

Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

March 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 4th day of March, 2019. Present were Meyer, French, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, English. 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 9:01 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 Meyer to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Trimble, Mayberry. Abstain: Harlan, Price, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trimble attended the Northstar Region IV meeting on February 21. Supervisor English also mentioned that there would be a safety meeting after today's regular meeting.

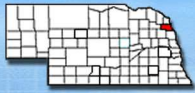
Tom Perez told the Board he will be attending a recovery workshop on March 8 at Wayne State College. Been working on the blizzard from last week and now onto another system this Wednesday into Thursday and into the coming weekend. More snow brings the concern of spring flooding. He will be working on the LEOP starting in April which is earlier than usual. He went to Macy to do a walk through. On March 18 there will be a Storm spotter class in Walthill. Tom spoke to the Board regarding the AlertSense and they are working on it going live in the county on May 1st. Tom thanked the board for getting the AlertSense.

Roads Foreman Randy Stromberg gave his updated on the Roads Dept. Working on the gravel bids and the surplus inventory for the Roads. He also gave the surplus inventory for the Noxious Weeds Dept. The Roads Dept. has been busy moving snow and has used the snow blower some on this last round of snow we got. There is no gravel stock pile like we have had in the past and there will need to be a lot of gravel hauled in the coming months. He has looked into purchasing a side dump trailer to haul gravel in so that the county does not have to wait for it to be hauled. The Board would like him to get a bid from Blue Jet and put on the next agenda to accept bids for side dump on March 18.

Supervisor French looked into getting a new motor for the old 2013 Ford sheriff truck for the roads dept. to use. Sunderman's gave an estimate of \$1500.00 for a new motor. Kaziski Auto Parts gave an estimate of \$5000.00 for 3year 100,000 miles warranty. Also, an option of taking a motor from an old truck for \$3,000.00 but only has 12month warranty. Motion by James, seconded by Mayberry to have Kaziski Auto put in the new motor. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Shelly Perez discussed with the Board two of her deputies being snowed in during the last blizzard. Deputy Russ Briggs was able to get out. She commended the Roads Dept. and Roads Foreman Randy Stromberg on doing a great job. She called around to other counties to see how they handle blizzard weather regarding deputies getting to work. Most of them responded that their deputies live in town. Many of Thurston County's deputies live outside of town. After much discussion, the Board came to the conclusion that Randy and Shelly need to communicate when weather is bad and decide if it is needed for the Roads Dept. to go out and clear snow before the blizzard is over.

The Board held discussion with the elected official's county wide. The Board is getting complaints and concerns on office attendance and not meeting the person that they elected to the office. As a Board they cannot direct them to be there at a certain time but it is also not fair to the public or the staff of their office. The Board is not saying that the offices are not running smoothly and things aren't getting done, but they needed to address the complaints they have been getting. Supervisor French brought up the Board communication for Board attendance for the meetings. Board members need



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to do a better job at communicating whether or not they will be at the meetings. The Board has a responsibility to be there. Supervisor Meyer stated that we are all elected by the public and we have a responsibility to service the public and voters and the public wants to see a face that they elected.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the Road Foreman job description. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, Meyer, English. Nay: French. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the surplus property. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to junk or sell on Dell Peterson auction and to advertise the surplus property being sold on the auction site. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to advertise and open bids for gravel on March 18 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor English brought to the board information regarding the claim that was submitted to NIRMA for Leonard Peters pickup repairs. With that type of claim there is no deductible for that. He spoke with NIRMA and they feel that it is not the county's responsibility to pay this as the motor grader operator was not aware that he lost anything off his blade. The Board's opinion is that it is not the county's responsibility to pay the claim. Supervisor English will report back to NIRMA.

Tom Perez discussed with the Board regarding upgrades to the tower on 31st Road. SPA owns the tower. They would like to do modifications to the tower to get service for T-Mobile out there. There is no cost to the county for this.

Tom Perez also discussed the Courthouse tower. The State is writing a letter to the historical society saying they would like to see it at 135 ft. They would also like the county to write a letter also supporting that. Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to write a letter to the historical society on the elevation of the tower at 135 ft. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Joe Power and Nich Smith from MIPs gave a presentation on the time clocks that they offer.

Tom Perez reported to the Board that the camera in the alley is not working and also the key fob to the jail entrance is not working. He has received quotes from Electronic Engineering. The Board told Tom that the jail door needs to be fixed as soon as possible in the case of an emergency. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve fixing the jail door ASAP. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Meyer to approve installing the camera on the west entry to the Courthouse Building. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

After much discussion on the purchase of a vehicle for the jail, it was tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the Clerk of District Court fee report. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the following claims with changes and the exception of Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mayberry 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, Harlan, Price, French, Mayberry, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:47 A.M.

Attest: _____
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy County Clerk

Mark English, Board Chairman