



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

July 10, 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 10th day of July, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson, Mark English. Absent: James Price Sr., Arnie Harlan. 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 9:12 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 June 26, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Trimble, Nelson. Nay: none. Abstain: English. Motion carried.

Tom Perez gave his report on the Emergency Management Department. Tom advised that he has declared the County a disaster, and a disaster declaration has been prepared for the Board to sign, but it was not County damage sustained by the power company had losses that they can recoup if the County doesn't declare the disaster. Storms have been keeping them busy, notifying businesses. They were audited by NEMA, and need the board to finish up their end of the compliance, and advised the board that Thurston County is ahead of most counties. July 1 they were in Winnebago for Community days, have the Walthill Rodeo this week, have been contacted to meet with Macy Pow Wow committee, July 19 through the 23 will be in Kansas City for LEPC training.

Mike Carlson, District 6 Probation office, introduced Patty Lyon, Chief Probation officer for Thurston County, and gave a brief report of the probationers in the County.

Sheriff Shelly Perez spoke with the Board regarding advertising for a maintenance help for the new jail. After the last meeting, they have decided to not advertise, and save money by using trustees (jail inmates) to do the building cleaning, but will have to hire for lawn & removal of snow.

Bullet Beaudette, Road Foreman gave a report on the Roads Department. Bullet advised the Board that they are working on tubes at Barney Fullers; Thursday, July 20 will be a meeting in Winnebago at 4:00 regarding the proposed round about in Winnebago, and that Mark Casey plans to attend.

Bullet also talked to the Board regarding road employee wages and that he feel we need to raise them. Counties around us are paying \$2.00 per hour more than Thurston County. Needs to have input from the Board because this will have to be figured into the budgets. It was general consensus of the Board to allow Bullet to propose pay level raises.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve the Hydrology Study from Mike Rowe Jr. in the amount of \$3,900.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Mayberry, Trimble, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to declare the 2001 Mack truck semi- truck as surplus property. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Nelson to approve advertising for the motor grader position in the Rosalie area. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Mayberry, Trimble, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Franklin Fendrick and Penny Warren spoke with the Board regarding the Veterans Service Office, gave a brief update on the office, and discussed the proposed budget with the Board.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried. (Nelson out of room at time of vote).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairwoman Georgia Mayberry.

The Board reviewed valuation protests from James & Kamilla Pierce, Wallace Overfelt, and Marie DeBoer. County Assessor Schrieber advised that she would be in contact with them to set up a time to go and recheck what was on the valuation.

Ray Welsh and Joe Strahm appeared to give testimony regarding the Valuation Protests of Maryott McHirron. Both gentlemen were sworn in prior to giving testimony.

Ray and Joe advised that they weren't necessarily protesting the valuation, just wondering how they went from \$8,500 to \$324,000. Ray and Joe are share holders, this building was bought 1-2 years ago, along with about 9 other people, they remodeled apartments in the upstairs, and the downstairs for offices. Just looking for an explanation of the big increase. County Assessor Susan Schrieber advised them that she had an appraiser come and look at it, and they set the valuation. Assessor Schrieber advised that she will recheck, possibly not as much done as of January 1 since this wasn't checked until after that date.

Regarding the protest filed by Constance Mahaney, the Assessor recommended that after outside review, she lowered the value of improvements, but the owner did not let them in to review the house. The valuation is the result of implemented new pricing in 2017.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to concur with the Assessor's recommendation to lower the valuation on the buildings from \$35,485 to \$29,985, no change in the land valuation for a total valuation of \$35,385. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Peters, Nelson, Mayberry. Nay: none. Abstain: English. Motion carried.

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

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

Mark Heckinlaible, Noxious Weed Superintendent and Dave Boschult from the Department of Ag. met with the Board regarding the annual report of the Noxious Weed program. Dave advised the Mark has done a good job in the County, and he received one of the highest scores in the area, 3378 points out of possible 3400.

The Board discussed the policy on declaring a disaster in the County. Tom Perez advised the Board that previously he would declare the disaster, and then bring it to the Board for their approval, but after speaking with the County Attorney, it has been decided that the declaration must come to the Board for their approval first.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the Disaster declaration for events on June 13 - 14, 2017. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Mayberry, Trimble, Peters, English. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez and Tom Perez spoke to the Board regarding the phone and internet service at the new jail facility. They had planned to go with Century Link, but they were going to be at least \$1,000.00 per month. Have found that Priority Communications and Solutions would be a one time charge of \$4,000.00. The jail committee recommends going with Priority Communications for the phone service and American Broadband for internet service.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to approve the phone and internet service as recommended by the jail committee. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT
2017 FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTION**

Thurston County
Resolution No. 17-10

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Thurston County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid projects;

