



# Thurston County Board Minutes



## THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

November 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021. Present were Glen Meyer, Davin French, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, and James Price Sr. Absent: Arnie Harlan Also present were Patty Bessmer Thurston County Clerk, Tammy Maul Bodlak Thurston County Attorney, Shelly Perez Thurston County Sheriff, Tom Perez Thurston County Emergency Manager & Mat Frazey Thurston County Roads Supervisor. 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 9:00 a.m. Chairman Meyer stated that the open meeting laws will be followed during this meeting and are posted in the front of the court room for anyone that would like to review them. Motion by English, seconded by French to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote, Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, English, French, Meyer. Abstain Price. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dan Trimble and Davin French said they had gone to the LEC and did a Jail inspection all kitchen equipment has been delivered except the dishwasher. It was mentioned about the windows being tinted. No action at this time.

Tom Perez reported he had been to training at Ponca last week and it went well. They put up a tower, it was tough putting in the wind however it was good practice as this is what could be completed, if there was a real disaster. There was a problem with a couple repeaters, the radio shop will be contacted to let them know this was a problem.

Tom informed the board on some new Flood Plain standards coming out, he will have to do some training on and then will be required to complete testing.

Tom informed the Board that the EMPG grant was filed and they requested more information so he will get that completed.

Mat Frazey gave his report on the Roads Department. They installed a guardrail on the east side of F Ave. They have been hauling gravel and blading roads. The Kenworth truck is in the shop with transmission issues. Tammy Maul Bodlak asked Mat about the problem with nails being in the gravel as they have had more flat tires on F Ave.

Mat said it did not come from the gravel as it runs through a magnetic conveyor belt. He had checked with the provider Stalps. They assured him that all gravel is run on the magnetic conveyor.

Mark Heckenliable informed the board he was at school last week in Kearney. He informed the board that he had gotten a really good report on the sign audit. 83%. He reported on the assist grant for the upgrades they did to the office over in Walthill Building. The cost was \$6,400.00 and they received \$4,600.00 from the grant. Mark informed the board that Office inspection would be completed next week by the Department of Ag.

It was discussed to give out COVID bonuses to staff as allowed by ARPA funds after much discussion it was tabled until the next meeting November 22, 2021.

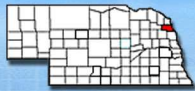
The board made a motion to advertise for bids for a motor grader & skid loader motioned by Mayberry second by French, roll call vote Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer, Absent Harlan motion carried.

The board discussed the hiring of Lutz & Co for administration of the ARPA funds it was tabled until November 22, 2021 meeting.

Tammy Maul Bodlak informed the board that they all needed to complete the NIMS training. Tom Perez will send all board members the online information for them to complete.

The safety committee was concerned with the dirt around side walks not being completed and would like to see where that is at. Glen told the board he would work with Paul and contact a contractor to see what can be completed. Looking at filling with dirt and then laying sod.

Tammy Maul Bodlak was concerned with the Township contracts, as to where the County was at with that process. Mat Frazey informed her that Omaha township had paid and that no resolution from Winnebago township has been completed at this time. Bryan township wants to turn over their excess funds.



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Approve fee report from District Court Clerk as presented motioned by Trimble second by French, roll call vote Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer, absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Approve fee report from County Clerk as presented. Motioned by Mayberry, second by French, roll call vote Aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer, Absent Harlan, Motion carried.

Approve Resolution 21-24 transfer of \$2,878.94 out of General Fund to Vet's Aid fund. Motioned by Mayberry second by Trimble, roll call vote aye: Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer. Absent: Harlan Motion carried.

Approve Resolution 21-25 transfer of \$ 50,000.00 from General to Courthouse Building Fund motioned by Mayberry, second by English, roll call vote aye Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan, Motion carried.

Benefit Management was her to discuss Insurance Benefits for the upcoming year. They will be back November 22, 2021, with the final costs of what the premiums are for the next year. Current estimated premium increase is 75% above previous year.

### Proceedings of The Board of Equalization

The Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairwoman Mayberry at 10:00 a.m. to approve application of exemption of vehicle for Little Priest Tribal College of the following vehicles. Motion Meyer second by Price. Roll call aye Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

- a. 2005 Ford F150 1FTRX04W25KE96478:
- b. 2008 Buick Lucerne 1G4HD57268U196277
- c. 2019 Dodge Ram 2500 3C6UR5HJ9KG596622
- d. 2020 Chevrolet Passenger Van 1GAZGPF3L1251456
- e. 2022 Chevrolet Trailblazer KL79MNSL6NB035814

Motioned by English second by French to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. Roll call Aye Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer, Mayberry. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska representative Melissa Henschied was here to present the bids for 27 properties owned by Thurston County. They will include the back taxes and interest owed on all of the properties. This was tabled until November 22, 2021, meeting at which time the County attorney will have reviewed them so the board of supervisors can accept or decline the bids.

Motion was made by Mayberry, second by French to approve Elected Official Shelly Perez to receive her vacation pay which she did not receive at the time of her taking office in 2011. They also approved vacation pay for Patty Bessmer which was not used prior to being appointed as the County Clerk. Roll call aye Mayberry, Trimble, Price out of the room at time of vote, English, French & Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motioned carried.

Review and approve claims motion by English second by French roll call aye Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan. Motion carried.

Motion by second by English to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. roll call aye Mayberry, Trimble, Price, English, French, Meyer. Absent Harlan motion carried.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patty Bessmer, County Clerk

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Glen Meyer, Chairman