



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

September 18, 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 18th day of September, 2017. Present were: Leonard Peters, James Price Sr., Dan Trimble, Roger Nelson, Arnie Harlan, Mark English. Absent: Georgia Mayberry. 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 September 5, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, Supervisor Peters informed the Board that he would like a formal vote regarding the watering system for the lawn at the new jail. Peters advised they have spent nearly \$30,000.00 on plants, and felt it would be a wise investment to protect the plants already purchased, and that the grant we obtained may fail if we don't put in the system. Peters advised he would be getting figures on the cost for this but believes it would be well under the \$5,000.00 threshold to need to take bids. During further discussion, the board received word that the estimated cost would be \$7,375.00, which is over the threshold to make it necessary to put out for bids. No action was taken at this time.

Supervisors Trimble and Nelson reported on the NACO workshop they recently attended. They advised that there was discussion on the Inheritance Tax Funds, and possibility of a chicken plant in Fremont.

Tom Perez gave his report on the Emergency Management Department. Tom advised the Board that they were in Ponca over the weekend, along with numerous other Counties, will be heading back today to tear down and bring the motorhome back; received the last of last years EMPG grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 which brings last year total to \$35,000.00; on the 6th of September Verizon was heard and talked about using our tower, or putting up a new tower for their use, and would compensate the county for the use, they can help with the fiber optics. They would like the tower for better coverage in this area; Re; Century Link, they have been waiting on the Historical Society to sign off, have contacted Maise regarding running the conduit into the building. Will meet with the new hospital emergency manager tomorrow; will be in Norfolk on Wednesday and Thursday for school shooting/mass casualties drill.

Mark Heckenliable gave his report on the Noxious Weed/Sign Department. Mark advised the board that of the regulatory signs down, he has 36 done; 1 warning sign left to do; he had 1167 GMS road side spraying; started on brush control; Rail Road signs for project should be arriving soon and the bridge object markers need to get out.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report on the Road Department. Bullet advised the board that the road crew has met with Aflac; Roads by Rosalie have been main focus, Rick and Scott both helped on those roads; North of Pender, West of Hansen's got the double 9' tubes in; combining with Wayne on 15th road - going to use triple 8' tubes; tube west of Knecht's is plugged and need to get to it and get it cleaned out.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to advertise to cut down banks ¼ mile south of 28th Road and L Ave. and to open bids on October 2, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:26 a.m.



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Motion by Nelson, seconded by Peters to enter into closed session regarding request for financial assistance with burial. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 10:28 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:34

No action was taken on the request for burial assistance until further investigation is completed.

The Board discussed revising the jail sinking fund. Tammy Maul Bodlak did the research and nothing in the bond says that the money must be used for paying off the jail. As the fund is currently established, 100% of board of prisoner money is put into this fund, and can only be used for the construction/remodel of the jail or courthouse.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve pay application #16 for H & Ro Construction in the amount of \$256,690.69. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The public hearing to hear input on the fair market value for sale of surplus property (E ½ of Lot 13 Block 22 First Addition to the Village of Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska) was opened at 10:50 a.m. No one from the public appeared to give testimony. Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to set the date and time for sale of property for October 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to approve the fee reports of the County Clerk and District Court Clerk. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman