



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

January 22, 2019 corrected

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 22nd day of January, 2019. Present were Trimble, Mayberry, French, Meyer, English. Absent: Price, 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 9:05 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 Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting with the amendments. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trimble gave his report on the meeting he had attended for the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. This group has saved Thurston County \$132,771.00 just in the last year. Supervisor Meyer attended the Region IV Mental Health meeting last week. He stated he learned a lot from this meeting regarding the services they provide and how large the opioid treatment is in this district. He discussed with Sheriff Perez if our deputies are certified for to carry Narcan with them. Sheriff Perez stated that they are going through training to get certified. Supervisor French attended the Walthill Village board meeting regarding 2 roads (Matheson Street coming straight west out of Walthill). The Village would like to work together with the county and he has talked to Randy Stromberg with the Roads Department regarding the issue. Supervisor Mayberry said she had also talked to Fred Appleton regarding the issue. Need to talk to the landowner there also regarding a drainage issue.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez gave his report to the Board. Possibility of 2 inches of snow today combined with very strong winds expected. The active shooter drill with Macy has been postponed. Received a grant for rapid tag/band. Thurston County is housing it and there are 2 in the region. Tom talked with the representative from Verizon regarding the new tower. The EPA does not want the new tower any taller than 10 ft. higher than the existing tower and they want to move the tower 22 ft. to the west. Tom will meet with them when they come out.

There was no discussion from the Roads Department or Noxious Weeds.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to approve the Chairman's signature on the annual Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture annual reports. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Meyer, French, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Item #10 was tabled.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve the bid sheet for Electronic Engineering in relocating the cameras for the courthouse. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Mayberry, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Perez discussed with the board the current situation with vehicles. The Dodge pickup isn't ready for pickup. Deputy Russell Briggs pickup is shot and in the shop. Looked into getting quotes from the state, Sid Dillon, Husker Auto and Billion. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve in buying a 2018 Chevrolet custom 4WD crew cab in black from Billion Auto for \$32,626.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, French, Meyer, English. Nay: Trimble. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the Clay County South Dakota Jail contract. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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Item #24 was tabled until next meeting.

The Board discussed the closing of 23 Road. There will need to be a Resolution to be a study done and landowners talked to. Also need to talk to Merry township to make them aware of the change. The road is closed as of now. County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak will work on drafting a resolution for the next meeting.

The Board discussed the deputy County Clerk raise. Supervisor English felt it was not necessary to discuss any further. Supervisor Mayberry felt it needed to be discussed as there are new members on the board now. Supervisor Meyer didn't feel like it needed to be discussed as he didn't want to go back on a decision that was already made in a prior meeting with a prior board.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by French to enter into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, French, Trimble, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board entered into closed session at 10:18 A.M.

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:55 A.M.

There was no further discussion regarding the deputy County Clerk raise.

The Board has reviewed the culvert replacement on 26 & H and 27 & B. Nothing has been done with this. The estimated completion date was December 31, 2018 with Cooney's bidding this project for both. This project is being funded by FEMA and has a deadline of 18 months to be completed. Landowner Keith Mahaney did not want the road closed during harvest. The Roads committee will contact Randy Stromberg about the culverts on the 2 sections.

The Board discussed advertising for lawn services for the courthouse. The Building committee will contact Paul Randall to have Kratke Lawn Service and Fuzz Hansen to submit a bid for their services.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the County Clerk's fee report. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Charter West Bank as County Bank depository for 2019. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, French, Mayberry, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Item #19 died for lack of motion.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve the contract with Tim Schaefer for the pop and vending machines in the Courthouse after approval from the County Attorney. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, Trimble, French, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak spoke to the Board regarding Drug Court. District Court Judge has all felony cases through drug court. They enter a guilty plea and are sent to drug court to move to Omaha to a halfway house and work. If completed they get case dismissed. After discussion, the Board directed Tammy to have the Washington County Attorney come to the board meeting and give a presentation.

The Board discussed with County Attorney Tammy Maul-Bodlak of a possibility of adding a public defender. Stu Mills had sent a letter to the County Attorney stating he would be interested in being one for the County. After much discussion, the Board did not take any action on this item.



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Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to approve Dana F. Cole & Co. for the audit of 2018-2019. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the following claims with the exception of the claim to Leonard Peters and correction of the sales tax. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Meyer, Trimble, French, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, 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: Trimble, Meyer, French, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Attest: _____
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy County Clerk

Mark English, Board Chairman