



# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

March 16, 2020

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 16th day of March, 2020. Present were Glen Meyer, Davin French, James Price Sr., Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Dan Trimble. Absent: Arnie 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 of 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 Glen Meyer at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted on the south wall of the meeting room for anyone that would like to review them. Motion by English, seconded by Mayberry to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, French, Meyer, English. Nay: none. Abstain: Price. Motion carried.

Supervisor Mayberry advised the board that they made arrangements to pick up the trailer ourselves and it will save the County \$833.40.

Supervisor Trimble advised that he and Supervisors French did the quarterly jail inspection. They reported that it appeared to them that their recreation yard was poorly constructed - areas need secured to beams. They did speak with Sheriff Perez and she advised they will put up razor wire on the top of the recreation yard.

Chairman Meyer advised the board that he has received daily reports from the health department, and Supervisors English wondered about getting public information on the county website since as of now there is nothing there about the corona virus.

Tom Perez reported on the Emergency Management Department. Tom told the board that he has been working with FEMA regarding documents they were still requesting, but has no dollar amounts yet, along with everything else going on, has kept him extremely busy; the storm spotter class has been cancelled; Emergency managers in the area are going to set up an operation center in Wayne, next to the Health Department; advised the board that the Governor declared a state of emergency.

Motion by French, seconded by Trimble to declare the low boy as surplus property and advertise for sale. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer informed the board that the decision had been made to start yearly inspections on the semis and trailers the county owns.

Supervisors French advised that after doing some checking, now is not the time to purchase fuel in bulk but would like to keep the purchases in County with Smith, Darling and Frazey's to get gas. Mat Frazey will pass the word on to the rest of the road crew.

Motion by English, seconded by Mayberry to approve the grant application for \$1,000 to Pender - Thurston Chamber.

French provided the board with info on the revitalization grants available.

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

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the Chairman to sign the check, and all loan paperwork with Charter West Bank that is necessary to purchase a new trailer. The loan interest rate will be at 2.55%. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by English to have Kratke Lawn service care for the courthouse yard and to prepay the amount of \$934.00. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to approve Resolution # 20-05 - accepting and approving the 1 & 6 year road plan. Roll call vote, Aye: English, French, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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## RESOLUTION #20-05

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Highway Superintendent has presented a One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of said County, and

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Thurston County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

Dated at Pender, Thurston County, Nebraska, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
THURSTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

/s/ Glen Meyer  
Chairman

/s/ Mark English  
Member

/s/ Davin French  
Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Tammy Moore  
County Clerk

Tom Perez requested approval from the Board to have the intern from last summer return this summer, the board all agreed that she was an asset to have working and they would be happy to have her back.

Tom advised the board that the courthouse was being taken care of, will put a sign on the door that if having symptoms to return on another day. Tom will be talking with the Fire & Rescues, setting up for the regional operations center. Supervisors English advised he felt that Tom should be in our office in the County, and do things with the regional operations from teleconferencing and webinars. Tom will also look at the LEOP to see if there is guidance there. At this time the courthouse will remain open, employees should use good judgement and not come in if ill.

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

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 10:00 a.m. The Board reviewed the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption of Lenora McManical. Rejection is due to the applicant not meeting the age requirements. Motion by Meyer, seconded by French to deny the exemption at this time. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Dennis Victor spoke to the board regarding the road by the property he bought south of Pender. Last time he visited with the board he was told that it wasn't our road, so he spoke to Cuming County who told him the same thing. Just wondering who's going to do what. Ditches need to be cleaned out. After discussion he was told that the county could probably put in a new tube, we would take a look at it and try to figure something out.

CML Security asked for service agreement on cameras in the jail, and it would be \$26,000. Sheriff Perez will talk to the manager and see if they can get it any lower, will try to get the best price possible. Motion by Price, seconded by Trimble to approve the agreement - at the lowest price the Sheriff can get. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Price to approve the chairman's signature for the credit of \$30,633.00 at Motorola. Roll call vote, Aye: English, French, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.



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Sheriff Perez spoke with the Board regarding the patrol unit that had been wrecked and advised them that it has been totaled, and they will need to purchase 2 vehicles now instead of just one. Insurance will give \$19,000 that will apply to the purchase of the new unit as the down payment. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to approve the Sheriff using the insurance proceeds as a down payment towards another vehicle. Roll call vote, Aye: English, French, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Sheriff spoke to the board regarding the cost of putting up razor wire in the recreation area and iron rods around the bottom have one bid for \$19,312. Will need to get 2 more bids before being able to purchase.

Mat Frazey reported on the roads department. Mat told the board that they have been graveling some roads, stockpiling gravel and doing dirt work where needed. Also have taken the wings off all the blades.

The board discussed the process for selling the real estate properties.

Motion by Dan, seconded by James to approve the claims, with the correction of the pay rate for Mat Frazey needs to be corrected. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, French, English, Meyer. 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: English, French, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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

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Glen Meyer, Chairman