



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to excuse Commissioner Seeley. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried. Also present throughout the meeting were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Twyla Witt.

Vice Chairman Pam Moody state 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 February 9, 2017.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the February 21, 2017 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the February 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 16, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

**Road discussion:**

The board asked questions of Lloyd Smith about the Road Classification map process when it was adopted in March 2014. No changes suggested at this time.

Ed Schukei asked the board about the Interlocal Agreement with Blaine County for road/snow maintenance. The Interlocal agreement was reviewed. No action taken at this time.

Lloyd reported that he will try and meet with Richard Jameson about the possibility of making Carr Ln a county road in the future.

Commissioner Seeley arrived at 9:51 a.m.

The board discussed driving the county roads as a group. The decision was made that each commissioner would drive and look at the roads individually. Lewis will go out and mark the concerned areas and each commissioner will drive and review and discuss at the next meeting.

Armor coat projects and bridges were also discussed.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	CITATIONS	130.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	451.54
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	52.99
BLAINE T. GILLETT, LLC	CR16-26	281.04
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	69.55
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	123.20
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	3RD QTR	533.81
TAX VALUATION INC	SERVICES	1200.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	6.86
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	12.29
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	EXPENSES	305.00

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	162.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	92.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68



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SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	360.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

FORRESTERS DODGE CITY, INC	17 PACIFICA	15572.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	NOTICE	6.11

Office reports:

Assessor reported that Ag land values will increase by 11% from \$417/acre to \$465/acre. This will put our ratios at 56% of market value, which is actually below the statutory range that the state requires. This decision is being made with the Property Assessment division aware that sales coming in after the study period are indicating a trend downward in value. The surrounding counties will also be in the same situation as us.

Clerk also reported on legislative bills to be aware of.

Treasurer presented her financial report.

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

Sheriff Eng presented the 2017 U.S. Forest Contract agreement. The amount of the contract has remained the same at \$7,800 as last year.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the 2017 U.S. Forest Contract Agreement for \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley opened the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Hearing at 11:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the 1 & 6 year road plan. No public comments.

Sheriff Eng addressed the board about the possibility of needing to hire a deputy sheriff. No action taken at this meeting. Will be addressed on the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to close the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Hearing closed at 11:19 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to adopt Resolution #2017-4, 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public Comment. Twyla Witt passed out to the board information on wind turbines.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 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 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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John B. Seeley, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk