



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

October 30, 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 30th day of October, 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 9:03 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 Nelson, seconded by Trimble to dispense with the oral reading of the minutes, and approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peters provided a written report on the Public Health District meeting he attended. Julie Rother, Health Director, also gave the Board an update regarding what the Health District has dealt with recently. Chairman English reported to the Board that the personnel committee had completed the evaluations on the employees under their supervision.

Lee Klein, representative from Congressman Jeff Fortenberry's office spoke briefly with the Board to introduce himself.

Supervisor Price arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Mark Heckenliable gave his monthly report to the Board on the Noxious Weed/Sign Department. He advised the board that all regulatory and warning signs are up, is working on replacing faded/damaged signs; bought a new carburetor on the post pounder; barricade signs through the grant are here, will put new fasteners out and will retro fit them now; spraying done last week, had 1,241 GPS points; Rail Road sign program, had to send all copies again; had evaluation done; had inspection from the Dept. of Ag. last week; will be looking for grant from NIRMA for road closed barricades.

The Board reviewed informal bids received for the sprinkler system at the new jail. Only one bid was received from Matt Anderson for the amount of \$7,375.00. Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve the bid of Matt Anderson for \$7,375.00 for the jail sprinkler system. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Diann Ballard spoke to the Board regarding 3 grants that the county could apply for. The proposed potential for the grants would be \$16,000.00 if we received them all, the cost would not exceed \$1,250.00 to Diann. After discussion, the Board directed Diann to proceed with the grant applications.

Clyde Flowers, County Surveyor, spoke to the Board regarding the results of the survey he conducted on 32 Road. Clyde reported that the road is in the County right of way, appears to be County Road, but their garage is on County right of way.

The Chairman opened the Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Budget Authority Tasha Breitbarth explained the reason the correction and amendment was needed. There had been a clerical error when calculating Revenue in the Road Budget, which was corrected, and to amend the Law Enforcement Center expenditures which is necessary after closing the Jail Sinking Fund and transferring the money into the Law Enforcement Fund.

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

Matt Torczon representing the Village of Pender, spoke to the Board regarding the road that leads to the Pender Wells. The Village has been grading and adding gravel to the road to keep it accessible, and the Village was wondering if the County would be willing to help cover costs. Not sure who owns the road, as there are no 911 addresses for the wells or Sonia Heese. Tom



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Perez will work with GIS to get the addresses for 911. After discussion, it was the Board's decision that the maintaining of the road shall remain with the Village.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report on the Roads Department to the Board. Bullet advised the Board that the wall at the Pender shop is done; cleaned ditches by Barclays and raised the intersection; Banks road they replaced tubes as well as on Knecht's road; bridge by Heitzman's, is a fracture critical bridge and during inspection they had to close the bridge/road; Hansen's tube filled in, put in new tube last week; on 24th Road and B Ave dug out a culvert; they are working out by Bodlak's now.

Mark Casey provided the Board with the annual report. Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve the Chairman's signature on the annual report to the state as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Tom Perez provided his report to the Board on the Emergency Management Department. Tom told the Board that he has turned the Explorer over to the Sheriff's Department, the tablet has been given to the Attorney's office, changes will be reflected on the next inventory; had a drill at the Care Center last week, and is working with them and the Hospital; took leadership class last week; working on the debris management plan, the Board will have to approve the final plan in order to get FEMA money in a disaster; didn't get to Lincoln last week, but spoke to the department for flood plain management; state has sent out a memo to be expecting for a bad flu season; will be at the schools this week; Century Link is coming tomorrow, and should finish up next week, will be in by 2 and a half weeks will be up and running (phones and internet).

The Board opened the only bid received on surplus property (east half of Lot 13, Block 22, 1st Addition to the Village of Pender). Bid received from Pender School in the amount of \$1001.17. Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve the bid from Pender School in the amount of \$1,001.17. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #17-28 FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO NIRMA/NIRMAII INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Thurston County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Nebr. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Nebr. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurston County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall service as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Mayberry, and seconded by member Trimble, the following members voted by roll call vote in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English.



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The following members voted against the same: None.

The following members were absent or not voting: Harlan.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of October, 2017

Attest:

Thurston County Board

/s/ Tammy Moore (seal)
County Clerk

By: /s/ Mark English
Chairperson

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Resolution #17-28 – recommitment to NIRMA. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the transfer of vehicle and equipment from the Emergency Management Department. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the U.S. Cellular bill. Supervisor Mayberry advised the Board that this billing needs to be changed. It is a County bill, it should come to the County and not a private mail box, and that she is not on the account and that needs to be changed with her added.

Sheriff Shelly Perez spoke to the Board regarding a contract with Cummins Inc. for the generator at the new jail facility. Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to approve the contract as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Paul Randall spoke with the Board regarding hiring Rod L'Heureux to paint the peaks on the Courthouse. Paul has spoken to him and he would charge \$5,000 or less to do the painting. The Board gave Paul permission to move forward with this.

**RESOLUTION # 17-29
RESOLUTION TO TRANFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE INHERITANCE 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 \$50,000.00 from the General Fund into County Inheritance Fund.

Passed this 30th day of October, 2017.

/s/ Mark English
Mark English, Chair

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

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to approve Resolution #17-29 – to transfer from General into the Inheritance Fund the amount of \$50,000.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Peters to approve the Clerk’s fee report. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Trimble, Price, Mayberry, Peters, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

The Board entered closed session at 11:13 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:31 a.m.



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Motion by Peters, 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: Peters, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Mark English, Chairman