



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:34 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stanley Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Pam Moody, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Sheriff Gary Eng.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on November 24, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the December 6, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the November 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 24, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had looked at the manhole cover at Lee Ray's. He has visited with Terry Higgins about replacing. Herbaugh reported that he will talk to the NDOR and see if they have any covers available.

Auto gate discussion was held on what size is required by the insurance carrier. Minimum size on public roads will be 18'. The road men will work on making three sets of auto gates, two to go on Peaceful Plains Rd and one extra. Object markers will need to be placed on the auto gates on public roads.

Suggested signage throughout the county was discussed.

Lloyd presented the board with paperwork to start preparing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. More discussion to be held on the December 20th meeting.

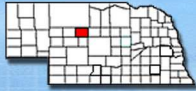
Discussion was held on the flat-bed trailer listed on Big Iron. No action taken.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	229.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2336.79
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4471.50
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	75.60
CARS	REPAIRS	48.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	372.54
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICES	876.12
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	418.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	201.38
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.87
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	71.28
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	48.70
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.76
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1245.25
NACO	DUES	900.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	955.21
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	83.47
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	47.00
QUILL	SUPPLIES	289.79
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES/FUEL	589.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7367.50
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	897.25



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ANDREA THOMAS	SUPPLIES	42.80
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	411.22
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		22379.98

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	651.07
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	763.24
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICES	13.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	38.96
METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS, INC	SUPPLIES	978.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	46.02
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	174.66
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	41.42
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	307.21
POWERPLAN	SERVICES	600.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/TIRE	4456.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1660.42
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	360.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6605.31

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	67.98
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VISITORS FUND-

SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	245.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

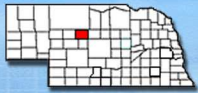
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.12
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	39.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	28.00
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	29.11
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	82.44
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
SUE PEARMAN	MEALS	11.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	727.42
TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	METER POSTAGE	791.71
U S BANK	OFFICE CHAIR	69.99
SALARIES		2463.05

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	146.18
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.47
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	106.07
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	18.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.66
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES	126.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	251.87
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	200.88
SALARIES		1107.30

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	295.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	154.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	82.96
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	116.41



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SALARIES

494.72

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the General Election costs were \$5,015.53, and that the county had submitted bills to those political subdivisions that can be billed for \$1,854.44. The cost per voter during the General Election was \$12.60 per voter.

Snow removal for the courthouse and parking lot is still needed.

Questions on Village of Halsey residents not paying a tax for fire protection was discussed.

Fee report for the Clerk's office was presented.

Treasurer reported that tax statements were mailed out on the 5th of December. She also discussed the road fund balance with the board.

Emergency Manager gave a Region 26 report.

Sheriff reported that activity has been high in the county. He also reported that the forest contract has been fulfilled.

The last billing will go out this week to the Forest service. The Sheriff also answered questions about the manhunt in November. The county did not have to reimburse any law enforcement that helped in the search. The surrounding counties have a mutual aid agreement to handle situations like this.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the first meeting in January 2017. The constitution states that the newly elected board member will take office on the first Thursday following the first Tuesday of the month. This year that date will be Thursday, January 5th.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to move the first meeting of January to Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Twyla Witt presented the board with some information on Power lines, wind turbines and Fish & Wildlife reports.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Attest:

Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk