha Tribe for engineering on the morrow bridge is in the hands if the Tribe right now. French stated he know they have received it, and we are just waiting on that to be signed.

French also discussed the Wellness program that the County is going to do. The County Attorney has reached out to Pam Bourne with NIRMA on the legalities of it and it is not under the normal contract so if the county wants her to do that it will cost the county money for her to look over the policy.

Motioned was made by English seconded by Mueller to proceed with the Wellness program. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

No further unfinished business.

Committee reports: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-01 to appoint Frontier bank as the depository for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 548.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-02 to appoint Charter West Bank as the depository for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 549.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Robin Christiansen Treasurer authorization to invest monies not needed in day-to-day operations in bonds, etc. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Approve Union Bank and Trust application for Investments for 2025. Died due to lack of a motion.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the application from NPAIT for investments for 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the signatures of Davin French Chairman, Mark English Vice Chairman, and County Clerk Patty Bessmer for the Frontier Bank Entity Authorization. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer December 2024 fee report in the amount of \$14,426.50. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth December 2024 fee report in the amount of \$39.00. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve tax list corrections for Lyons and Decatur rural fire districts. Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

9:35 a.m. open bids for Motor graders

Bids were presented by Murphy Tractor and Equipment, Ken Beaudette Jr. was the representative, and Caterpillar Kevin Petersen

John Deere 2025, 772G Motor grader with 6 WD bid of \$438,388.00 minus \$90,000.00 trade in allowance with that being a total of \$348,388.00 with 5 year/ 10,000 hours Warranty. With an option to go to a 7 year/ 7000-hour Warranty for an additional \$17,789.00 with trade.

Caterpillar a 2025, 150 motor grader all-wheel drive bid of \$443,700.00 with trade in allowance of \$123,400.00 with the net balance being \$320,300.00 with notes of falls wing lift group, superior vendors, manuals, with a 5-year warranty. A 7- year/7,000- hour warranty would be an additional \$15,140.00.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve the purchase of the John Deere with a 7-year warranty in the amount of \$376,177.00 Roll call: Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber. Nay: Mayberry, French. Motioned carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he will be in Omaha for a weather service integrated warning update training. Tom had a meeting last week with Winnebago and their 911 system, they are going to do a forum to get this completed.

Tom informed the board that utility companies are wanting to use the 911 address, but Tom informed them there are no names attached to the 911 address. That is your responsibility to do, not the county.

Tom stated that the Railroad had contacted him on Friday, and they would like to put some information on Gworks. This being where their markers are so when people bring something up and say, I am not sure where they are located this would be another way of tracking the location if needed. This was what he had worked on this past week. Tom will be meeting with Winnebago again on the 20th for 911 addressing.

Tom has been speaking with the Pender hospital, they let him know that they are going to meet with Pioneer ambulance service this Thursday. Tom asked if he could speak with them about the county stuff.

On the 22nd and 23rd Tom will have an online meeting for continuity of government for some rural communities and smaller communities.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been hauling gravel, blading, and working on equipment.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve claims with the change of taxes from Century Link bill and the bill form Sid Dillion. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:57 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, Walker, Mueller, Price, English, Roeber, French. Motioned carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
January 27, 2025

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 27th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., Jim Mueller, James Price, Mark English, Robb Roeber. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Susie Schrieber Assessor, Robin Christiansen Treasurer, Matt May, Jennifer Hansen, and Sydney Williams, Extension Educators. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of January 13th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Mark Heckenliable Noxious Weed and Sign Superintendent gave his annual report. Mark informed the board that the Department of Ag came to his office last month and inspected his files and made sure that he had all his continuing education completed for the year. Mark will be attending his continuing education again this year, it will be in Norfolk.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman French signature on the annual Department of Ag Weed report. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Thurston County Extension Educators presented the Impact report and the annual Extension report. This shows what the Extension office has done in the last year. This report is shared on their website.

Jennifer talked about the partnership with the Winnebago Boys and Girls Club and with other after school programs through out the county. Another program that is being utilized is the Marathon Kids this encourages kids to get active. This is administered by the Diabetes Prevention Center in Macy. Julie has the kids do their laps in the morning and that counts toward this, it is reported into a state database. Jennifer stated that 53% of the County age eligible 5-18 have been reached with the programs, camps, programs at the schools, 4-H, and special interest things that Extension does.

Jennifer informed the board that there are two new Extension Board members recently appointed and need the approval of the County board to approve them. They are still trying to fill two of those positions. Those positions are in the Macy area and Winnebago. They are trying to follow the Supervisor Districts for those positions. The two new board members are Connie Albrecht District 2 and Sara Ortiz District 1.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Roeber to approve Connie Albrecht and Sara Ortiz as the new Extension Board members. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Jennifer informed the Board that February is 4H month and asked the Board to sign the proclamation.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to declare February as 4-H month and to sign the proclamation. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Committees were appointed by the Chairman: the list is kept in the County Clerk's office and will be posted on the Thurston County website.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the last two weeks the roads department has been blading the roughest areas, this week with warmer weather the road crew will be out blading as much as possible. They have been hauling and stock piling gravel. They have been patching the cracks in the roads and everything that is possible to do with the cold weather.

Mat informed the Board that Jerry Henschied had contacted him and let him know that they are done with the water line project the Omaha tribe has been working on. Mat went to the sites that involved the county roads, and all were returned to the condition they were in when project started.

Mat presented pictures of the Rosalie Shop now that it is completed.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he had gone to Omaha last week to meet with the Weather Service. One of the things they learned about was snow squalls.

Tom had some other trainings last week and will bring it back to the safety committees and as informed Tammy Maul Bodlak and Mark English on some of the information he was given. He has also talked with Mat Frazey about this.

Tom went to the Region meeting and informed the Board that they had rescheduled the drill that was scheduled in January and cancelled. Rescheduled for February 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. here in Pender.

Tom said that all Emergency Managers in the state of Nebraska need to redo all their recertification. He will be doing this online and will let the Board know when that is. If they would like to join him on this to get their certifications done at the same time.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman French, County Clerk Patty Bessmer and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple's signature on the signature card. And to remove Glen Meyer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-03 to transfer \$3,000.00 from General (0100) to Courthouse Building (4001). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution # 25-04 to allow the employees to voluntary add additional funds to their Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan, being the up to the maximum allowed by the IRS in a tax year. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

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

Mayberry Chairwoman called the meeting to order. Assessor Susie Schrieber presented the correction of the Lyons Rural Fire, and the Decatur Rural Fire Levies set in October. The list of properties is available in the Assessor's or the Clerk's office. If your property is included in this correction, you will receive a new statement and if you have already paid the taxes a refund will be included with the new statement.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve the corrections as presented by Assessor Schrieber in districts 13,14,15,17, 47, and 402. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker to approve the corrections as presented by Assessor Schrieber in districts 12, 14, 15, 17, 47, and 402. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve Chairman French signature on the Environment Service Agreement BRO—7087 (5) 32410 Thurston Southwest. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-05 Environment Service Agreement BRO—7087 (5) 32410 Thurston Southwest. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Discussion on East Repeater was tabled until Tom Perez could get more information and pricing back to the Board.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs fee report for November 2024 in the amount of \$26,433.49. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to purchase the radio from Tri State Communications Inc. in the amount of \$6,080.55 for the radio and \$10,840.96 to Groves Emergency Lighting Installation LLC all the equipment for the new law enforcement vehicle. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Discussion on transferring funds from the Inheritance Fund to pay for the motor grader purchased at the last Board meeting was tabled.

Discussion on donating sick time was tabled.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to transfer \$65,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the law enforcement Fund. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman French to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult detention Services with Dison County, Nebraska. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to switch from tax sales certificate method to the tax foreclosure method on delinquent real estate taxes. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 10:11 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION SPECIAL PROCEEDING
January 31, 2025

A Special 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 31st, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., James Price, Robb Roeber. Absent were Mueller and English. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Robin Christiansen and 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman French at 8:30 a.m. stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the back of the boardroom for anyone that would like to review them.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Board of Equalization

Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry,

Motioned by Price seconded by Walker to approve the exemption application from Little Priest Tribal College for 10 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve exemption applications from Atlas of Winnebago for 3 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve exemption applications from Light of the World Gospel Ministry for 5 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve exemption applications from Pender Community Hospital District 7 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Walker to approve exemption applications from Pender Medical Clinic 3 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve exemption applications from Pender Community Health Care Foundation 3 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve exemption applications from Pender Care Centre District 1 vehicle. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve exemption applications from Winnebago Reformed Church 1 vehicle. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Walker to approve exemption applications from St. Augustine Indian Mission 9 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Robin Christiansen arrived at the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve exemption applications from Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership Inc. 25 vehicles. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization at 8:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Absent: Mueller, English. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Mueller, and English. Motioned carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
February 10th, 2025

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 10th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Benjamin Walker Jr., Jim Mueller, James Price, Mark English, Robb Roeber. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 January 27th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of the January 31st, 2025, Special meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Abstain: English, Mueller. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

The Jail committee reported back on their jail inspection that was done two weeks ago. The committee talked with the staff and was informed by them that they continue to have issues with HVAC, and Rasmussen's was currently working on it. Also, some camera issues were discussed. The staff is currently working on creating some more space for the work release program. The committee was also informed of a mold issue in the Sheriff's office and the Administrative's office on the west side of the building. Russ stated they had sent pictures to the Architect but had not heard back from him. Price stated there is some landscaping that the water is coming back so it was soaking into the building, the ground needs to be graded back to keep the water from running in. Price also mentioned that there is some caulking that needs to be done around those windows. Chairman French asked Sheriff Briggs to follow up with the Architect. Russ will reach out to them again today.

French reported that Price had called him and invited him to attend a meeting with the Winnebago Tribe in discussing D Ave projects.

Public Comments: None

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to sign the letter of opposition of LB 216. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Abstain: Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to refund the Omaha Tribal Utilities the \$3,000.00 paid for Utility ROW for the water lines installed. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

The Farr Technology agreement was tabled

Discussion on personal property distress warrants was tabled.

Discussion on transferring sick time was tabled as no information had been received from the attorney working on this.

Discussion on financing the motor grader was tabled until the next meeting.

Thurston County Sheriff asked that the security and technology upgrades be tabled until the next meeting.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for January 2025 in the amount of \$14, 190.25. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for January 2025 in the amount of \$2,041.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve Resolution \$ 25-06 to transfer \$65,000.00 form Inheritance Fund (2700) to the Law Enforcement Fund (2960). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 553.](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-07 to transfer \$100,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried. [See Resolution book page 554.](#)

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been blading, cleaning intersections, clearing trees and brush. Mat informed the board that there will be a lot of culverts that will need to be fixed this Spring.

Tom Perez Emergency manager reported that he had a region meeting this week at which they had an Emergency Manger workday. Discussion was held on the LEOP updates and what is happening with that. Tom has reached out to the departments who have not gotten their LEOP updates to him yet. The State is pushing this hard to have these completed.

Tom has talked with the health department; a new person has taken over that position and he will be working with him in the future, JJ Jackson is the new Emergency Response Coordinator.

Tom has been working with the dispatch to finish up their updates to the next Gen 911, this is getting the Officers closer to being able to receive text messages and other technology. There are still a few bugs that they are working on.

Tom reminded the Board that the training exercise that was cancelled in January will be this Thursday. This will be done at the Pender hospital. It is based on a weather scenario. He will send the information out to the board.

Next week, February 18th, at 7:00p.m. Walthill Fire is hosting a storm spotter course.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to purchase a VHF digital repeater from Tri State Communications Inc. in the amount of \$7,514.00 to be paid out of the communications budget. This is the repeater for the East side of the county. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
February 24th, 2025

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 24th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, County Assessor Susie Schriber 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

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Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of February 10th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee reports: Robb Roeber attended the Region IV North Star meeting by zoom.

Davin French reported that he and James Price had met with the NDOT and the Winnebago Tribe last week and Dina Harris with NDOT Infrastructure Hub Team. Chairman French had Dina Harris give the presentation to the Board by zoom. The Infrastructure Hub is to empower local public agencies in competing for federal grants. The primary aim is to bridge the gap between local needs and federal funding by providing centralized resources and support. The Hub will help with strategic guidance, training programs, and networking opportunities. They will equip agencies with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the complex grant application process. This will be a great service for the county and other public agencies.

Public comments: None

Transferring sick time from one employee to another employee was tabled. No information has yet been received from the source that has been asked to assist with this benefit.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve advertising for gravel bids to opened March 10, 2025, meeting at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Dixon County to house prisoners as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman French's and Sheriff Brigg's signature on the Interlocal Agreement with Dixon County. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-08 to transfer \$10,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Courthouse Building Fund (4001).

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the rates for equipment per hour as presented by Mat Frazey, the Road Supervisor. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve the tax list correction for TV-6W LLC. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve the tax list correction for the Village of Winnebago. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:40 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Dan Alexander Road Superintendent joined the meeting by zoom to discuss the MOU with The Omaha Tribe on adding a second structure to the MOU.

Motioned by Walker was seconded by Mayberry to approve with changes to be made by adding the second structure and the County Attorney reviewing those changes and approving the changes on the MOU. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have hauled some gravel to some of the low spots throughout the county. Mat has had a chance to investigate the Infrastructure HUB and got together with Dan Alexander Road Superintendent on made a list of some of the bridges that may qualify for some grants that are available.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, handed out a pamphlet on training on Profiling Dangerous People that will be taking place at the Community Center for Law Enforcement and other agencies that will be coming up.

Tom reported that he had the drill and exercise last week at the Pender Hospital and reported it had gone very well. Tom said that Winnebago and Macy would like to incorporate something like this too. Tom stated that he would start setting that up with them this Spring.

Tom informed the Board that the spotter class was cancelled and move to April 22, 2025.

Pender Village has reached out to Tom to help with LEOP, so Tom will be helping them with that. He also stated that all the Communities around here are getting in touch with him as they are needing to get their emergency operations plans done.

Tom informed the Board he would be at a Workshop over in Wayne this afternoon and evening on LEOP.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 10th, 2025

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 10th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Matt May, Dick Smith, Jon Cooney and Jill Belt. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 February 24th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee reports: English reported that he and Tom Perez had meet with the Pender Hospital, the Hospital is going forward with the Pioneer Health to do Ambulance services of transfer out of the hospital. They will only be making transfers. They will be stationed at the Pender Hospital. They will also have Advanced Life Support available to all the county if needed. They will only be available if they are not on a transfer, as they will be doing other hospital transfers as well.

Robb Roeber and Ben Walker, being part of the Jail Committee met with the Architect who designed the jail to discuss some issues with mold in a couple of offices and the roof is leaking in part of the jail. He seems to think it is the windows leaking, and the roof should be under warranty. French stated that he would follow up with Russ Briggs to get in contact with the roof contractor and the window installers. Discussed the feasibility of a maintenance position at the jail.

Public comments: Jill Belt Director of the Department of Northeast Nebraska Public Health and Director of HR introduce herself and let them know she will be making more of a presence throughout her district. The Department of Health is writing more grants for all four counties that are served to get more services for the people. French thanked her for coming.

Discussion/take action was tabled on transferring sick time as Tammy Maul Bodlak had not heard back from the contact at NIRMA. Tammy was going to reach out to other counties and see if she could get a sample of what they may have.

Discussion/take action was tabled on the Wellness reimbursement, as Tammy Maul had not heard back on this either.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for February 2025 in the amount of \$16,955.50. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for February 2025 in the amount of \$322.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve the Associate Membership to Nebraska Loess Hills RC&D dues of \$100.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had recently met with the Pender Hospital as English had reported. Tom has been busy with the weather this past week and with the schools, getting their plans together. Tom worked with the Tribes on some 911 information last Tuesday and will be again this Tuesday. Mayberry questioned Tom on the 4420 disasters if there had been any more updates on the

two that are still outstanding. Tom told her that we are looking at about \$225,000.00 when done with those. Mayberry asked if there was a target date, Tom said that they did not give him a date.

Mat Frazey roads supervisor reported that the roads department has been cutting down trees and culverts, blading and pushing snow.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the contract with Applied Connective to install WIFI and Firewalls in each of the County Road Shops and in the Walthill shop install a managed network switch and hardware all three desktops and WIFI and Firewall. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Gravel bids were opened at 9:35 a.m.

Bids were received from Smith Farn Service, Cooney Fertilizer and Stalp's Gravel.

Stalp Gravel gave a bid of \$19.00 per ton out of the pit price.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to accept the bid of \$26.73 per ton from Smith Farm Service for Thayer, Pender, Flournoy, and Bryan Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to accept the bid of \$29.74 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for the Winnebago Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$28.50 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Anderson, Blackbird, and Omaha Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$26.74 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Dawes Township. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to accept the bid of \$27.52 per ton from Cooney Fertilizer for Mery and Perry Townships. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Correspondence was reviewed.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Walker, Roeber, and French. Motion carried.

Attest:

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

County Board of Supervisors Agenda

Date: March 24th, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Pender, NE

Tentative Agenda – Kept Current

1. Call to Order
2. Open meeting laws will be followed
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approve minutes of March 10th, 2025
5. Discuss/take action Fund Balance
6. Unfinished Business
7. Committee reports
8. Public Comments
9. Mark Heckinliable discuss the reports and requirements Nebraska Dept of Ag, Noxious Weed.
10. Approve Chairman French's signature on the Summary report from Nebraska Department of Ag.
11. Review the list of Monies collected at the March 3, 2025 Public Tax Sale.
12. Approve County Clerks approval on the Applied Connective contract to upgrade wireless /network upgrades. This is being paid for by a grant through the Secretary of State HAVA Grant.
13. Discuss/take action on Disaster Declaration for March 19,2025
14. Tom Perez Emergency Manager report
15. Mat Frazey Road Supervisor Road report
16. Discuss/take action on H Ave
17. Review Correspondence
18. Review and approve claims.
19. Adjourn

The Thurston County Board reserves the right to enter into executive session as provided in R.S.N.

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
March 24th, 2025

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 24th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent James Price. Also, present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, and Mark Heckenlaible Noxious Weed and Signs Manager. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 March 10th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Committee Reports: Mayberry reported she had gone to the district meeting in Norfolk this past week and a lot of discussion was on budgets and what will possibly be changed. Cash reserves and Emergency funds were discussed and Counties should establish these going forward. The Emergency fund should be contributed all year as this should be a budgeted item.

Also discussed was with the budgets that things should be put in the right-line item and taken out of the correct line item. They also stated that if a department has funds left in their budget it does not mean they need to be spent.

French had attended the same meeting, and he noted that NACO gave legislature updates and what their stance are on them. French also reiterated that a cash reserve should be done, and an emergency fund need to be considered for the next budget.

French stated that he had seen Patty Bessmer, Robin Christiansen, Tom Perez and Penny Warren all at the meeting. Meetings like this are a great way the learn and talk with other Elected Officials. He encouraged the Board to attend them in the future.

Public Comments: None

Mark Heckenlaible Noxious Weed Superintendent went over the reports he has received from the Department of Ag., Mark Heckenlaible received a perfect score.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mayberry to approve Chairman French's signature on the Nebraska Department of Ag report. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

The list of the monies collected March 3, 2025, was reviewed by the board. No action was needed. The list is available in the Clerk's or Treasurer's office.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve the Applied Connective upgrades of wireless and networks in the courthouse in the amount of \$4,697.00. This will be paid for with a grant that the County Clerk received from the Secretary of State HAVA funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been busy with the weather this past week and he had attended the Northeast District meeting in Norfolk last Friday.

Tom informed the Board that he participated in the Connect the Dots program that was put on at the Pender School. This is a program that gives the students a chance to look at career choices.

Tom informed the board that the storm spotter class that was scheduled has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled due to cutbacks and positions being eliminated. This class will now be available on video. This is severe weather week, and Tom has reached out to the communities in the area to see if they were wanting to test the sirens and some are still without power, Tom stated that one of the villages was not going to test theirs.

Tom reported that he has LEPC all hazard meeting this week on the 27th.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to declare a Disaster Declaration for the Storm on March 19, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey reported that his department had hauled gravel to some areas before the blizzard. They were busy moving snow for a couple days straight. They have also been repairing equipment.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded Roeber to have a MOU drawn up with the Omaha Tribe to allow the County to take care of a stretch of the road on H Ave. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Walker, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
April 21st, 2025

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 21st, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber. Absent James Price and Ben Walker. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Dan Alexander Highway Superintendent, Susie Schrieber County Assessor, Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Thurston County Extension Educators, Leonard Peters, and Eric Vavra. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 April 7^h, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Committee reports: French and Dan Alexander attended the NDOT meeting held April 7, 2025, at the Thurston County courthouse. It was a plan for ahead meeting for the bridge that was west of the golf course on J Ave. It was just another step in the process. The State is saying around 2027 or 2028 is what they are looking at for this project to be started.

French also reported that the roads committee met at the Rosalie Shop last week to look over the shop and to meet with Mat Frazey. The committee stated that the shop looks nice after all the updates that were made to it. French mention that the outside on the bottom of the building should be repaired now too.

Mark English reported that he had received an email regarding the Picotte Center open house on June 7th, 2025, wanting to know if the County would have any dust control on I Ave. that comes in on Matthewson St. The County does not have any equipment to do this. Mark stated that the Fire Department does, and he would take care of it.

Jennifer Hansen and Sydney Willams Extension Educators gave a report on the National beyond READY Study results. The Board thanked them for coming.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to advertise for a cleaning person for the Social Service building. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to pay the annual membership fee of \$925.00 for Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District. Public comments:

Board of Equalization

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Absent Price, Walker. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Chairwoman Mayberry.

Motioned by Roeber second by French to approve the List of Exemptions the Assessor presented the list of the Organizations. A copy of that list is available at the County Clerk's office. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Absent Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:52 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

9: 52 a.m. Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to open the One-and-Six-year hearing. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Eric Vavra had questions on the One-and-Six Year Highway Improvement Plan on G Ave Bridge. Dan Alexander informed him that it is closed because it is a fracture critical. Eric stated that he felt the state should help replace that bridge due to poor rerouting when they worked on putting in new culverts on Highway 77.

Leonard Peters appeared to ask questions on the Bridge on Highway 94 on the edge of Pender. Leonard would like to see that bridge moved to meet up with Hwy 16 and 9.

Electronic Contracting Company LLC appeared before the Board and presented a demonstration on the security system they have proposed for the Law Enforcement Center.

Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid in the amount of \$129,216.76 for Equipment and Installation, and the Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$33,358.28 for a 3-year service contract. Total of \$162,575.04. No other bids were received. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Utility ROW application for Ruben Zendejas Quick Current-Nebraska.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had the training with Phil Chalmers two weeks ago, seventy-two attended this training. Tom continues to work with the schools on their plans for different situations.

Tom informed the board that the east repeater is up and running.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that over the last two weeks the county has hauled over 350 loads of gravel throughout the county. The piles have gone down significantly. There is still gravel in Thurston

and some in Walthill. Gravel is still available in West Point, so they will begin hauling from there and keep going on the roads.

Last week Mat said they had to go put five new planks on the bridge west of the golf course. Mat informed the board that they will be replacing culverts north of Walthill and various on Q Ave. Mat also discussed with the Board that he was going to put an ad in the Pender Times to landowners about mowing and brush control according to state statute.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-09 the One-and-Six-year Highway Improvements Plan with the addition of the bridge on G Ave to be added. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 564.](#)

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to close the One- and Six-year Highway public meeting. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Northeast Public Health information was discussed.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 10:23 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, and French. Absent: Price, Walker. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 5th, 2025

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 5th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber. And Ben Walker. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Dan Duran Representative Benefit Management, Mike Boden and Luke Bonkiewicz NACO Representatives and Matt May. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 April 21st, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: Luke Bonkiewicz from NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) gave the board an update on what they have been working on with Legislation to advocate for County Officials. Their job is to educate and empower the senators to make informed decisions. NACO is currently working on a salary study for Elected officials. Last year they did the employees' salary study. NACO is a nonprofit organization that serves to represent the interests of all elected and appointed officials in the state.

Committee reports: Mayberry reported she had attended the Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department meeting by zoom. They reported that all grants are on hold with the programs due to the process being halted by the President. They had to lay off one full-time and one part-time person and they had to cut hours on two part-time employees. The governor asked them to reduce their budget by four and half million dollars. This is not definite, I will know more at the next meeting. They will be moving into the new building on 7/29/2025. The new building will have so much more space available.

Dan Duran with Benefit Management appeared before the board to ask for the opportunity to give a second opinion, second bid on employee benefits for the upcoming year. Dan asked for permission to get the information from the Clerks' office so that they can put together some possible insurance benefits for the county employees.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for April 2025 in the amount of \$20,692.75. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report in the amount of \$277.59. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs signature on the ECC contract for the new security System for the jail. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

James Price informed the board that the Winnebago Tribe is just in the planning stage on D Ave and passing the information on to the county.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager has been working with the Pender Hospital getting programs together for the new Emergency Manager. After the last LAPC meeting the Winnebago Hospital has been asking him to get some stuff for them, this has taken a lot of his time. Tom has also heard from some tower companies about AT&T and Verizon, as there has been a lot of flood plan stuff with the towers, that has come up. Tom stated that the grants and everything else is still vulnerable. We can submit as much paper work as we want but until the release of the funding is done it will not be administered.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:29 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
May 19th, 2025

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 19th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent: James Price. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French at 9:00 a.m. French 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 May 5th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: French brought up that nothing has been done with the request of sick leave being transferred to another employee and the start of a Wellness Program. French would like for the Handbook committee to meet and work on this and see if it is something that will need to be added to the handbook. French will get together with Tammy Maul Bodlak on this, so we can move forward with this.

French asked the Jail Committee if they had gone down and done an inspection. Roeber and Mueller said all was good.

French informed the board he had met with Dan Alexander Highway Superintendent and Richard Hastings with the Omaha Tribe and with Kenny Appleton to discuss some future projects with the BOA funding. The Omaha Tribe still does not have the MOU signed, but they are working on that.

Public comments: None

Motioned by English second Mueller to Finance \$250,000.00 through the Inheritance Fund with that being paid back over a two-year period and the remainder to be paid out of the Roads current budget in the amount of \$116,177.00 for the motor grader. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-10 to transfer \$60,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on Bridge #11205, no action taken.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the rehire of Allison Clausen at the Thurston County Extension office. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the overage on the Law Enforcement Operating budget. No action was taken at this time. Clerk Bessmer will get in contact with the Auditor and find out what will need to be done.

No action was taken on spending the remaining budget and next budget year.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, has been going through things for the #4420 2019 Flood Disaster. Tom stated they are starting to close it out this month, hopefully we will know what the final dollar amount will be. He had gotten some additional information from the Clerk's office for this. This will be the states and Federal government portion.

Tom stated he has been getting phone calls from the schools as they are planning for drills for the next school year.

Tom had an LAPC meeting and other meetings coming up this week for Emergency managers.

Tom said that he had received a notice on the LEOP and every Board member who has not completed this training need to get it done.

EMPG is being cut, and all our grant money is being cut. There is talk of not even being an EMPG grant next year and if there is it will be cut by quite a bit.

Mat Frazey, Road Supervisor, reported that the new motor grader was delivered on Tuesday. They have had it out and bladed with it.

Mat said that they had finally got the culvert done and Q Ave. It is a huge drop culvert. This took the whole week to complete. The road crew then moved the excavator up to F Ave where the bridge needed repaired. This will take at least a week to repair.

Mat informed the Board that the old Excavator was in the shop, and they had been working on it the final drive was leaking, Mat then took it up to Titan machinery, Titan called Mat and informed him that the final drive needed to be rebuilt. At first, they thought it would be around \$20,000.00 to repair it but found a remanded final drive for \$7,800.00 with labor around \$3,000.00. They have been hauling gravel and blading.

Correspondence: Information from Board of Equalization Commission.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, and French. Absent: Price. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

**,THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
June 2nd, 2025**

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 2nd, 2025. Present were Georgia Mayberry, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent: Mark English, and Davin French. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, and Jail Supervisor Julie Nilges. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Pro Temp Chairwoman, Georgia Mayberry at 9:00 a.m. Mayberry 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 May 19th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mueller, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk's Patty Bessmer fee report for May 2025 in the amount of \$5,306.25. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to hire Zayne Briggs as a Correction Officer. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Amending the Law Enforcement Operating budget was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Motioned by Price was seconded by Roeber to call the hearing to order. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried. No public was in attendance.

The presentation of the amended proposal was presented by Clerk Patty Bessmer in the amount of \$88,000.00 the shortage of Funds due to Safety equipment purchased that was not budgeted for. Motioned by Mueller was seconded by Price to accept as presented. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to adjourn the hearing at 9:31 a.m. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried.

Reconveyed back to regular session at 9:31 a.m.

Motioned by Price seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #25-11 to amend the Law Enforcement Operating Fund (2960) that exceeded the budgeted amount of \$337,000.00 with an additional \$88,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund (2700). These funds were used to update car camera, equipment, body camera and installation (Brite claim). Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 566.](#)

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-12 to transfer \$250,000.00 from Inheritance (2700) to the Roads Fund (0200) to purchase the 2025 John Deere 772 G Motor Grader. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book page 567.](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-13 to transfer \$200,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200) due to shortage of funding. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried. [See resolution Book page 568.](#)

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been busy with 911 and communications. Tom stated he had not received any numbers back on Disaster 4420, FEMA is finishing that up. Tom said that they are changing some numbers to 4420 disaster.

Tom said he has a list of people who need to get the NIMS training completed with those being Gina Roth, Robin Christiansen, Davin French, and the new board members Robb Roeber and Benjamin Walker. Tom stated that a resolution had been made several years ago stating that all elected officials must take the 100 and 200 basic training for NIMS.

Tom has been working with a couple of different phones, and radio companies on phone towers wanting to get the coverage done.

Motioned by Roeber was seconded by Mueller to approve claims with the changes of 4 payroll claims for Deputies to include overtime on those that attended a training. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Absent: English, French. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Georgia Mayberry Pro Temp Chairwoman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
June 16th, 2025

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 16th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Robert Rapp Insurance agent with New York Life, Judd Allen and Mike Boden with NACO and Dan Duran Insurance agent with Benefit Management. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French stated that the new 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 Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, Mayberry. Abstain: English, French. Motion carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: French reported he had talked with the Omaha Tribe on the MOU on the Morrow Bridge and was informed the Tribe was going to sign the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding.)

Public comments: None

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to pass the renewal of property and auto insurance and workers comp with NIRMA in the amount of \$162,695.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Sheriff Russ Briggs asked if the \$8,000.00 he had asked for, for improvements to the dispatch out of the ARPA funds, is no longer available, wanting to know where he should pay for the items from now that they recently paid for. The board directed him to pay for it out of the Communications budget as there are funds in that budget so there would be no need to transfer at this time.

Sheriff Russ Briggs informed the board that he was going to approach the Village of Pender's board about possibly purchasing a couple of flock cameras out of the interlocal budget. These cameras are used to read license plates.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to give Sheriff Briggs permission to go to the Village of Pender and ask if they would be interested in purchasing the Flock cameras to be used in Pender. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth's fee report for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$441.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the grant application for the Pender Betterment Group in the amount of \$1,000.00 out of the Promotional Improvement Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak signature on the STOP contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Bids for Health insurance were as follows:

Benefit Management: Medica Choice National Employee only \$965.93, Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible.

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Benefit Management: Medica with CHI Health, employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and Child(ren) \$1,552.49, employee and family \$1,776.20. \$6,100.00 deductible.

Benefit Management: Elevate by Medica, employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and child(ren) \$1,552.49, employee and family \$1,776.20, \$8,300.00 deductible.

NACO: Medica Choice National (A) \$965.93 Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible per individual \$12,200.00 per family Unlimited HSA.

NACO: United Health Care EHZF (B) Employee only \$929.38, Employee and Child(ren) \$1,865.27, Employee Spouse \$1,865.27, Family 2,134.79. \$6,000.00, per individual deductible \$12,000.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

NACO: United Health Care EHY2 (C) \$909.38 Employee only, \$1,826.17 employee and Child(ren) \$1,826.17 employee and spouse, \$2,090.04 employee and Family. \$6,750.00 per employee deductible \$13,500.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

NACO: Blue Cross Blue Shield current plan county is on now Employee only \$1,139.23, employee and child(ren) \$2,286.90, employee and spouse \$2,286.90, employee and family \$2,616.44. \$6,100.00 per employee deductible and \$14,100.00 per family deductible. Unlimited HSA.

Rober Rapp New York Life Insurance Co: (A) \$965.93 Employee and Spouse \$1,939.00, Employee and child(ren) \$1,940.61, Family \$2,220.25 with a \$6,100.00 deductible per individual \$12,200.00 per family 30% HSA.

Robert Rapp: Medica with CHI Health: Employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and child(ren) \$1552.49, Family \$1,776.20 with \$6,100.00 deductible per individual and \$12,200.00 per family, 30% HSA.

Robert Rapp: Elevate by Medica, employee only \$772.74, employee and spouse \$1,551.20, employee and child(ren) \$1,552.49, employee and family \$1,776.20, with \$6,100.00 deductible per individual and \$12,200.00 per family. 30% HSA

Motioned by Roeber seconded by English to go with United Health Care Option B with NACO Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

BOARD OF EQUILIZATION

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:49 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motion carried.

The 2025 Certification of Assessment rolls was presented and approved. Motioned by Roeber seconded by French to accept the list as presented. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by French to accept the valuation changes made by the Assessor Schrieber of Ag land at 73%, Commercial land at 100%, and Residential land at 96%. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by French to reject the Homestead Exemption for Carol Thomas due to her death. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to reject the homestead exemption for Robert Simonsen, value of property exceeds county maximum value by \$20,000.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:56 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Walker seconded by Price to appoint Gordon Rave, Gregg Phillips and Gene Case for vacancies on the Veterans Service Committee. The other members are LaVern Kubik, Lyle Jasa, and Frank Fendrick, with Frank going off the committee. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Robin Christiansen asked to amend the Entity Authorization form for her to be added. This was tabled until further information can be gathered.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the renewal of Naco Dues to be paid 2025 and the first half of 2026 in the amount of \$1,718.88. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Mueller to approve Chairman French's signature on the Perry Township agreement with the approval after the County Attorney looks over the contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, passed around a couple of booklets that Community Safety Net had published with Thurston County. He has received 60 books that will be put within the different schools for the kids and staff. The first 60 are free and then after that there is a fee for the books.

Tom has been busy working on grants, had a zoom meeting this past week and had been talking with someone at the Carl T Health care to see if they could work with Tom and the salamander system and working with the County on more projects.

Tom has been approached by two different entities about our towers on both sides of the county. No further discussion on this.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported they have been busy hauling gravel from West Point. The road crew started rebuilding the bridge north of Thurston. This will probably take two weeks to complete.

Mat informed the Board that he had to do quite a bit of work on the yellow Mac truck, bearing out of the rear end seal, the fifth wheel is cracked, this was done at the Walthill shop.

Mat met up with Northeast Public Power Company last Friday and a logger in a boom truck to cut the branch out of the tree that was hanging down over the road, however once there the Northeast Public Power said that it was not their power line. The part hanging over the road was taken down and the rest of the tree will be removed next Friday June 20, 2025.

Correspondence: The Board received a notice from the Sixth Judicial District of the rates of Court appointed attorneys for County Court and District Court. These rates will be \$125.00 per hour and reasonable drivetime and mileage starting July 1, 2025.

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

Motioned by Walker seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
June 30th, 2025

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 30th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present Shelly Copple Deputy of County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Treasurer Robin Christiansen, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Julie Nilges. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French stated that the new 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 Walker seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of June 16, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: Mayberry attended Naco training in Kearney.

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to rehire Austin Holloway as a Correction Officer. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Recessed at 9:11A.M.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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

The 2025 Certification of Assessment rolls was presented and approved.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to accept the exemption for St. Augustine Indian Mission on 2025 Chevrolet Express Van. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Public hearing Protest: Public Hearings were held for 2025 Property Valuation Protest. Public Hearings were held from 9:35 A.M. protest #1 of Kami Pierce #002100059. Susie Schrieber will go out to the property to re-evaluate.

Public Hearing Protest was held at 9:40 A.M. protest #2 Kami Pierce #002250032. Schrieber will go out to the property and re-evaluate.

Public Hearing Protest was held at 9:45A.M. protest #3 Pamela Fendrick #002070001. Schrieber will send the correct form to Pamela.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:46 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve Russ Briggs Sheriff fee reports for the months of April 2025 \$14,514.61 and May 2025 \$34,661.11. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-14 to transfer \$130,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See resolution Book page 569.](#)

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 14th, 2025

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 14th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Sheriff Russ Briggs, and Becky George CPA with KRP & Co. LLP. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French stated that the new 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 Mueller seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of June 30th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee Reports: French reported that the MOU with the Omaha Tribe has been signed but not received back.

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Tammmy Maul Bodlak County Attorney's signature on the DHHS vital record agreement for 2026. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve the hiring of Brad Easland as Deputy County Attorney. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Becky George CPA with KRP & Co LLP was here to review the Audit report for the 23-24. The Audit report is kept in the County Clerk's office.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk, Patty Bessmer fee report for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$4,797.50. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk fee report for June 2025 in the amount of \$375.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve MIPS as the printing Co to print the pink post cards LB 644. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve retentions bonuses for Thurston County Deputies as follows: 1-3 years \$500.00, 3-5 years \$700.00, 5-7 years \$1,000.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Sheriff Briggs discussed the K9 dog budget with the Board and wanted them to know he now has a deputy interested in doing this. He informed the board that the budget would remain the same as last year.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-15 Fire Districts tax levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 570.](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-16 Township tax levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 571.](#)

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to all Board of Equalization to order at 9:31 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry Motioned carried.

The 2025 Certification of Assessment rolls was presented and approved. Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to accept the list as presented. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to accept the valuation changes made by the Assessor Schrieber of Ag land at 73%, Commercial land at 100%, and Residential land at 96%. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Public Hearings: Consideration and/ or action on Property valuation protest as follows:

2025-01 Kami Pierce parcel #002100059 Motioned by English seconded by Walker to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

2025-02 Kami Pierce parcel #002250032 Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

2025-03 Pamela Fendrick parcel #002070001 Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor of no change. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve the 2024 Undervalued and Omitted properties as presented by County Assessor Schrieber. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Price to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:45 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been on vacation last week but did some work with FEMA and NEMA on a couple of projects. Tom informed the Board that the EMPG grant that the county gets will more than likely be going away. This grant pays for one half of his wages.

Tom stated that he had done some testing with his phone, and we had the state radio put into my phone and I had another type of radio for the First Net. Tom mentioned that there are possibilities of maybe going to a new alert system I- paws. He will bring more to the board on this later.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the 772-motor grader was out blading and lost a bunch of fluids. The mechanic was called and came out to check it discovered the transmission guard was busted off. He informed Mat there is a recall on that and that there was also a hydraulic leak. The motor grader was then transported to Murphy tractor. Most of the work that was completed was covered under warranty. Mat then informed the Board that then the next week the motor grader in Walthill shop started to have some issues also. This motor grader was also taken up to Murphy tractor to be worked on and is in the shop as of today. The work being done on this machine should also be covered under warranty. Mat said that road crew were redecking the bridge on G Ave and should be done in the next couple of days.

Mat stated that the road crew have been blading when possible.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve the advertisement for engineering on the BIA bridge projects. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry Seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
July 28th, 2025

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 28th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Chief Deputy Derek Herron. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French stated that the new 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 English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of July 14, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Mueller to approve the opening of a new bank account at Charter West Bank, this is for our new buy down of the deductible account. Due to Health Insurance changing Point C will no longer provide this service. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, second by Roeber. Chairman French, County Clerk Bessmer, and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple to be all signers on this account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, second by Walker. To appoint Davin French as the new signer for the Opioid Settlement. Glen Meyer will be removed. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Discussion was held on the Auditor for 2025-2026 moving forward. KRP and Co. contract is done June 2025. This was tabled. ed

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-17 to transfer \$20,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 572.](#)

9:20 a.m. Bids were open for Engineering for the replacement of two structures. BIA bridge and C008704905 the Morrow bridge.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Walker, to accept the bid from Midwest Engineering. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Only one bid was submitted. Bid was awarded to Midwest Engineering.

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller second Roeber to call Board of Equalization to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Davin, seconded by Roeber to reject the homestead exemption for Janet Frederickson. She must occupy the home through August 15th, and date of death was June 29th. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Assessor Schrieber presented the three-year plan of assessment. Assessor Schrieber will send it to the state in October.

Motioned by French seconded by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:31 a.m.

Roads report: Mat Frazey gave a written report. The county in general has received eight inches of rain. We are behind schedule blading on Monday June 23rd the older 772 motor-grader in Thurston had to go to Sioux City for repairs mostly covered by warranty. Seven days later the 772 motor-grader in Walthill had to go to shop for repairs. We got it back on July 23rd. On July 15th, Randy McCluskey resigned. Jake is now working in the Rosalie shop blading Randy's route. Also, this month the black Mack was at the shop for one week and Kenworth had to go in for DEF and DPF problems, we got it back and ran it for a week, then back to the shop with the same issues. One employee has been sick and absent from work since 23rd of June. The road crew got the bridge fixed north of Thurston, and the road is now open. We are getting caught up on blading.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had received a call from the EPA and was going to meet with them later today. Tom informed the board that he had gone over to Winnebago Pow Wow on Sunday. Tom has received the paperwork from EMPG and will be working on that. He informed the board that there was not going to be much funding this coming year, mainly funds for half of his wages. He stated that they may increase it a little bit but not much. Mayberry asked if the two outstanding FEMA projects were still on hold? Tom informed her that one should be finished up and we should be getting the notification on that.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry Seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:32 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
August 11th, 2025

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 11th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, James Price, Jim Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Assessor Susie Schrieber, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Treasurer Robin Christiansen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French stated that the new 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 English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of July 28th, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Abstain Price. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business: None

Public comments: None

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Patty Bessmer County Clerk fee report for July 2025 in the amount of \$3,270.375. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report for July 2025 in the amount of \$421.35. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve the Cemetery list provided by the County Assessor. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. List is available at the County Assessors or the County Clerk's office.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve Resolution #25-18 the Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution book page 573](#)

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #25-19 to transfer \$20,550.00 from

E-911 Fund (2913) to the 911 Wireless Holding Fund (2914) for the future purchase of a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution book page 574](#)

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Resolution #25-20 to transfer \$23,000.32 from E911 Fund (2913) to the General Fund (0100), this is 24-25 partial balance transfer to assist in dispatcher wages. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution book page 575](#)

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve the Engineering agreement with Midwest Engineering for the BIA Bridge Carrying 37 Road at Blackbird Creek (Macy East). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Chairman French's signature on the easements for C-87(176) with corrections to the legal description. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

ROW Easements applications were tabled until next board meeting on August 25,2025.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber for Mat Frazey to advertise for help for the roads department. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the road department has been hauling gravel, patching a couple of bridges and blading when possible. This week sounds like it should be dry so blading should be a big task this coming week. Mat informed the board he has had trouble with both trucks, the Black Mac and the Yellow trucks.

Robin Christinasen distress warrants were tabled due to verbiage on the agenda.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he had been busy with radio issues, 911 signs, mapping, and working on the EMPG grant. Tom informed the board that he had gone to Dakota-Thurston County Fair and Watermelon Days.

Correspondence: None

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:24 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

County Board of Supervisors Agenda

Date: September 22nd, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Pender, NE Tentative Agenda – Kept Current

1. Call to Order/ open meeting laws
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve minutes of September 8th, 2025, meeting
4. Discuss/take action Fund Balance
5. Unfinished Business
6. Committee reports
7. Public Comments
8. 9:15 a.m. Seth Sackmann Superintendent Walthill School District to discuss purchasing a tract of land that Thurston County owns
9. Ryan Poots Representative with Eagleview to demonstrate his product.
10. Discuss/ take action on changes to the Kinney easements
11. Discuss/take action on the revised ROW easement application
12. Discuss/take action on fees for ROW easements
13. Mat Frazey Road Supervisor report
14. Tom Perez Emergency Manager report
15. Discuss/approve Liquor License Heise Holdings LLC for October 11th, 2025, location Kai Family Barn
16. Discuss/approve Liquor License Heise Holdings LLC for October 25th, 2025, location Kai Family Barn
17. Approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for August 2025 in the amount of \$583.00
18. Discuss/approve 1% lid increase for levy
19. Discuss /review Budgets and set Budget hearing for September 29th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
20. Approve grant application from the Promotional Fund in the amount of \$1,000.00
Thurston Watermelon Days
21. Review Correspondence
22. Review & approve claims
23. Adjourn

The Thurston County Board reserves the right to enter into executive session as provided in R.S.N.

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 8th, 2025

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 8th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker, Georgia Mayberry and Jim Mueller. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Treasurer Robin Christiansen. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

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Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of August 25th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Roeber, Walker, French. Abstain: Mayberry, Mueller. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance no discussion.

Unfinished Business: Mark English talked with Dan Sater from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to inform him on the conditions of Hwy 94 roadsides, how bad the wash outs are along the road. Mark was told that it was not a priority, and his men are doing other more important jobs. However, if he gets time, they will get to it when they get to it. English also mention that he had reached out to Senator Meyer and had not heard back from him yet.

Committee reports: English reported that the Finance committee and Shelly Cople have continued to work on budgets.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Clerk Patty Bessmer fee report for August 2025 in the amount of \$8,911.25. Roll call aye: Mayberry English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to approve Resolution #25-22 to transfer \$150,000.00 from General Fund (0100) to the Roads Fund (0200). Roll call aye: Mayberry English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried. [See Resolution Book page 577](#)

Board of Equalization

Motioned by Mueller seconded Roeber to call Board of Equalization to order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to approve the Exemption Application of Atlas of Winnebago for a 2023 Ford Passenger Van. Vin#1FBAX9C83PKB51312. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by English to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:37 a.m. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported that the road crew has been busy blading working, on culverts, and fixing scours along some ditches.

Mat informed the board that he had hired a new person for the roads department.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported he has worked on winterizing the towers and he has reprogrammed another repeater up by the west tower.

Tom has spent a lot of time working on the floodplains. There are some new rules and regulations. He continues to work with the schools, different businesses getting ready for winter. He has asked the schools for bus routes so that when snow starts to fly, we will know which routes should look at for emergency routes.

Robin Christiansen discussed with the Board the possibility of longevity pay to employees. Robin presented to the board an example of what other counties have done for their employees. There was a lot of conversation on this topic. No decision was made at this time; more information is needed. The board mentioned that the elected officials need to get together and come back with more information.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Price to approve the Sheriff to proceed with the purchase of K9. Sheriff Brigg's recommended Von Yager of Oklahoma, single purchase of K9 and tracking dog. A dog that is fully trained and two weeks of schooling that the deputy will need to be able to work with the canine bid of \$11,700.00. This dog would be the property of Thurston County. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve 2025 Inventories. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Roll Call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, Mayberry. Motion carried.

Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Davin French

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
September 22nd 2025

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 22nd, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Patty Bessmer, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, Bullette Beaudette, Seth Sackmann, Ryan Poots. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of September 8th 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance no discussion.

Unfinished Business: English stated that there still had not been anything done on Hwy 94. He has left a voice mail with Kevin with NEDOT and sent him another email. He has not heard anything back from him yet. There was an accident last week cause by the sharp drop off, thankfully no one was hurt. Mark said he would keep on this and report back.

Robb Roeber reported that the jail committee had gone down and did the quarterly inspection of the jail.

French informed the board that the finance committee had met several times the past two weeks working on the budget.

Public Comments: None

English also informed the Board that he and Tom Perez, and Tammy Maul being part of the Safety Committee had met with Chad Engle with NIRMA two weeks ago.

Mr. Seth Sackmann Superintendent with the Walthill Public School appeared before the board to discuss purchasing a piece of property that the County owns which is located near the location of which the new Walthill school will be built. The board informed him that there was a process that the county will need to go through.

No action was taken on the Kinney easement. Tabled until next meeting.

Ryan Poots Representative with Eagleview gave a presentation on his programs that all departments would be able to utilize. Board is going to continue evaluate.

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to keep fees for ROW Easements the same. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor reported the road department has been hauling gravel, and blading when possible. Motor grader 772, Rick Fendrick runs this machine at Murphy Tractor getting a new wiring harness, the warranty is out, but Murphy Tractor is doing it at a discount price. Mat informed the board that are only two motor graders under warrant (Chester's 160, and 772GP in Thurston). Other blades average from 9000 to 6000 hours. Another, blade is just under 6000. He wanted the board to be aware of it. The roads crews have been working on culverts and shredded some brush last week too.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager reported he was up at the Ponca Expo a couple of times over the weekend.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller, to approve liquor license for Heise Holdings LLC for October 11th, 2025, location at Kai Family Barn. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Rober seconded by Mueller, to approve liquor license for Heise Holdings LLC for October 25th, 2025, location at Kai Family Barn. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report for August 2025 in the amount of \$583.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the 1% lid increase for 25-26 Levy. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to have Budget hearing is set for September 29, 2025 at 9:00am. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve the grant application for the Pender Betterment Group in the amount of \$1,000.00 out of the Promotional Improvement Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

Correspondent: Department of Health and Human Services, the LB 376, basically stating the county doesn't have to furnish them a place. The board has to decide by November 1, 2025

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to approve claims as presented. The roads department raises need be approved by the roads committee. Roll Call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French. Motioned carried.

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

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French chairman

**THURSTON COUNTY BOARD
PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
September 29, 2025**

A Special Board meeting was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 29th day of September 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker, Georgia Mayberry. Absent James Price and Jim Mueller. Also, present Shelly Copple deputy of County Clerk, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Davin French 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 second by Roeber to open the 2025-2026 Budget hearing. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price. Motioned carried.

A public hearing to receive taxpayers support, opposition, or observation on the proposed 2025-2026 budget which was published in the Pender Times the legal newspaper, on September 25th, 2025.

Shelly Copple presented the Budget: 1. Total budget is \$15,249,501.54. The total tax dollar requested is General \$4,434,428.00. The Jail Bond is \$379,348.00.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Walker to approve the budget hearing as presented. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price. Motioned carried.

There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman French.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:06 a.m. to approve the 2025-2026 Budget.

A public hearing to receive taxpayer support, opposition, or observation on setting the final tax request for 2025-2026

Motioned by Mayberry second by Roeber to accept and approve 2025-2026 Budget. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price Motioned carried.

Motion by Mayberry second by Roeber to adopt Resolution #25-23 Adoption and Appropriations. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to adopt Resolution #25-24 Property Tax request. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price. Motioned carried.

Hearing was closed at 9:07 a.m.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Roeber to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Mueller, and Price. Motioned carried.

Attest: _____

Shelly Copple- Deputy County Clerk

Davin French- Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 6, 2025

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 6, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, Mueller, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Absent: Georgia Mayberry and James Price. Also, present, Deputy County Shelly Copple, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of September 22nd, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve the minutes of the special budget meeting on September 29th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished business: Mark talked to NDOT, Kevin apologized and will make Hwy 94 a priority to repair the side of the road. Safety committee met after this board meeting

Public comments: None

Interim Authority for Deputy Clerk Shelly Copple to act as interim County Clerk until board successor is fully appointed. No action.

Eagleview contract no action taken. \$18,800 a year or bigger pixels will be \$30,000 over three years.

Kinney Easement was received in Clerk's office. The family wrote the wrong amount in the easements. The amount wrote in was \$1000.00 and was supposed to be \$1.00. A new easement will be sent back to the Clerk's office with correct amount and Chairman will sign off. Motioned by Jim seconded by Roeber Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Property sale to Walthill Public School, lot 6,7, and 8, Block 17 Third Filing, Village of Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska, parcel #003440020 located at 312 South Taft Street, Walthill, Nebraska. 68067. The Board wants to make sure we get back taxes and fees. Will advertise for 30 Days in Pender Times. Motion English seconded by Mueller to sell property to Walthill Public School. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motion by English seconded by Roeber to approve purchase agent authority to A&R construction for the 310 bridge. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, reported the road department has been hauling gravel, blading and working on culverts. Having equipment problems. Motor grader 772, has been in and out of the shop, it just got a new wiring harness, now Murphy Tractor wants to run a wiring harness from the transmission up to the computer. Murphy Tractor mechanic is saying the harness got pinched. This machine is out of warranty. Two semis tractors are broken down, air and motor problems.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve of the roads department raises. The roads department committee met after last board meeting to discuss the raises. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, reported there is a crew at the tower on the west repeater working and repainting that. Tom has been working on getting a list of IDs for the different departments.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$2,530.50. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$3,616.88. (with new doc fees) Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$315.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution 25-25 to transfer Opioid funds \$3,160.00 from County General Fund Misc Sheriff fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02 to assist for payment for help pay for dog and training. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker for Chairman French to sign for North Star Services. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker Health and Human services agreement. The County don't plan on making any changes at this time. County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak will respond to DHHS. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber declare vacancy of County Clerk Patty Bessmer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to advertise to fill vacancy of County Clerk. Ad will run October 9th and 16th. All applications are due back in the Clerk's office by October 17th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted in open meeting laws on October 20th. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

A discussion was held by Chairman French, consolidating offices. Feasibility of combining offices. County Attorney only certain offices could be combined. No Action taken at this time. Board decides to discuss it more; it will be on next agenda.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve claims with the changes of two-time sheets. The board wanted Clerk's office to use sick or vacation on Friday, September 26th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

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Interim Authority for Deputy Clerk Shelly Copple to act as interim County Clerk until board successor is fully appointed. No action.

Eagleview contract no action taken. \$18,800 a year or bigger pixels will be \$30,000 over three years.

Kinney Easement was received in Clerk's office. The family wrote the wrong amount in the easements. The amount wrote in was \$1000.00 and was supposed to be \$1.00. A new easement will be sent back to the Clerk's office with correct amount and Chairman will sign off. Motioned by Jim seconded by Roeber Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Property sale to Walthill Public School, lot 6,7, and 8, Block 17 Third Filing, Village of Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska, parcel #003440020 located at 312 South Taft Street, Walthill, Nebraska. 68067. The Board wants to make sure we get back taxes and fees. Will advertise for 30 Days in Pender Times. Motion English seconded by Mueller to sell property to Walthill Public School. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motion by English seconded by Roeber to approve purchase agent authority to A&R construction for the 310 bridge. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, reported the road department has been hauling gravel, blading and working on culverts. Having equipment problems. Motor grader 772, has been in and out of the shop, it just got a new wiring harness, now Murphy Tractor wants to run a wiring harness from the transmission up to the computer. Murphy Tractor mechanic is saying the harness got pinched. This machine is out of warranty. Two semis tractors are broken down, air and motor problems.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Walker to approve of the roads department raises. The roads department committee met after last board meeting to discuss the raises. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Manager, reported there is a crew at the tower on the west repeater working and repainting that. Tom has been working on getting a list of IDs for the different departments.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$2,530.50. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$3,616.88. (with new doc fees) Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve Gina Roth District Court Clerk fee report for September 2025 in the amount of \$315.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution 25-25 to transfer Opioid funds \$3,160.00 from County General Fund Misc Sheriff fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02 to assist for payment for help pay for dog and training. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker for Chairman French to sign for North Star Services. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Walker Health and Human services agreement. The County don't plan on making any changes at this time. County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak will respond to DHHS. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber declare vacancy of County Clerk Patty Bessmer. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to advertise to fill vacancy of County Clerk. Ad will run October 9th and 16th. All applications are due back in the Clerk's office by October 17th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted in open meeting laws on October 20th. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

A discussion was held by Chairman French, consolidating offices. Feasibility of combining offices. County Attorney only certain offices could be combined. No Action taken at this time. Board decides to discuss it more; it will be on next agenda.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve claims with the changes of two-time sheets. The board wanted Clerk's office to use sick or vacation on Friday, September 26th, 2025. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:01 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Roeber, Walker, French. Absent: Price and Mayberry Motioned carried.

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
October 20, 2025

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 20, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, Georgia Mayberry, and Ben Walker. Absent: James Mueller, Robb Roeber, and James Price. Also, Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, County Treasurer Robin Christiansen, and Steven Schneider. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of October 6, 2025. Roll call aye: English, and Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Abstain: Mayberry. Motioned carried.

Committee Reports: Safety committee met.

Unfinished business: English reported Hwy 94 is done and looks good. Christiansen asked about the longevity incentives.

Public comments: None

Board of Equalization

Motioned by English second Walker to call Board of Equalization to order at 9:17 a.m. Roll call aye: English, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Walker to approve the levies for 2025-2026 for Thurston County. Roll call aye: English, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by French to approve exemption application for Light of the World Gospel Ministries for 2013 Chrysler Van Vin#2C4RC1CG2DR662414. Roll call aye: English, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Walker to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:18a.m. Roll call aye: English, Walker, French and Mayberry. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Interviews were conducted for County Clerk vacancy. One applicant was interviewed.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported there is a crew at the tower on the west repeater tower working and repainting it. Tom has been up there making sure the antennas are still working.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor, reported the road department has been hauling gravel, blading and working on culverts. There is only one semi tractor that still broke down. The road crew is putting some gravel on the roads where it is needed; however, it is taking away from the next years budget.

Row Division- Highway Beautification permit at Thurston Spur. Tabled

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to approve the ROW application for Quick Current pending County Attorney review. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Revising the county handbook for Elected Officials death or other circumstances for the offices to be closed. French will call Pam Bourne to check into correct wording. The handbook committee will have to meet.

Motioned by English seconded by Walker to approve Resolution 25-26 for Plan in Hand Report Approval. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by English to appoint the new county Clerk to Steven Schneider effective October 26th, 2025. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve claims and payroll as presented. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Mayberry, English, Walker, French. Absent: Roeber, Price and Mueller. Motioned carried.

Shelly Copple Deputy County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
November 3rd, 2025

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 3rd, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, James Price, Robb Roeber, Ben Walker, Georgia Mayberry and Jim Mueller. Also, present County Clerk Steven Schneider, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 Walker to approve the minutes of October 20, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Walker and French. Abstained: Price, Roeber, Mueller. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: James Price discussed an email on Friday October 31, 2025 the Winnebago Tribe would like to have a meeting to discuss Access Road and the future of D Ave. looking for a letter of support from the county.

Committee Reports: None

Public comments: None

Discussion was held regarding an Auditor for the County, it was tabled, searching for other companies to bid on the opportunity.

Motion by Roeber, seconded Mayberry to approve Chairman Davin French, County Clerk Steven Schneider, and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer and Patty Bessmer on the Thurston County imprest account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Chairman Davin French, County Clerk Steven Schneider, on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer and Patty Bessmer on the Thurston County Clerks account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Russell Briggs, County Clerk Steven Schneider, on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer and Patty Bessmer on the Thurston County Clerks Sheriff Fee Account- Tabled

County Sheriff Russell Briggs, County Clerk Steven Schneider, Micaela Welsh, Julie Nilges and Austin Holloway on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer, Patty Bessmer and Gabriel Parker Diaz on the Thurston County Clerks Sheriff Inmate Account- Tabled

Motion by Mueller, seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman Davin French, County Clerk Steven Schneider and Deputy County Clerk Shelly Copple to be signers on the buy down account at Charter West Bank to remove Patty Bessmer

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk Steven Schneider credit card, so we can cancel Patty Bessmer card. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Moeller, seconded by Price to approve Paul Randall, Tom Perez and Mat Frazey raises. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Mat Frazey Road Supervisor was unavailable, a short report was given by Chairman French, crews have been out blading, 310 bridge concrete has been poured. No movement on BIA contracts due to the federal government shutdown.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve Resolution #25-27 Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2025 Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried. **Resolution: 25-27 page 582**

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he had been working on 911 addressing and addresses for the boxes for fiber instillation company. Lots of GPS work matching location to address. Tom has also been contacting the schools to start getting the school bus routes and other stuff for this winter, this is to coordinate with the roads to ensure the priority routes for snow removal. Also working on updating ID's, just finished the sheriff's office stuff and going through the county ones right now.

Motioned by English seconded by Price to approve County Attorney signature on DHHS/ Thurston County amendment one agreement. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motion by English seconded by Price to approve advertisement for bids for 2 new police vehicles (truck & SUV) Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motion by English seconded by Moeller to approve Russ Briggs Sheriff's fee report August 2025 in the amount of \$21,394.89 and September 2025 \$31,367.49. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motion by Price seconded by Roeber to approve County Clerk's fee report for October 2025 in the amount of \$3,511.52. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Review Correspondence. A discussion was held about possible power issues at the Courthouse and Welfare building in Pender on November 5, 2025, no action was taken.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Motioned by Price seconded by Roeber to call Board of Equalization order at 9:30 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by French seconded by Roeber to deny Homestead exemption for Paul & Denise Thomsen. As exemption was not timely filed. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motion by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:32 am. English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve claims with one adjustment, the AT&T bill needs to be broken down with interlocal. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Steven Schneider County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
November 17th, 2025

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 17th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Mark English, James Price, Robb Roeber, Ben Walker, Georgia Mayberry and Jim Mueller. Also, present County Clerk Steven Schneider, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs and Deputy Sheriff Derek Herron. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 English seconded by Roeber to approve the minutes of November 3, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by English to approve James Price Sr signature on two North Star Services Documents. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mueller to approve KRP to be the County Auditor for the next three years. They were the only bid. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve County Sheriff Russell Briggs, County Clerk Steven Schneider and Micaela Welsh on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer and Patty Bessmer on the Thurston County Clerks Sheriff Fee Account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve County Sheriff Russell Briggs, County Clerk Steven Schneider, Micaela Welsh, Julie Nilges and Austin Holloway on signature cards at Frontier Bank and to remove Glen Meyer, Patty Bessmer and Gabriel Parker Diaz on the Thurston County Clerks Sheriff Inmate Account. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve County Chairman Davin French, County Clerk Steven Schneider, and County Vice Chairman Mark English signature on Frontier Bank Entity Authorization. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Quick Current ROW application:

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve Quick Current ROW. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

County Attorney had some concerns regarding the application. It was recommended to rescind prior vote.

Motion by Mayberry seconded by Walker to rescind vote to approve Quick Current ROW until concerns with application are addressed. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Quick Current ROW tabled. Need to talk to Mat Frazey about concerns recommended by the County Attorney.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber approve County Attorney signature on Child Support Amendment contract. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Open sealed bids: Sid Dillion: 2026 Police Ford Interceptor, \$47,330.00, Greg Young: 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe \$55,025.00, Greg Young: 2026 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit, 3.6L V6 \$41,149.00, Greg Young: 2026 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit, 5.7L V8 \$43,967.00, Woodhouse 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuit, \$48,235.00 and Woodhouse 2026 Explorer Interceptor, \$47,853.00.

The Board asked Sheriff Briggs if he had any input regarding the bids. Sheriff Brigg said that he would prefer the Tahoe Bid, even though it was not the lowest as he believed that the Tahoe would be the best option because of size, engine, and the department history of using the Tahoe.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to accept the bid of the SUV to Greg Young for the Tahoe for \$ 55,375.00, the \$55,025.00 bid and \$350.00 for a cargo dome light. Russ's preference was a Tahoe. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Abstain: Mayberry, Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mueller to sell the property of a Lots 6,7 and 8 Block 17 Third Filing, Walthill Nebraska. 312 Taft Street Walthill Nebraska to Walthill Public School District in the amount of \$4,558.90. (Breaks down of the Cost: Ad: \$8.90, Deed: \$10.00, Back taxes \$4,540.00) Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Mat Frazey is absent. However, Chairman French stated that 310 bridge concrete has been poured. Now it needs to be back filled. Hoping for an open date in two to three weeks. Price spoke of a gravel issue in the "Bestsy Bottom" area. There is some questions regarding this area and French will speak to Matt regarding this area.

Tom Perez reported that he has received funds back from FEMA natural disaster 4420 reimbursement funds which will be going to inheritance. More reimbursement funds from this are expected. Tom also is getting things ready for winter, school bus routes and other items. Work was finished on the water tower and west repeater, ready for winter.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Walker to Approve Resolution #25-28 to transfer Opioid funds \$2,000.00 from County General Fund Misc. Sheriff's Fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller Approve Resolution #25-29 to transfer \$80,000.00 from County Inheritance Fund (2700) to Thurston County General Fund (0100). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Price seconded by English Approve Resolution #25-30 to transfer \$5,000.00 from County General Fund (0100) to County Building Fund (4001). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve District Court Gina Roth fee report for October 2025 in the amount of \$230.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Elected Salaries for the next four years must be set by January 15, 2026. Board will look at salary study, current salaries and discuss as a board a decision.

End of November 2025 & December 2025 Payroll and Board Meetings were discussed.

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Steven Schneider County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 1st, 2025

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 1st, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber, and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Steven Schneider, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Road Supervisor Mat Frazey, and Bullet Beaudette. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 Roeber seconded by Walker to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Public Comments: Bullet Beaudette informed the board that tickets for an event sponsored by Murphy Tractor during the NACO conference was available for board members attending the conference.

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: James Price discussed a meeting with the Winnebago Tribe on December 17th to discuss Access Road and the future of D Ave and a bridge. Chairman French was to check schedule regarding time that day.

Reminder about salaries deadline approaching in January. No action was taken

Committee Reports: None

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he was busy with weather and other items. He discussed that the 4420-reimbursement coming to an end, he is expecting final numbers and is still discussing the amount. Also discussed was the code red system for IPAWS and the issues that started with Stanton County and how it affected the statewide notification system. The county does not use code red and did not have problems related to this system. The winter weather did cause some hazardous road conditions with 3 to 6 inches of snowfall across the county.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by English to approve Thurston County Emergency Procedure Guide. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller, seconded by Roeber to approve Chairman French Signature on Quit Claim Deed for Lot 6,7 and 8, Block 17 Third Filing Village of Walthill, Thurston County, Nebraska to the Walthill Public School. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Price to approve Clerk of the District Court's signature on DHHS Amendment Two. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Road Supervisor Mat Frazey reported they worked the day before moving snow took 8-10 hours to do. Still out blading and wings are on all the maintainers. The 310 bridge is open and roads to it have been bladed. Hauling gravel has slowed down, currently hauling as much as possible. The Pender Blade has had a little issue that was getting fixed later this day, if not tomorrow. The wind had taken down quite a few signs, working on that as well.

Mayberry asked about a stop sign on 27th Rd. Mat will be looking into that stop sign.

Matt informed the board that regarding signage for the quick current ROW. Quick current will be following guidelines recommendations signage.

Motioned by English, seconded by Price to approve ROW application for Quick Current. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to call Board of Equalization order at 9:15 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUILIZATION

Motioned by Price seconded by French to approve exemption application for St. Augustine Indian Mission for 2025 KIA NIRO Vin#KNDCP3LE455255869. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French, and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motion by French seconded by Roeber to adjourn Board of Equalization @ 9:17 am. English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, French and Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by Mueller to approve Resolution #25-31 to transfer \$110,000.00 from County Inheritance Fund (2700) to County General Fund (0100). Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried. **Resolution: 25-31 page**

Motioned by Price, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #25-32 to transfer Opioid funds \$1,000.00 from County General Fund Misc. Sheriff's Fund 0100-395-15 to Canine Fund 2430-590-02. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried. **Resolution: 25-32 page**

Motioned by Roeber, seconded by Walker to approve Chairman French signature on contract with KRP. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by English, seconded by Mueller to approve Chairman French signature on the Maximus cost allocation FY 2024. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry, seconded by English to approve County Clerk's fee report for October 2025 in the amount of \$9,483.12. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried

Motioned by Roeber, seconded by Price to approve the rehiring Joyce Rodriguez to the Thurston County Clerk's Office prior employment with Thurston County Sheriffs. Roll call aye: Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Abstained: Mayberry. Absent: English Motion carried.

Review Correspondence- Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, NACO

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

Sheriff Russ Briggs reported the new K-9 is in Oklahoma receiving additional training, Flock cameras are being worked on.

9:30 AM Open sealed bids for Law Enforcement Truck- No Bid were received at the clerk's office. Will be re-advertise.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker, and French. Motion carried.

Steven Schneider County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 15th, 2025

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 15th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, and Robb Roeber. Absent was Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Steven Schneider, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 1, 2025. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Public Comments: None

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: None

Committee Reports: None

Tom Perez Emergency Manager reported that he was busy with end of year items, three villages are updating and making new APPS with their communication system. Also working on ID's and 911 systems. Also reviewing frequencies and other items with communications.

Road Supervisor Mat Frazey reported the ground has frozen hard enough they are no longer able to work on culverts or similar even though there are quite a few to do. Last week they had to work on a PTO with a truck. Continue stockpiling gravel until the quarry's shutdown depending on weather. The John Deere payloader is back after getting the Quick coupler put on and is adapting the old snow blower to work with the loader. The blower is in, tested it and fixed some minor things. The other snow blowers have a fuel issue that is being worked on.

Discussion was held relating to the Utility ROW Application, a check for \$100.00 will be sent after board approval.

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Utility ROW Application Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, pending County Attorney review. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Roeber to approve County Treasurer Robin Christiansen Distress Warrants served in the amount of \$62,447.27. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Vigil Net Contract was tabled

Office of Violence Prevention Grant and MOU. Skipped

9:30 AM Open sealed bids for Law Enforcement Truck. Greg Young bid \$52,540.00; Sid Dillon bid \$48,733.00; Karl Auto Group bid, \$48,953.58.

Motioned by Roeber seconded by Price to accept Sid Dillon bid of \$48,733.00. Roll call aye: English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Abstained: Mayberry Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve District Court Clerk Gina Roth fee report for November 2025 in the amount of \$325.00. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Roeber to approve the grant from Promotional Fund in the amount of \$500.00 to The Pender Community Center. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English seconded by Mayberry to approve the Holidays for 2026 as presented with April 24th 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, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller, seconded by Mayberry to approve the Board meeting dates for 2026 as presented. Monday January 12th, 2026, being the first meeting of the year and then every two weeks on Monday to follow until the end of 2026. The list is available at the County Clerk's office and Thurston County website. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Discuss Elected Salaries – tabled

Motioned by Price seconded by Mayberry to approve Martina DeCora to the Advisory Board with the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

No Correspondence

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

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Roeber to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Absent Walker. Motioned carried.

Steven Schneider County Clerk

Davin French Chairman

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDING
December 29th, 2025

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 29th, 2025. Present were Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Robb Roeber and Ben Walker. Also, present County Clerk Steven Schneider, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak, Emergency Manager Tom Perez, Sheriff Russ Briggs, 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 their notice and receipt of the notice on the agenda is attached hereto. The availability of the agenda was communicated in advance and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davin French, at 9:00 a.m. French 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 Roeber seconded by English to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025 with the change that Mayberry abstained from the vote on law enforcement truck and walker was absent. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, and French. Abstain Walker. Motioned carried.

Public Comments: None

Fund Balance was discussed.

Unfinished business: Discussion was held regarding the Hwy. 94 bridge in Pender, French met with 2 council members from the Omaha Tribe, there is a concern with a piece of allotment land. Also discussed the petition Next step is to meet with the State Department of Transportation and with engineering. Also discussed was Betsy Bottom Road. This is a minimum maintenance road, and Mat will meet with effected landowners about their concerns.

NACO conference discussed topics including Officials salaries and issues other counties have had in the past few months and how to not have similar problems. Also, Thurston County did not vote for the NACO board due to the ballot being in Chairman French name.

Committee Reports: Salary Committee will discuss findings with the board later in the board meeting.

Tom Perez Emergency Manager presented receipts from the in the amount of \$28,269.25 and \$3,399.85 from the 4420 Disaster Fund in reimbursement from FEMA. We are hoping for more, however FEMA is doing their final audits. He is also working on some grants involved with the Emergency Manager program. Tom also worked with other emergency managers in reference to an incident over the weekend regarding a missing person.

Road Supervisor Mat Frazey reported working with the large snow blowers. One had a issue with injectors and seems to be working now. The other had quick couplers put on the John Deere Loader to attach it. Wiring in cab controls to run everything from inside the cab will be done. The roads crew had to patch a bridge last week. They have also begun a project to remove trees on H Ave between Hwy. 75 & 77 in the county right of way.

Discussion was held relating to the Utility ROW Application for the Winnebago Tribe. The County Attorney stated she did not have some information. Tabled at this time.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to approve County Sherriff Russ Briggs signature on Vigil Net Contract . Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Price to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs October 2025 Fee Report in the amount of \$62,656.43. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Walker to approve Sheriff Russ Briggs November 2025 Fee Report in the amount of \$73,432.71. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Motioned by Mueller seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution 25-33 Resolution Certifying Proper Completion of Project from Dan Alexander. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Discuss Elected Salaries- The Salary Committee reported finding after meeting with elected officials and doing research into how this may affect county budgets. After a discussion and debate the following are the recommendations for the resolution for the January 12th, 2026, board meeting. For the 2027-2030 Salaries:

| OFFICE | SALARY for term starting 2027 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| County Board of Supervisors | \$13,000.00 |
| County Board Chairman | \$15,500.00 |
| County Assessor (certified) | \$65,000.00 |
| County Treasurer (certified) | \$65,000.00 |
| County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Election Commissioner | \$65,000.00 |
| County Attorney (Licensed) | \$75,000.00 |
| Sheriff (certified) | \$88,000.00 |

That in addition to the salaries set forth above, with the exception of the County Board of Supervisors salaries and the County Board Chairman salary, the Thurston County Board authorizes an annual increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) based on the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) based on percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Worker (CPI-W) determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor; the increase given may not exceed a 6% increase, and when the COLA is 0% or less than 0%, the salary shall remain the same as the prior year, and:

That in addition to the salaries set forth above for the County Board of Supervisors salaries and the County Board Chairman salary, The Thurston County Board authorizes an annual increase during the term of office (2028, 2029, 2030) of \$500.00 per year and;

That in addition to the above salary and adjustments, the elected officials shall be offered the same health and medical group plan that is offered to all county employees, under the same terms, conditions contributions and subject to any modifications of such plans made during the term of office; and, elected officials shall be offered county expense opt-out provisions (aka 'cash in lieu of' health insurance), the same as offered to all county employees.

That in addition to the above stated salary, adjustments and benefits plans, all elected officials shall be enrolled in and shall receive the same benefits of the County Employees Retirement System as set forth in Nebr. Rev. Stat. Section 23-2301 et seq.

No Correspondence

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

Motioned by Mayberry seconded by Mueller to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, Roeber, Walker and French. Motioned carried.

Steven Schneider County Clerk

Davin French Chairman