

# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

February 4, 2019

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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019. Present were Georgia Mayberry, James Price Sr., Arnie Harlan, Dan Trimble, Davin French, Glen Meyer, Mark English. The meeting was called to order by Chairman of the Board Mark English at 9:01 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 French to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Price, Harlan. Motion passed.

Supervisor Meyer gave a brief report from the meeting of NE Public health Board that he had attended.

Tom Perez gave his report on the Emergency Management Department. Tom told the board that he attended a drill last week, went well; meeting tomorrow in Norfolk; got last quarter reimbursement for the EMPG grant in the amount of \$4,204.00.

Randy Stromberg gave his report on the road's department. Randy discussed with the Board a complaint he received on fencing across a county road – was advised he had one week to get it taken down, but subject would like to put a cattle rail in the road, and the consensus of the board was that they would not allow the cattle rail to be placed due to the liability; Discussed the quote for the FEMA (Marrow bridge) replace N. abutement – between Q & R and 35<sup>th</sup> Road; would be possible to fix now and put in new later, only that would cause a really bad approach to the bridge; tried to haul gravel a couple days, and wondered if the Board would consider getting a side dump; working on things from the audit in the shops; Would like to surplus some items; contacted contractor to build containment barrels, would like to go to 1,000 gallon tank and surplus out the others; will get quote on bathroom; some things NIRMA will refund, some they pay out not under a grant; Having a meeting Wednesday to go over the Winnebago bridge (32301 B Ave.).

Chris Aldeman from Husker Steel spoke with the board regarding the earlier quote presented, and spoke about some smaller structures that can be replaced with culverts; on 13 & K there is a 15' wood bridge they could replace with 2 twin 96' culverts 40' long, with head walls and wing walls; 18<sup>th</sup> & F would need double tubes. Randy will get 2 more quotes before a decision is rendered.

Opened public hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan at 10:00. No one from the public appeared. Mark Casey, Highway Superintendent, went over the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan with the board. The Hearing was closed at 10:12 a.m.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Resolution #19-02 – approving and adopting the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan as presented, and approve the Chairman's signature. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Mayberry, French, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

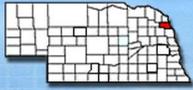
Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve Resolution # 19-03 to conduct study regarding closing of road 23 from G Avenue top H Avenue. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Harlan, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Andy Forney of D.A. Davidson met with the board regarding the execution on 2 lease purchase agreements for vehicles for Sheriff and Pender Police. Andy reviewed the contract with the Board.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Price to approve Resolution #19-04 approve Chairman's signature on lease purchase agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve Chairman to sign titling paperwork for the new Silverado. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Road Policy Committee advised the Board that they had conducted interviews, and hired Randy Stromberg as the working road foreman for \$53,040.00 which includes the foreman position and his annual bridge inspections. Discussion was held regarding whether he was given the authority to hire and fire, and it was agreed that he would have the authority to hire and



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fire. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble to approve hire and wage paid for Randy Stromberg. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Harlan, Price, Trimble, Meyer, English. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Price to approve the Promotion Grant application. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Mayberry. Motion carried.

Tom Perez and Sheriff Perez spoke with the Board regarding the fiber optics to be run to the new LEC for communications. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve Century Link to run the fibers. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the quotes received regarding spraying of the courthouse lawn. Quotes received from Kratky Lawn Service and Hansen Lawn Service. Mayberry advised that Paul Randall had concerns of the product being put on by riding a 4 wheeler to apply as opposed to walking and spraying the application. The Board felt that they would like to keep it local.

Motion by French, seconded by Trimble to approve the quote of Hansen Lawn Service. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, English. Nay: Mayberry. Motion carried.

Tammy Maul Bodlak, County Attorney advised the board that Tim Baxter had requested that the Roads have an emergency plan – and asked that the Roads Policy Committee to review and recommend for roads at the next meeting.

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

Supervisors Meyer and French advised the board that they had both attended the new board orientation put on by NACO, and felt it was very informative.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 11:28 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:42 a.m.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to adjourn to the next regular meeting with the agenda kept current in the County Clerk's office to be amended as necessary.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

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Mark English, Chairman