

THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
February 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Thurston County, Nebraska was held at the regular meeting place of the board room in Thurston County, Nebraska Courthouse in Pender, Nebraska on February 27th, 2023. Present were Glen Meyer, Georgia Mayberry, Mark English, Jim Mueller, James Price, Davin French, Arnie Harlan. Also present were Patty Bessmer County Clerk, Tom Perez Emergency Manager, Sheriff Russ Briggs, Deputy Sheriff Chace Morgan, County Attorney Tammy Maul Bodlak and Attorney Patrick Guinan. 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 back to order by Chairman 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 back of the board room for anyone that would like to review them.

Motioned by Mayberry second by French to approve minutes from the February 13th, 2023 Roll call Aye: Mayberry, French, Mueller, Price, Harlan. Abstain: English. Motioned carried.

Pledge Allegiance was recited.

Balance fund was reviewed.

Unfinished business: Glen gave an update on the carpet laying and the issue that have been discovered during this process. Glen took samples as directed by Environmental Services to Norfolk to be tested. Those samples were sent off for the testing and with the results being no asbestos in the tile. There was a small percentage of asbestos in the mastic under the tile. Environmental Services then came in did a negative air draw and removed the carpet and tile. They then painted the floors with a capsulating paint. The courtroom has been completed and is now back to being operational. The carpet layers are still working on the second floor.

Public Comments: None

Committee reports: Glen informed the Board he had gone to a one-day workshop in Kearney for Board Chairman's. Glen stated that there was lots of good information given out and encouraged all Board members to go to these types of training whenever possible.

Jennifer Hansen Extension Director gave her annual impact report to the board. Last week was the Connect the Dots program that was held and those participating were Pender, Emerson, and Bancroft. Last year every school in Thurston County participated due to COVID the year before. Next year it will be Walthill, Winnebago and Umo Ho Nation schools. Last summer 185 youths from Omo ho Nation ran 1,518.5 miles in the Marathon Kids running program. Jennifer reported that there were 18 people who participated in the Farmer Ranch Transition program. Jennifer said going forward they will be in Winnebago and Umo ho Nation schools in the next few weeks working with those students. Currently they are offering an early incentive for youths to join 4-H deadline is March 1, 2023. Technically they have until June 15, 2023 to register.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve Resolution #23-07 to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Building and Grounds Fund. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book p 476](#)

Motioned by Mayberry second by Price to approve Resolution #23-08 to transfer \$100,000.00 from ARPA Funds to the Road Funds. Roll call Aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried. [See Resolution Book p 477](#)

Board of Equalization Minutes

Motioned by French second by Mueller to go into Board of Equalization at 9:30 a.m. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, and Mayberry. Motioned carried.

Tax list correction:

1. Parcel #002040040 Correction of the tax credit of 36.76 consists of 36.76 in Non ag and 0.00 in ag land tax credit of 44.10 consists of 0.00 in non ag land and 44.10 in ag land. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

Motioned by English second by Mueller to adjourn Board of Equalization at 9:31 a.m. Roll call Aye: English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan, Meyer, Mayberry. Motioned carried.

The board resumed back into regular session at 9:31 a.m.

Tom Perez reported to the board he has been working on a couple of grants and has been working with the Cattlemen's Ball project and he was here on Monday making sure that all went well upstairs with the courtroom.

Motioned by Mueller second by Price to advertise for a truck for Law Enforcement to be opened at the March 13, 2023 meeting at 10: a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mayberry second by Price to pay for the new vehicle for Law Enforcement out of the ARPA Funds. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Sheriff Briggs and Deputy Morgan on the Sheriff Budget. No action was taken.

Motioned by Mayberry second by English to approve the signature of Chairman Meyer and County Clerk Bessmer on the letter of understanding services for the Budget that KRP Co. L.L.P. will provide for the year ended June 30, 2022. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resource District program applications on Urban Conservation Assistance and Recreation Development.

Motioned by French second by Mayberry to advertise for gravel bids March 13, 2023 to be opened at 9:15 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by English second by French to approve claims as presented. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motioned by French second by Mueller to go into Executive session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss litigation. Roll call aye: Mayberry, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried. English was out of the room at time of roll call.

Motioned by English second by Mayberry to come out of Executive session at 10:50 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Motioned by French second by Mueller to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Roll call aye: Mayberry, English, Mueller, Price, French, Harlan. Motion carried.

Attest: _____
Patty Bessmer County Clerk

Chairman Glen Meyer