



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

July 22, 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 22nd day of July, 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 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 9:03 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 July 8, 2019 meeting. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor English made phone calls to the Railroad regarding Randy Dunn's access to his land. He left messages but hasn't heard back. He also reported to the Board that he completed the Ag friendly report.

Supervisor Meyer reported that he had attended the Region IV meeting.

Matt Torczon from the public, thanked the Board and the Roads dept. for their tremendous efforts on County Road 17.

The Board heard comments from Patty Bessmer regarding her Form 425 that will be discussed in Board of Equalization. She is requesting a change in her taxes after the flood in March.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble to approve the Winnebago Township agreement. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 9:15 A.M. by Chairwoman Mayberry.

Motion by English, seconded by Trimble to reduce the house value of John & Patty Bessmer twenty percent from 116,975 to 93,580. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, English, French, Harlan, Trimble, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by English, seconded by French to approve the notice of rejection of homestead exemption for Mavis Berg as the house sold. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Supervisor Meyer gave the Roads report. The Roads committee has interviewed two candidates for the road positions. He reported that on July 10 there was an accident involving a county motor grader and it has all been reported to NIRMA. The blade tracing software is not working and Glen is looking into other programs and possibly drop the current one. The Roads crew is currently working on the south/east side of the dump road and just finishing up south of Walthill. He is currently working on offers from John Deere and Caterpillar for a new loader. There was discussion on the rebuild



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of D Avenue. They would work two mile sections at a time going East of Hwy 9. This project would be an 80/20 cost share. There are still lots of soft spots and the water table is still high.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez reported to the Board that he and Supervisors Mayberry and Meyer attended the flood operations class held here in Pender. He helped with the Walthill rodeo this last weekend. Had many sign-up for the alert sense while there. Tom will be helping with the Winnebago Pow-wow this weekend and then the Dakota – Thurston Co. Fair next weekend.

The County Treasurer Robin Christiansen presented the distress warrant listing to the Board.

Emergency Manager Tom Perez updated the Board on FEMA #4387 and #4420.

Darren Wolfe met with the Board regarding vacating a street in Macy. No decision was made until more information is obtained from the County Attorney.

The Board held discussion on paying Supervisor Meyer for overseeing the Roads Dept. until a Roads Foreman is hired. Supervisor Meyer is putting in around 30-40 hours a week. He responds to every phone call that day or the next. Motion by Trimble, seconded by Harlan to approve \$450.00 a week, no extra benefits. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, English. Nay: French. Abstain: Meyer. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mayberry discussed with the Board purchasing a ¾ ton diesel pickup for the Roads dept. No decision was made.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve Resolution #19-10 for Fire Districts levy. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to approve Resolution #19-11 for Townships levy. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the new time clocks and whether or not the Veterans Service officer should be using it. Will discuss with the County Attorney for more information.

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

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

The Board reviewed correspondence.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by French to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 10:54 A.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble to convene into open session at 11:18 A.M. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Harlan, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by French to approve the settlement agreement with Jory Anaya. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, French, Trimble, Mayberry, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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



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

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

Attest: _____
Tasha Breitbarth, Deputy County Clerk

Mark English, Board Chairman