

# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

May 30, 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, James Price Sr., Arnie Harlan, Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson, Mark English. Absent: none. 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 9:02 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 Trimble, seconded by Peters to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Mayberry, Harlan. Motion carried.

Tom Perez, Emergency Management Director gave his report to the Board. Tom advised that they had participated in the Regional and State exercises and received good marks back; Chad and Matt attended the Flood Plain Management meetings in Winnebago and Macy.

Bullet Beaudette reported to Board on the Road's Department. Bullet told the Board that they have been hauling gravel with 2 trucks since Stalps opened back up; have put in some driveway tubes and been cleaning ditches; will need to add a bridge to the 1 & 6 year plan, it's an old wooden bridge that they will have to replace, and will have to rent a crane for some of the project; had a safety meeting last week with NIRMA.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 9:17 a.m.

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

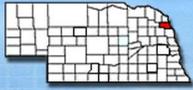
The Board reconvened into open session at 9:31 a.m.

Mark Heckinlaible reported to the Board on the Noxious Weed and Sign departments. Mark reported that there are 1,741 road signs in the county; at this time he has 1 stop sign down, 19 warning signs down; 18 road name signs down and has 235 retro reflectivity signs that need to be swapped out; object markers for all for 4 corners of every bridge need to be swapped out (122 bridges) and have until December 31, 2017 to get the bridge markers done. Since January 1, 2017 he has inspected, repaired or replaced 1400 signs.

Owen Kelly met with the Board regarding getting hay certified to cross state lines. Right now he has to go through another county to get his hay certified, would like the Board to allow the County Noxious Weed person to do it. He loses thousands of dollars by not having it certified as weed free, and the state says the only ones certified to do this is the County Noxious Weed person. The Board spoke with Mark Heckinlaible and Mark advised them that he had approached the board a few years back and the Board was the one that set policy that we wouldn't do the certifications. After discussion, it was the agreement of the Board to add this to the next agenda, and to discuss this and set policy.

Diann Ballard met with the Board regarding writing grants. Diane advised that at the last jail committee meeting, they had asked he to look for grants that could help defray and costs associated with the jail, and communications. Cost associated for Diane to search and write for available grants would be charged by the grant, or could do a bundle of up to 5 grants.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to hire Diane to write a "bundle" of up to 5 grants, to be presented to the Board, with a cost limit of up to \$5,000.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Mayberry at 10:28 a.m.

The Board reviewed the motor vehicle application for exemption of taxes from Pender Community Hospital District on a 2017 Chevrolet All Wheel Drive VIN# - 2GNFLFEK9H6139892.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve the exemption application as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, English, Harlan, Price, Peters, Mayberry. Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 10:32 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:55 a.m.

Gayle Dahlman, Communications Supervisor spoke with the board regarding 911 Funds. She would like to start putting that money into a sinking account for future updates on communications equipment. The Board asked that we speak to the auditors first, before setting up a sinking account.

Tom Perez presented the informal quotes received to move the equipment from one tower to another. Quotes received were as follows:

Tri-State	\$6,411.00
United	6,820.00
Electronic Engineering	7,273.00

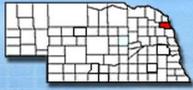
Motion by Nelson, seconded by Mayberry to allow Tri-State to move the communications equipment from the old tower to the new tower for the amount of \$6,411.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Harlan left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Sheriff Perez spoke with the Board regarding what fund the payment for the grant writer would come from. After discussion the Board agreed that it would be paid from the General Fund.

Sheriff Perez spoke again with the Board regarding the existing contract for video visitation and commissary. Due to the move to a new jail, Shelly would like to stay with this company since they will be able to just add on to the existing contract that is already in place. The County Attorney advised the Board that if they are not going to bid for a new system, they would need to declare this a special purchase, and post it for at least 5 days. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Peters to approve posting for 5 days that this equipment purchase is a special purchase, due to not wanting a new system, just to add to the existing one. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez spoke to the Board regarding hours for her officers and for the jailors. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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The Board entered into closed session at 11:35 a.m.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to reconvene into open session at 11:45 a.m.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the jailors and deputies to “bank” comp hours up to 80 hours, and may work up to 86 hours without being paid overtime. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez discussed with the Board their position on what funds would be paying for maintenance for the new jail, as well as the utilities. When the jail moves, will this be coming out of the jail budget or building and grounds? After discussion, motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to continue to pay the utilities from the building and grounds funds.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to re-set the date and time for opening bids on the surplus pickup to June 2, 2017 at 9:45 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mayberry left the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to approve the Traffic Safety Plus contract. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

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Mark English, Chairman