



Thurston County Board Minutes



THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

February 1, 2021

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 1st day of February, 2021. Present were Glen Meyer, Davin French, Dan Trimble, Georgia Mayberry, James Price, Arnie Harlan. Absent: Mark 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 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 French, seconded by Harlan to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, English, French, Mayberry, Meyer. Nay: none. Abstain: Trimble. Motion carried.

Supervisor Trimble told the board that he had attended the meeting on Area on Aging and they held the election of officers; reviewed the bylaws; vaccine will be rolling out for 65 and older group; have 14 working from home.

Tom Perez gave his report on the Emergency management department. Tom advised the board that last week he had gotten a call from FEMA and things are getting a little easier because of some of the changes, and getting someone different to work with. COVID is complete redo to get reimbursement going out faster; there is a new sign up on line; has been working on maps for 911.

Mat Frazey reported on the Roads Department and told the board that they had spent time in the shop; been blading and moving snow; Starks piling concrete when he can; been working on Mark's office in the Walthill shop; got the dually back this morning.

Mark Heckanlaible, Noxious Weeds/Signs, gave a brief update on his department. Mark had sent the board the copy of the annual Department of Ag. Reports prior to the meeting. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by French to approve the annual Department of Ag. Reports. Roll call vote, French, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry to appoint Tom Perez as the IT/Cyber security person for the County. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Price, Mayberry, Trimble, French, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed if they would continue paying COVID leave after December 31, 2020. After discussion, Motion by Trimble, seconded by Mayberry, to approve to pay up to 80 hours if employee has been wearing mask per department policy from January to July (6months) to be reviewed July 1, 2021. Roll call vote, Aye: Trimble, Mayberry, French, Harlan, Price, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the County Audit engagement letter received from Dana F. Cole Co., and discussed others we could have do the audit. Chairman Meyer will contact NACO and get more info from them. No other action was taken.

The Board discussed the hiring of Dan Alexander as the County Highway Superintendent, he is getting his class A license, will be paid \$165 per hour, as he is needed, with no retainer. Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Price To hire Dan Alexander as the Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote, Aye: Harlan, Price, Trimble, Mayberry, French, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Moton by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to accept the resignation of Mark Casey as Highway Superintendent, and to thank him for his many years of service. Roll call vote, Aye: French, Mayberry, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

The board discussed township contracts and billings. No action was taken.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by French to convene as the Board of Equalization.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION



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The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 10:05 a.m.

The Board reviewed the applications for exemption from motor vehicle taxes.

Motion by French, seconded by Trimble to approve vehicles of the Pender Hospital District. Roll vote, Aye: French, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Trimble to approve the vehicles of Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership. Roll call vote, Aye: French, Trimble, Price, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Meyer to approve the vehicles of the Light of the World Gospel Ministries, Inc. Roll call vote, Aye: Meyer, French, Trimble, Harlan, Mayberry. Nay: none. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the application from the Winnebago Reformed Church until such time we are certain it qualifies to be exempt.

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

Adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Motion by Trimble, seconded by Harlan to go into executive session for the purpose of authorizing Woods & Aitken to conduct independent investigation concerning personnel; personnel and wages; discuss personnel; discuss disciplinary report. Roll call vote, Aye: French, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Trimble, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mayberry, seconded by Trimble to give Authorization for Woods and Aitken to conduct independent investigation concerning personnel, and to give that information to the County Attorney. Roll call vote, Aye: French, Trimble, Mayberry, Price, Harlan, Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

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

Attest: _____
Tammy Moore, County Clerk

Glen Meyer, Chairman