



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

August 21, 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 21st day of August, 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 9:01 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 Nelson to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak discussed with the Board the fee to trust applications received.

Supervisor James Price Sr. arrives during above discussion at 9:04 a.m.

Supervisor Arnie Harlan arrives during above discussion at 9:05 a.m.

Supervisor Peters advised that the water situation at the jail has not been solved, after the Village did what they could, the County Attorney will need to contact the architects to get it taken care of.

Sheriff Perez advised that she has had some issues at the new jail that have been dealt with for security purposes. There are some cell doors that do not have the feeding tray's, which means opening the cell door to pass meds in the middle of the night, which is a huge security risk. She spoke to the architects as was told that since Jail Standards didn't require it, they removed them. Shelly advised them that even if Jail Standards doesn't require it, it is a safety issue, and if this jail isn't going to be more secure than the one we are in she will not be moving prisoners in there unless they change the plan to correct this. Finally the construction guys said they can fix it the way Shelly wants, but will take a little more time. Shelly advised that the construction company has been wonderful to work with to get things done, but not so much cooperation from the architects. There are issues with the Isolation cell that has no window, and it must have a window, this issue is still being dealt with. Shelly also advised that she had been contacted by the BIA and they would like to house prisoners in the new facility.

Supervisor Peters advised that he had attended the Region IV Mental Health meeting, and gave a brief report.

Tom Perez gave his report on the Emergency Management Department. Tom advised that the solar eclipse is today; there are enhanced storm chances for the next few days; Chad Fuller reported that they had been at the Macy Pow Wow, helped take care of security; they had 30 radios divided up and tracked throughout the Pow Wow; kept everyone abreast of the weather; monitored radio communications for them. Tom advised they are working on Co-op plans, working on drills; there will be a 100-200-700 class held at Walthill fire hall on Sunday from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. - this is the class that the Board should be taking; Have been talking to the Hospital, would like to get someone in place in the hospital itself; Mark English advised Tom that he had been contacted by Pender Village, asking for help with the LEOP, they are considering hiring some outside help to assist them in getting the LEOP completed. Tom advised that he would contact someone with the Village and speak to them about this.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report on the Roads Department. Bullet advised that he has been attending the township meetings, and if they are dissolved it would be a blow for the County road budget to pick up; Omaha township will donate \$20,000.00 to the bridge on 28th Road; the rail road is replacing the tracks on M Ave., a mile south of Staneks; provided pictures of the tube project near Pender, and explained the process, and why it takes more than a day or two to put in; short a blade guy in Rosalie, Chester out after hip surgery, others have been trying to keep those roads maintained for them; Bullet advised that he wasn't able to attend the last meeting, and realizes that money is tight, but we need to do something about the wages for the Roads, and all departments.

The Board discussed the property that was thought to be owned by the school, but is county property. Tammy Maul Bodlak had advised that she has been unable to find a statute that states the county can gift it to the school, so the county needs to



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declare it as surplus property and then set a date and time for hearing public comments on the fair market value of said property.

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

The Board of Supervisors entered into closed session at 9:51 a.m.

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

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session at 10:12 a.m.

The Board discussed a supervisor for the Emergency Management Department per auditors recommendation.

Motion by Price, seconded by Nelson to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson. Nay: Harlan, English. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors entered into closed session at 10:31 a.m.

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

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session at 10:44 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors tabled the decision regarding a supervisor for the Emergency Management Department, but will discuss budget later in the meeting, and will vote at next meeting to reduce the Department to 1 full time position from 2 full time positions.

The Board discussed the fee to trust applications received from the Winnebago Tribe for a parcel in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 15-26-9 containing 21.05 acres more or less; parcel in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-26-9 containing 40 acres more or less; parcel in W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-26-9 21.53 acres more or less; parcel in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 16-26-9.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to direct the County Attorney to file an appeal on the fee to trust application received from the Winnebago Tribe. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Price, Mayberry. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the fee to trust application received from the Omaha Tribe for Lots 18 & 19 Block 24 First Filing to Walthill Village in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 14-25-8 .35 acres more or less.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to direct the County Attorney to file an appeal on the fee to trust application received from the Omaha Tribe. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Mayberry. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to accept the Nebraska Department of Labor grant in the amount of \$ 4,050.00 to be used for training employees. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Harlan to approve the maintenance agreement with Service First, in the amount of \$400.00 per year for the fire sprinkler system in the new jail. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a sprinkler system for the new jail. No action was taken at this time.

The Board of Supervisors held budget discussions and got an update from Tasha Breitbarth. Tasha advised that the budget has been put together, with the levy the same as last year.



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Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the 1% increase allowable for restricted funds lid. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to set the budget hearing for September 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve advertising for bridge replacement 200 yards south of Intersection of 28th Road and N Ave. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-22 RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OBSOLETE FUNDS NO LONGER NECESSARY

WHEREAS: Thurston County has numerous funds established for conducting County business;

WHEREAS: Several funds are no longer utilized or needed;

WHEREAS: The Thurston County Board of Supervisors is desirous of discontinuing said funds;

NOW, THEREFORE THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby directs the County Clerk and the County Treasurer to delete the following obsolete Funds:

BIA Grant	Walthill Interlocal
ADA Grant (#0626 & 0628)	Rosalie Interlocal
Crime Commission	State Homeland Security

Passed and approved this 21st day of August, 2017.

/s/ Mark English
Mark English, Chairman

Attest: /s/ Tammy Moore
Tammy Moore, Clerk

Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve Resolution #17-22 – to delete funds no longer needed. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded Nelson to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Winnebago Township. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed paying holiday pay for the Veteran’s Service Officer, when the holiday is on Monday, her normal day to work. The Employee policy manual as explained by the County Attorney, Tammy Maul Bodlak, does not allow for part time to be paid holidays. In order for her to get paid for the hours, she would have to work another day of that week. The agreement of the Board was that the Veteran’s Service Officer will not be paid for holiday’s, per the employee handbook.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Harlan to approve the Clerk’s fee report. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. (Mayberry out of room at time of vote). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 17-23 RESOLUTION TO TRANFER FUNDS FROM INHERITANCE FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors is desirous of transferring from the Inheritance Fund into the County General Fund, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thurston County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund into County General Fund.

Passed this 21st day of August, 2017.

/s/ Mark English
Mark English, Chair

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

Motion by Peters, seconded by Nelson to approve Resolution #17-23 – to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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

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

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman