



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

September 5, 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 5th day of September, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, James Price Sr., Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson, Mark English. Absent: 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 9:03 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 Mayberry to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman English informed the Board that evaluations were completed on those employees and officials under the Boards control. Supervisor Peters told the Board that he had spoken with Steve Martin from the Department of Ag., and they would like to come out and make presentation for the County becoming Livestock Friendly. September 15, 2017 is the NACO Northeast District Meeting in Columbus.

Tom Perez, Emergency Management Director gave the Board his report on his department. Tom advised that they have been notified that more Directors from the Midwest will be called upon for help with disasters; Hurricane Irma has been updated to a Category 5, and they will be calling for them to help out, not necessarily to go, but to help out; provided handouts to the Board regarding upcoming courses and workshops he would like to attend; he is having a meeting with the Game and Parks regarding them wanting Emergency Management to attend the Outdoor Expo in Ponca; they held a 100-200-700 class that Chairman English attended; they have declared a disaster, and putting together a letter of intent, money to be put into sirens & safe rooms in communities through Hazardous Mitigation; has been working with Pender on their LEOP, moving ahead with their plan.

Bullet Beaudette gave the Board his report on the roads department. Bullet advised that Chester Kampa is still out from surgery; there is a claim for Don Stolze, who helped out for 3 days; they have been working at the Rosalie Shop, getting it cleaned up, and working on the motor graders; Hansen bridge – North will be closed tomorrow while the bridge is torn out and tubes put in. Will check with Cadwallader again about getting the retaining wall behind the Pender Shop done.

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

The Board of Supervisors entered into closed session at 9:27 a.m.

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

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session at 9:53 a.m.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board opened the bids received for the replacement of a bridge 200 yards south of N Ave on 28 Road. Bids were from Theison Construction in the amount of \$237,431.00; Norfolk Contracting for \$191,852.00.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to award the contract to Norfolk contracting in the amount of \$191,852.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bullet Beaudette spoke with the Board regarding the removal of CDL from the job descriptions of the motor grader operators. Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to remove the requirement of having a CDL for a motor grader operator. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairwoman Mayberry. The Board reviewed the application for exemption from motor vehicle taxes received from Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership, Inc. on a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan SE, VIN # - 2C4RDGBG4HR678699.

Motion by Peters, seconded by English to approve application of Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership. Roll call vote, Aye: English, Nelson, Trimble, Price, Peters, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman English opened the budget hearing at 10:03 a.m., to hear support or opposition to the proposed 2017-2018 Budget and tax levy.

The Board reviewed the budget document, and heard from the Budget Authority.

The Board discussed the error that occurred with the 2015-2016 county levy, where there was an over collection of taxes in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00. In discussions with the Treasurer, Clerk, State Auditor's office and the County Auditor, the overpayment will be corrected this year by decreasing the asking for this years budget to correct the over collection for the General Fund. This correction was also reflected in the proposed budget hearing document published in the official newspaper.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to close the public hearing to hear support or opposition to the proposed budget document. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bullet Beaudette spoke with the Board regarding raises for the roads department. Bullet provided current wages and proposed wages, based on their current evaluations.

Randy Stromberg from \$20.14 to \$21.00 (includes bridge inspection pay)

Randy Tremayne from \$17.00 to 18.25

Chester Kampa from \$16.75 to \$17.50

Mark Heckenialbe from \$16.75 to \$17.75

Scott Evans from \$17.00 to \$18.00

Rick Fendrick from \$15.50 to \$17.00

Lonnie Malasek from \$17.00 to \$18.00

Randy McCluskey from \$16.50 to \$17.75

After discussion, motion by Peters, seconded by Price to approve the raises as presented by the road foreman. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, English. Nay: Nelson. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the changing of the jail sinking fund. After discussion, the County Attorney was directed to research the bond language to make sure nothing there precludes changing of the fund.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to enter into closed session to discuss evaluations of those employees under the direct control of the Board. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors entered into closed session to discuss personnel at 10:49 a.m.

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

The Board of Supervisors reconvened in open session at 11:15 a.m.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Peters to approve the following raises:



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Road Foreman – 3%; Communications Supervisors - .50¢ per hour; Emergency Management Director – 1%; Maintenance - .50¢ per hour; and office deputies .50¢ per hour. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-24 THURSTON COUNTY RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 5th day of September, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is adopted as the Budget for Thurston County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated and passed this 5th Day of September, 2017.

/s/ Mark English

/s/ Roger Nelson

/s/ Dan Trimble

/s/ James H. Price Sr.

/s/ Georgia A. Mayberry

/s/ Leonard P. Peters

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve Resolution #17-24 to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to declare as surplus real estate the E ½ of Lot 13 Block 22 first Addition to the Village of Pender. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to set hearing date of September 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. to receive public input on fair market value for the sale of surplus property (E ½ Lot 13 Block 22 First Addition to Village of Pender). Roll call vote, Aye; Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the reduction of staff for the Emergency Management Department, reducing it from 2 full time employees to 1 full time employee. Sheriff Perez told the Board that she had been approached by Gayle Dahlman this morning asking her to speak to the Board regarding keeping both positions in Emergency Management, so that they may continue to maintain the radio equipment for the communications department.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Mayberry to eliminate the Deputy Emergency Manager position and have only 1 full time position in Emergency Management effective September 29, 2017. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

The Board held discussions with Communications Supervisor Gayle Dahlman regarding her request regarding overseeing the Communications Department. No action was taken at this time, but will be further researched and discussed in the future.

Supervisor Mayberry left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the inventories of the officials as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, 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: Peters, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble 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 11:53 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman