



# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

April 15, 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 15th day of April, 2019. Present were Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Absent was Price. 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 Meyer, seconded by Trimble to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting with the correction of Supervisor Harlan abstaining on approval of March 18, 2019 minutes. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019 special meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer, English. Abstain: Harlan. Motion carried.

Supervisors Trimble and French met after the board meeting on April 1 to do the jail inspection. Cameras will be getting installed. They also were shown where the water came in during the flood down the hall. They discussed the possibility of expanding the jail.

Supervisor Price arrived at the meeting at 9:07 A.M. during the above discussion.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez gave his report to the Board. He has worked with GIS and updated the maps for road closures. He reported to the Board that the public is very happy with this and has gotten it out on social media that it is available to use. The bridge east of Pender is still unknown when it will be back open. Supervisor Meyer said he had gone to NDOT meeting and could be end of June but depends on whether or not there will be contractors available to do the work. Tom has been working with Matt May with FEMA at the Community Center in Pender. Getting flyers done and they have been going door to door and talking with businesses. Tom also mentioned to the Board that NIRMA is working on getting funding available if needed for the flooding. He is working on the Alertsense to go live soon.

Roger Mast was present at the meeting with concerns on D Avenue. It is the busiest county road and has not been worked in the last 20-30 years. He would like the Board to address this issue and have it fixed like it was many years ago. Ditches have not been dug out in years and the road needs to be built back up. The Board thanked him for coming and will do their best to address the issues with D Avenue.

Randy Stromberg gave his report to the Board. His men are out on the roads as much as they can between the rain. They are getting their materials all restocked. They had an incident on the rock pile. Nobody was hurt just a little cosmetic damage to the loader. Nobody was hurt.

Road Superintendent Mark Casey reported that he and Randy Stromberg met with the Federal Highway and State Dept. of Roads and also had Mainelli and Wegner out on the roads to help with estimates. Have not received estimates back as of yet. Mark Casey spoke to the Board regarding hiring out to repair these roads.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Mark Casey to advertise for sealed bids on D, H, and J Avenue to be opened 2 weeks after published at the regular board meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, French, Mayberry, Meyer, Harlan, Price, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 10:04 A.M. by Chairwoman Mayberry.

The Board reviewed the homestead exemption form for Donald M. & Phyllis J. Kai. Motion by Meyer, seconded by English to deny their homestead exemption. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, Meyer, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board heard from Paul Malcomson from the Light of the World Gospel Ministries in Walthill on the exemption of lots for the church. The church uses these lots for youth meetings, VBS and other church events. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble to approve the exemption of the Light of the World Gospel Ministries. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, Trimble, Price, Harlan, French, English. Abstain: Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve all 2019 Exemption Applications. Roll call vote, Aye: French, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Trimble, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by French, seconded by Trimble to adjourn as Board of Equalization. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Harlan, Trimble, French, Meyer, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

David Boschult with the State of Nebraska Noxious Weeds program met with the Board to review the weeds program. He told the Board that Mark Reckonable is doing a great job and received a 3339 out of a possible 3400 score for the year. The average is 3100/3200. David informed the Board that he will be retiring in December after 30 years.

The Board held discussion regarding the road improvements in Thurston County and prioritizing which roads need immediate attention.

The Board discussed the bad weather policy. No decision was made.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to appeal the fee to trust for Winona Stabler. Roll call vote, Aye: Price, Harlan, Trimble, French, Mayberry, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mayberry to approve the Chairman's signature on the Deed of Correction for the State of Nebraska. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, Price, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence.

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

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by French to enter into executive session at 11:50 A.M. to discuss personnel. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mayberry to reconvene into open session at 12:17 P.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, 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, Price, Harlan, French, Mayberry, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 12:18 P.M.



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Attest:   /s/    
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy County Clerk

  /s/    
Mark English, Board Chairman