

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 20, 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, Pam Moody, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Twyla Witt, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Sheriff Gary Eng, and Bethany Johnston.

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 December 8, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the December 20, 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 December 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 15, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on purchasing iron for the road personnel to build auto gates. Board decided to go ahead and have the road men order the square tubing to build two twenty foot auto gates. Commissioner Herbaugh also asked the road department to build a handrail to be installed at the Library.

The semi will need new batteries, the decision was to wait until the weather warms up before purchasing.

The board and road men reviewed the 2016 One and Six year road plan. Lloyd will get cost estimates for the Halsey/Purdum road.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

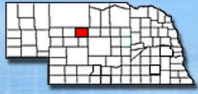
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SECRETARY	830.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	443.38
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	180.44
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE/MEAL	154.22
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	17.49
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	145.80
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	50.00
LITTREL, KYLENE	SERVICES	69.00
MARILYN MASEBERG	RETIREMENT	60.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	2767.47
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	EXPENSE	36.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	3RD QTR EXT	4524.90
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	102.42
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	PAPER SERVICE	19.50
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	145.80

ROAD FUND-

BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	148.03
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	138.00
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2016	300.00
NEBRASKALAND TIRE TRUCK STOP	TIRES	760.30
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	3680.82
U S BANK	SUPPLIES/SHOP	28.69

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	24.75
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HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	59.04
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEAL	26.06
MAILFINANCE	SERVICES	148.45
MCI	PHONE	71.38
SUE PEARMAN	FUEL/MEALS	76.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SERVICES	28.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND-		
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	29022.64

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the request from the Thedford Rural Fire District to run grant funds from Burlington Northern through the county.

The interior walls within the courthouse will be getting a new layer of paint in the coming weeks.

Time card machines were discussed.

Treasurer presented her financial report to the board. She also reported that she will be inquiring into offering Nebraska Game and Parks permit for sale in the office.

Sheriff reported that all funds have been received from the forest contract.

Emergency Manager reported that Custer County has decided at this time not to join Region 26 for dispatch services.

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

Bethany Johnston talked with the board about purchasing a new vehicle for the Extension Office. After discussion with the County Attorney this item will be tabled until the January 17th meeting.

The board reviewed the recommendation from the Thomas County Planning Commission about a one year moratorium, or until zoning regulations are finished, on Commercial Wind Energy and Commercial Solar Energy.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the recommendation of the Thomas County Planning Commission and place a one year moratorium, or until zoning regulations are updated on commercial wind energy and commercial solar energy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Larry Haake, Miles Maseberg and Jim Purdum to the Thomas County Planning Commission for a three year term. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the resignation of George Mintle from the Thomas County Planning Commission. A replacement to the board has been tabled until the January 5, 2017 meeting.

Public comment. Twyla Witt read the statement from the Cherry County Commissioners vote on the special use permit application for wind turbines.

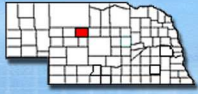
Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017 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:



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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk