



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

June 12, 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 12th day of June, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, Arnie Harlan, Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson, Mark English. Absent: James Price Sr.. 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 9:07 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 30, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Tom Perez gave his report to the Board on the Emergency Management Department. Tom reported to the Board that there is a possibility for bad weather in the area on Tuesday; they have been busy with BRAN riders last week, and received a lot of positive feedback; planning for alumni weekend in Pender, upcoming fair, and pow wows; they have been working on towers, they will be down next week to move them over. Chairman English spoke to Tom and advised him that the Village Board of Pender is waiting to hear back from him on his progress regarding "safe rooms" or "storm rooms" in Pender. Tom will stop in the Village meeting tonight and give them an update.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report to the Board on the Roads Department. Bullet advised the Board that there was an accident 1 and a half miles east of Jiffy Junction that totaled out a sprayer, they excavated the dirt out, and the company paid all expenses. The accident was not caused by road conditions, and all is OK with the EPA; the county has received the co-payment from the Village of Pender for the retaining wall; Century Link cut into one of the County's tubes; with the new bridge on old highway, they will need to put tubes in down the road (between Rosalie and Walthill) and will get them done yet this summer; he hired the crane that he had told the Board about for the bridge by Albrechts, and that should be opened up this week. On June 22 they will be demoing a road drag, and will be using Bullet's tractor, and Bullet invited all the board to come and check it out.

Diann Ballard gave the Board on update on the grants she is looking for. Diann advised the Board that she couldn't find a lot from FEMA or NEMA, and proposed that they go after local grants from Farm Credit Services, Dept. of Labor; Dinklage Foundation and Donald Nielsen. The Board held a discussion with Diann on each of the grants she proposed to seek.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to approve the proposal as presented by Diann Ballard. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed establishing a sinking fund for 911 funds that are reimbursed from the state for wages, and using this money in the future for updating equipment as requested by Gayle Dahlman at the last meeting. County Clerk Moore advised the Board that this was discussed with the Auditor and he advised not to open a sinking account for this, and just pay for new equipment out of the Inheritance Tax fund.

At 9:45 bids received on the 2011 Ford F-150 Pickup VIN # 1FTFW1EF8BKD92650, with 124369.5 miles were opened and read aloud. The only Bid received was from Bullet Beaudette in the amount of \$1,650.00. Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to accept the bid of \$1,650.00 from Bullet Beaudette. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under "old business" on the agenda, the committee gave their recommendation for the part time floor cleaning position, and recommended to hire Matt Kai from Bancroft. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the recommendation of the committee and hire Matt Kai for the position. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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RESOLUTION NO. 17-06

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY
GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS FUND TO THE
ROAD FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer is hereby directed to Transfer from the GENERAL MISCELLANEOUS FUND the sum of \$200,000.00 to the ROAD FUND.

Motion by: Mayberry, seconded by Trimble
that the above resolution be adopted.

Aye: Mayberry, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English

Nay: None

Absent: Peters out of room at time of vote

Abstain: None

Dated this 12th day of June, 2017

Attest: /s/ Tammy Moore
Tammy Moore

/s/ Mark English
Mark English



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Board Chairman

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Resolution #17-06 to transfer \$200,000.00 from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the Road Fund as this is a budgeted transfer. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. (Peters out of the room at the time of vote). Motion carried.

17-07 RESOLUTION

Board of County Supervisors
Thurston County, Nebraska

WHEREAS,

- A. The County Board has limited resources available for road maintenance.
- B. The County Board has previously designated several county roads as minimum maintenance roads.
- C. The landowners or tenants who install improvements to real estate on minimum maintenance roads and desire an upgrade in road classification to local or arterial roads shall be responsible for the cost of the improvements to bring the road up to requisite standards. If the county board approves said upgrade and a road has been properly constructed at the expense of the requestor, the county will bear the cost of routine maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS THAT upgrades in road classifications at the request of a landowner or tenant shall be done at the land owner's or tenant's expense.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2017

/s/ Mark English

/s/ Georgia Mayberry

/s/ Roger Nelson

/s/ Leonard Peters

/s/ Dan Trimble

/s/ Arnie Harlan

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #17-07 regarding the cost of improvements on a minimum maintenance roads requested by the landowner or tenant being the expense of the landowner or tenant. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Discussion was again held on the issue of providing weed free hay certification with Owen Kelly. The board discussed that our Weed Superintendent is only a part time position, and the County does not have the resources to make it a full time position. If it was only one person requesting this it could be worked out, but it is unknown at this time how many more producers could be requesting this, and the time it would take to provide the services would be more than our part time person could handle with his other duties all ready assigned. Discussion to continue after Board of Equalization.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 10:17 a.m.

Assessor Susan Schrieber entered into evidence the following materials to be used during valuation protests hearings; 2017 Certification of the assessment rolls; 2017 Notice of valuation change for Ag. Land, Commercial, and Residential Property, Instructions for filing protest, 2017 Reports & Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator (which include the 2017 Ag land calculation breakdown ratios, the 2017 C9ommercial calculation breakdown ratios and the 2017 Residential calculation breakdown ratios) 2017 Ag land values and map showing the two market areas, Level of value for Thurston County from Property tax Administrator, 2017 List of undervalued and o9mitted property valued and assessed after March 19, 2017,



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Property Assessment Valuation (second edition) International Association of Assessing Officers and the Tax Equalization & Review Commission findings and orders adjusting values.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to accept the evidence and enter into the record as presented by the Assessor. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Peters, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemptions were reviewed for Roy Barclay and John Twyford.

Motion by Peters, seconded by English to approve the rejections on Homestead Exemption as presented by the Assessor, due to both parties being deceased. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10: 27 a.m.

The Board continued their discussion on weed free hay certification. Our Weed Superintendent has already turned down 2 bigger producers this year. Mr. Kelly feel like maybe the County is jumping out of this too soon, before they even know how burdensome it would be, but the Board felt that once we starting it would be even harder to get out of it.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Nelson to deny offering weed free hay certification through the County, but to allow the Noxious Weed Superintendent to do this on his own time if he so desires. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Harlan 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: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman