



# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

June 26, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, Arnie Harlan, Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson. Absent: Mark English, 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 Vice Chairman of the Board Dan Trimble at 9:08 a.m. Vice Chairman Trimble 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 June 12, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Nelson, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Mark Heckenlaible gave his Noxious Weed/Sign report to the board. Mark provided the Board with maps of noxious weeds sprayed in the county, which has kept him busy; regarding signs, he is trying to get the report ran, but it was 631 pages, so needs to refine the search and will get that report to the Board; he had 18 signs down, and got 11 put back up, has now seen more down so the current number is back up to 23; was contacted by NRCS regional office that they have found a huge patch of leafy spurge by the river in the timber fire area.

Supervisor Peters advised the Board that he had attended the Region IV Mental Health meeting. Peters informed the Board that our annual share of the budget has dropped this year from \$15,584 to \$14,583, and that there will be an increase in the rate charged for detox. Peters provided a handout on EPC (emergency protective custody) admissions handout, which showed that the number is up for Thurston County. The area counties involved in our new jail are excited about having a room for segregation, which is proving to be a major attraction to our facility by the counties using our jail for housing of out of county prisoners.

Tom Perez gave his report to the Board on the Emergency Management Department. Tom advised the Board that they have been very active the last couple weeks with the weather. There was damaged sustained to electrical poles between Thurston and Emerson; they provided mutual aid on Friday at Hoskins, where they received a lot of damage in rural area; the past weekend they were busy with alumini activities in Pender, and had a lot of contact with the people and businesses. Matt and Chad attended the Tribal Summit Meeting; possibility of storms coming through on Wednesday.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report to the Board on the Road's Department. Bullet advised the Board that they had let Pender use some of their road closed signs for the weekend celebration and someone took the sign legs, they will recover what was lost, but had to be investigated; Matt Mobley has quit so Bullet and Randy have been running the blade in that area and have the roads shaped up, asking to advertise for the position, but would like the board to consider not making them have a CDL since they have several that have them in the department already, there is no reason to require it for a new employee. Bullet spoke to the Board regarding the roads department rate of pay, and would like to give the department a substantial raise after comparing our wages to neighboring counties and finding that we pay at least a dollar lower than those counties. They will be closing 21<sup>st</sup> Road to put in the big tubes; Nelson's will be starting on Wednesday on 27<sup>th</sup> Road; they are running a demo road drag, will be just east of the bridge after the meeting so that the Board members can see a demonstration. It would cost around \$28,000.00, and they would need a tractor to pull it. Bullet suggested that they don't lease a tractor from John Deere for use with it, so there wouldn't be monthly payments when they aren't using the drag, but rent one from Cooney's for when they need it. That way we are only paying for the use, and not just the lease on it.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Harlan to approve the signature of the Chairman on the Trust Funded HRA Administration Agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez spoke to the board regarding her conversation with the auditor concerning maintenance in the new jail. The auditor doesn't think contracting someone is prudent, feels they should hire as employee. Supervisor Nelson noted that one advantage would be that the county wouldn't have to pay benefits, which would save money. Sheriff Perez informed the board that if it was done as contract work, they would have to have an employee with the contractor at all times to safe guard the security in the facility. The Board asked if the Sheriff would provide them with a comparison of cost for the contract work and employee cost. No decision was made at this time.



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

The Board entered into closed session at 9:55 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:06 a.m.

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

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 10:07 a.m.

Constance Mahaney appeared to give testimony on her valuation protest. Chairwoman Mayberry swore in Ms. Mahaney. Ms. Mahaney presented the Board with information on the north and south side properties on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. that surround hers. She is asking that the valuation return to the previous amount, she feels that an \$11,000.00 increase is unfair and not comparable. Her house has the original siding, with no improvements since she purchased the home, except for new paint. Requested the valuation go back to 2016 assessment of \$29,600.00. No decision was rendered at this time on this protest.

Assessor Schrieber presented the Board of Equalization a Homestead denial for Brycie Nicholson as he has passed away.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve the denial of homestead exemption for Brycie Nicholson. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Nelson, Harlan, Peters, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Dustin Wills from Benefit Management spoke with the Board regarding the renewal on life, disability, and dental insurance and presented the Board with proposals.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve the proposals as presented by Benefit Management. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board opened the informal bid on the inmate phone services. The only bid received was for Bryan Bartulla which was in the amount of \$20,000.00. Sheriff Perez informed the board that this would not be at a cost to the County, this would come from their commission on the phone service and commissary services, so it is actually the prisoners that purchase these items would pay for this service.

Motion by Peters seconded by Mayberry to approve the proposal of Bryan Bartulla for the phone and commissary services at the new jail facility. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Nelson, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-09**

### **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 \$50,000.00 to the ROAD FUND.**

**Motion by: Peters, seconded by Harlan**



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that the above resolution be adopted.

Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble

Nay: None

Absent: Price, English

Abstain: None

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

Attest: /s/ Tammy Moore  
Tammy Moore

County Clerk

/s/ Dan Trimble  
Dan Trimble

Board Vice Chairman

Motion by Peters, seconded by Harlan to approve Resolution #17-09, to transfer from the General Misc. fund \$50,000.00 into the Road Fund (budgeted transfer). Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION SIGNING OF A LPA-CONSULTANT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Thurston

County

Resolution # 17-08

**Whereas:** Thurston (County) and State entered into an LPA Program Agreement for State to assist County in the development and construction of an LPA Federal-aid transportation project;

**Whereas:** County wishes to hire a consultant for the design or construction of LPA's project;

**Whereas:** The LAP Program Agreement specifies that consultants be selected using the State's consultant selection process;

**Whereas:** The consultant selection process was used to select Felsburg Holt & Ullevig to provide engineering services for LPA's Federal-aid project; and

**Whereas;** This resolution is to authorize the chair to sign an agreement between County and Felsburg Holt & Ullevig.

### Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County that:

The Chair, Mark English, is hereby authorized to sign the attached LPA Consultant Professional Service Agreement between the County and the Felsburg holt & Ullevig.

NDOR Project Number: BRO-7087 (4)

NDOR Control Number: 32301

NDOR Project Description: Winnebago North

Adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at Pender, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska

/s/ Dan Trimble

/s/ Georgia A. Mayberry

/s/ Roger Nelson

/s/ Leonard P. Peters

/s/ Lemuel Arnie Harlan

Board Member Mayberry moved the adoption of said resolution, Member Peters seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 2 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest:



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/s/ Tammy Moore  
County Clerk

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Peters to approve Resolution #17-08 – to approve the Chairman’s signature on “On Call NEPA Service Agreement” between Thurston County & Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Harlan, Nelson, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tom Perez spoke with the Board regarding the renewal of his contract with GIS.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peters to approve the renewal of the contract at an annual cost of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tom Perez informed the board that he may be making a disaster declaration due to the damage done during the recent storm between Emerson and Thurston. Tom told the Board that there was a loss of 3 transformers, power lines, and 6-9 poles for a cost of \$30,000 to \$32,000. He will be talking to the state and update the Board at the next meeting whether a declaration will be made or not.

Tom Perez spoke to the Board regarding the new phone and internet system for the new jail. After speaking to others about the contract with Century Link, he has found another company that will be much cheaper. Asking for authorization for the Chairman to sign the new contract when received in order to keep things moving forward. After much discussion about holding a special meeting, it was decided that Tom should just bring the new contract to the next meeting to be approved.

## INTER-FUND TRANSFER

**WHEREAS** the Communications Fund will be exceeding the amount of \$134,884.00 appropriated in fiscal year 16/17 for expenditures.

**WHEREAS** an additional \$635.00 is anticipated to be expended by the Communications Department.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Thurston County Board of Supervisors that the sum of \$635.00 be transferred from the unexpended Miscellaneous General Fund to the Communications Fund.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Nelson  
That the above Inter-fund transfer be adopted.

Roll call vote     Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble

Nay: None. Abstain None. Absent: Price, English

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of June, 2017.

/s/ Dan Trimble  
Dan Trimble, Vice Chairman

Attest: /s/ Tammy Moore  
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Nelson to approve the Interfund Transfer of \$635.00 from the General Misc. Fund into the Communications fund, due to the Communications Department exceeding their budgeted amount of \$134,884.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Harlan, Mayberry, Peters, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

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



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Motion by Mayberry, 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, Nelson, Trimble. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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

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Dan Trimble, Vice Chairman