



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

January 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the Board in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on the 23rd day of January 2017. Present were Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, James Price Sr., Dan Trimble, Arnie Harlan, Mark English. Absent: Roger Nelson. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Mark English at 9:04 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Harlan to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters gave the Board an update on the new jail. Peters advised that in February they will have to be sending some of the jailers to Texas for training, probably 2 to 3 people, and things are going along well as far as the construction.

Tom Perez, Emergency Management Director gave the Board his report. Tom advised that they have and will be watching the upcoming storm moving into the area. His department has stayed busy with the ice storm; attended a meeting for BRAN bike ride that will be coming through the county this summer, and will be spending the night in Winnebago, approximately 1,500 – 2,000 riders are expected; told the Board that there is possibly some grant dollars for warning signs and safety rooms; has talked to the schools and businesses about the weather.

Bullet Beaudette, Road Foreman gave the Board his report. Bullet advised the Board that the County got accepted for state help in repairing a bridge in the NW part of the County, the other two proposed bridges were not accepted for the plan. Future projects – would like to do the Hansen bridge, and replace Fullers bridge with culverts. The roads are in bad shape, but not putting much gravel down, just in the bad spots, as now is not the time to be laying gravel. They are working on getting a stock pile of gravel at the Walthill shop; there is a bad bridge east of Thurston that the County has to do something with, the piling is in bad shape, will be working on fixing that.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Peters to approve Charter West Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the fee report of the County Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Mark Heckinlaible, Noxious Weed Superintendent reviewed the annual report for submission to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the annual report to the Department of Agriculture. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The County Board members signed the annual certification to the Secretary of States Office.

At 10:03 Chairman English opened the public hearing, to hear support/opposition/comments on Thurston County becoming a livestock friendly county. Mr. Steve Martin of the Department of Agriculture was in attendance to answer any questions about the program. Matt Bruns spoke to the board and voiced his opinion that this would be a very positive move for Thurston County. Supervisor Peters read letters from Pender Implement, Pender Grain, Charter West Bank, Frontier Bank and Smith's Farm Service – all in support of the proposal to declare Thurston County a Livestock Friendly county.

After discussion the Chairman declared the hearing closed at 10:14.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to direct the County Clerk to proceed with preparing a Resolution to move forward in becoming a Livestock Friendly County. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Harlan to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:16 by Chairwoman Mayberry. The Board reviewed the applications for exemption of motor vehicle taxes presented from Pender Community Hospital District and Little Priest Tribal College.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the applications as presented by Pender Hospital District. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Trimble, Harlan, English, Peters, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by English to approve the applications as presented by Little Priest Tribal College. Roll call vote, Aye: English, Harlan, Trimble, Price, Peters, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Trimble, Price, Peters, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Supervisor Mayberry did make note that there were meals that were charged on the County credit card, and that is against policy, unless the person is on overnight stays, and the department was made aware of the policy.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve the following claims. Roll vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to adjourn to the next regular meeting with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.