

# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

December 26, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017. Present were Leonard Peters, Georgia Mayberry, Roger Nelson, Dan Trimble, Mark English. Absent: James Price Sr., Arnie Harlan. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Mark English at 9:05 a.m. The Chairman announced that the open meeting laws would be followed during this meeting, and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone wishing to review them.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017, meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson. Nay: none. Abstain: English. Motion carried.

The Board asked Bullet Beaudette how the doors at the jail were coming. Bullet replied that he can't get all the doors done for less than \$5,000, as first anticipated. He could do half, and maybe Randy Tremayne would do the other half. Bullet will talk to the Sheriff, and go from there.

Supervisors Mayberry and Peters gave brief reports on the NACO conference they attended.

Tom Perez gave his report to the Board on the Emergency Management Department. Tom advised the Board that the weather will be hazardous this week with freezing temperatures; has been cleaning up different projects; going through 911 addresses and doing some clean up; during the last period, Macy had a water leak and Tom was called, ran everything through Vice Chairman Dan Trimble, and there were no expenses incurred by the county; the communities are calling, trying to get help to get up to speed.

Supervisor Price arrived at 9:21 during the above report.

Bullet Beaudette gave his report to the Board on the Road Department. Bullet advised the Board that with the last new machine bought, we got CATS \$5,000 parts credit, but have not used it yet. With that credit he purchased a grapple to be used by the Road Department; Informed the board of a recent fatality accident northwest of Pender on a county road; NACO has the bridge tube application open, we will be applying with Wayne County again for 2 bridges, we will know by January 12, 2018 whether our projects were chosen.

Mark Heckenlaible gave his monthly report to the Board on the Noxious Weed/Sign Department. Mark advised the board that the weeds are all dead; accident on corner of 12 Road and J Ave.- have intersection warning signs from east and west.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 9:30 a.m.

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

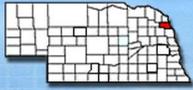
The Board reconvened in open session at 9:37 a.m.

Mark Heckenlaible told the Board that he had received the NIRMA Assist Grant for baracade signs.

At 9:40 the bids were opened on a used semi tractor. Reese Mack bid \$39,000.00 for a 2012 semi, that met all specs. and also bid \$35,000.00 on a semi that did not meet specs.

Sheehan Mack from Sioux Falls bid on a 2015 with 5 year warranty, mileage of 500,000 in the amount of \$45,000; Sheehan Mack on a 2014 with 556,000 miles for \$45,000.

Bullet advised that he will go look at the semi's and decide the best one for the County.



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Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to purchase a truck from Sheehan Mack for \$45,000. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Peters, English. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Trimble to approve the hydraulic study from Mike Rowe. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board held a discussion with Sheriff Perez regarding the pass through trays of the cell doors that needed modification. There will be 16 doors and will be over \$5,000 to get done. The Sheriff was directed to advertise for bids on the project, and will be opened on January 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board opened snow bids received. The only bid received was from Cooney Fertilizer, which submitted the following:

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| Pay loader   | \$210 per hour |
| Motor Grader | \$195 per hour |
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| Dozer        | \$265 per hour |

Motion by Peters, seconded by Mayberry to approve and accept the snow bid of Cooney Fertilizer. Roll call vote, Aye: Nelson, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Peters, English. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Elected County Officials met with the Board regarding salaries. Sheriff Shelly Perez spoke on behalf of the officials and told the Board that the officials are asking for the minimum recommended salary of \$48,600, with a 3%, and no less than 2% cost of living raise each year. The officials are asking that the office deputy wages be set at 70% of the official salary, with a 2% raise each year when the officials get their raises. NACO recommends that a Sheriff who also runs a jail should be paid a minimum of 125% - 140% of the recommended minimum base salary. After much discussion, Motion by Trimble, seconded by Price to set the Treasurer, Clerk, Assessor and Clerk of District Court wages at \$48,600 for 2019 with a 2% increase thereafter. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, English. Nay: Mayberry, Nelson. Motion carried. Motion by Trimble, seconded by Peters to set the base salary for the County Attorney at \$51,393.33 for 2019 with a 2% increase thereafter. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Peters, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried. Motion by Peters, Seconded by Trimble to set the County Sheriff salary at \$60,750.00 base for 2019 with a 2% increase each year. Roll call vote Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

After much discussion on setting the Board salary for 2019 - 2022, motion by Nelson, seconded by Trimble to set the Board salary at \$10,200 in 2019 with a 2% increase each year and the Board Chairman to be set at \$12,750 with a 2% increase also each year. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, Nelson, English. Nay: Mayberry. Motion carried.

The board discussed deputy raises and took recommendations from the County Officials. After much discussion, Supervisor Mayberry called Pam Bourne regarding who sets the deputy wages. It was confirmed after the Deputy County Clerk and County Attorney said that the board sets them, that the board does set them according to State Statute 23-1114.14. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to set that deputy wages at 70% of the officials as of January 8, 2018. Roll call vote, Aye: Peters, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

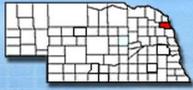
County Treasurer Robin Christiansen gave a report to the board on collections of 2016 distress warrants. They have brought in \$35,656.33 and a total of 8 are unsatisfied for a total of \$3,015.60 still uncollected. Treasurer Christiansen noted that there is a company that will collect these for 50% of the recovery fees. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Nelson to pursue to collection agency. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Nelson, English. Nay: Peters. Motion carried.

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

The board reviewed correspondence.

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



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The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Moore, County Clerk  
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy County Clerk

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Mark English, Chairman