



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

May 15, 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 15th day of May, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, James Price Sr., Roger Nelson, Mark English. Absent: Georgia Mayberry, Arnie Harlan, Dan Trimble. Notice of the meeting was given to all members of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of their acknowledgement of notice and receipt of notice and the agenda is attached hereto. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Supervisors of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Mark English at 9:06 a.m. Chairman English stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone that would like to review them. Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, gave his report on the Emergency Management Department. Tom told the Board that they have been going through the equipment and making sure everything is ready; attended a meeting on the BRAN bike ride that will be staying in Winnebago; this week they will be having a hospital state wide drill, and Tom will be operating out of the trailer; Chad attended training last week; they have been asked to help with training with the National Guard in Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri; Matt attended training in public assistance, moving in updating technology which will be for FEMA training in disasters.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report on the Roads Department. Bullet told the Board that they have been hauling a lot of gravel; Road crew worked last Friday; the Omaha Tribe wants to use the air compressor belonging to the County, and Bullet thought that it would be OK as long as the Board has no objection.

The Board discussed mowing of the Rattlesnake creek behind St. Mark's Church, property which belongs to the County. Supervisor Peters was approached by Rod Heise and wondered about getting paid to mow this since it is County property.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve paying Rod Heise to continue mowing this area and for the County to pay him. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez reported to the Board that she had discussed the request from C.W. Sutter in regard to tax incentives with the contractor on the jail facility. Only one other company had expressed interest in the possibility, but had not gotten back to them whether they were still interested or not.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peters to allow C.W. Sutter to receive the tax incentives. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve the fee reports of the District Court Clerk and County Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Shelly Perez spoke to the Board regarding the need for repeaters and radio's for the deputies. There have been too many instances of the deputies not having communication with dispatch, and it has become a real safety concern. She has gotten prices from Electronic Engineering and Tri State. Tri State seems to want to work with the County, and their budgets, by billing the equipment out in the 2 budget years.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Price to accept the proposal of Tri State regarding the purchase of repeaters and radios, and that due to the emergency with public safety to waive the bidding requirements. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Price to approve the agreement with Ryan Bartula for Crown, and Sterling Companies for visitation/commissary for the jail, upon the review and approval of the County Attorney. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to declare as surplus property and advertise for sale on May 30, 2017 at 10:00 the 2011 Ford pickup, VIN# 1FTFW1EF8BKD92650. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Nelson, Price, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board opened bids received for the K Ave. tube project. The following bids were received (for the tube only – County is doing the work):

B's Enterprises	\$22,110.56
Midwest Service & Sales	\$20,954.56

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peters to accept and award the bid to Midwest Service & Sales in the amount of \$20,954.56. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Pro Tempe English at 10:03 a.m.

County Assessor Susan Schrieber presented tax list corrections for the Boards review.

Tax List Correction #3 – Bennett Lamplot; Original amount was \$4,952.10 – corrected amount is \$530.56 for reduction of \$4,421.54 due to clerical error.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve tax list correction #3 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tax List Correction #4 – Pender Implement; Original amount was \$1,638.44 – corrected amount is \$34.32 for a reduction of \$1,604.12 due to clerical error.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Price to approve tax list correction #4 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board opened bids for the Walthill South Project. This is re-bid from May 1, 2017 due to the specifications not being met in the original bids. Bids received were as follows:

Tysen Construction	\$257,202.00
Norfolk Contracting	\$219,667.00

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to accept and award bid to Norfolk Contracting in the amount of \$219,667.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Nelson, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tom Perez spoke with the Board regarding the Board setting the policy for his department whether they would receive overtime pay or comp time, if overtime were to be worked. Motion by Peters, seconded by Price that if the department works over 40 hours in a week they will be compensated through comp time. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, English. Nay: Nelson. Motion carried.

Tom Perez spoke to the Board regarding changing what tower the County has repeaters on. We have the chance to change to a better coverage tower, but it will cost the County a minimal cost of \$2,500.00 per year, but this tower is a priority one tower, and the tower will provide much better coverage throughout the county which improves public safety. Tom will obtain 3 informal bids for the cost of moving the equipment from the old tower to the new tower and provide them to the board at the next meeting.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Price to approve moving the equipment to the new tower. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the duties of the Evaluation committee. It was proposed by the County Attorney and the County Clerk that the Evaluation committee also take on the duties of a personnel committee. Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to



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approve the additional duties of the Evaluation committee. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Price to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 11:15 a.m.

Motion by Price, seconded by Nelson to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:25 a.m.

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Motion by Price, seconded by Peters to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:40 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Price to approve the following claims. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Price 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: Nelson, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman