

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 7, 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 John Seeley, Pam Moody and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Sheriff Gary Eng, Richard Jameson, Herb Hall, and Jack Johnston.

Chairman Seeley 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 February 16, 2017.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the March 7, 2017 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the February 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 2, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on the availability of road material this summer. Decision was made by the board to attempt to acquire 5,000 ton of millings to be used this summer. The board also decided that the road employees need to request purchasing material for any roads at a board meeting so all commissioners are aware of the request. The road personnel did not request any purchase of gravel at this meeting. The board discussed snow complaints in Seneca, decision was made that this is a private matter. The request to lease the portion of West Ave that is not a road was denied. Trucking contracts for 2017 were discussed, the county attorney will draw up a new contract. The board discussed hiring a third full time road employee. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to not hire an additional full time road employee at this time. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board asked the Clerk to advertise for part time seasonal road help.

The board also discussed possible procedures for heavy over use of county roads. Lloyd reported that NIRMA has a sample reclamation agreement in their Road Manual. Lloyd will also talk with Chris Jacobsen of Custer County on how they handle these types of situations and this will be discussed at the March 21st meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve payroll and claims as presented. Discussion: Board questioned the clerk on the portion that Thomas County pays for the bookmobile use at the Halsey Grade School. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	191.10
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2249.61
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SECRETARY	50.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4471.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	386.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	519.48
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	48.70
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.04
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1177.19
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	916.96
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATION	60.00
NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS, INC	NOTARY	95.00
RAMADA INN	LODGING	70.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	557.99
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7200.64



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THOMAS CO TREASURER	DUES/BOOKMOBILE	872.76
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	2.19
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	30.00
SALARIES		22059.20

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	647.19
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	92.17
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	50.05
NEAL, SUSAN	FUEL/PROPANE	40.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	162.62
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	30.76
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	189.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1483.92
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5636.85

PRE TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.22
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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	248.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	151.97
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	42.85
MCI	PHONE	69.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	83.71
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	28.29
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	716.58
SALARIES		2410.63

LIBRARY FUND-

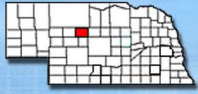
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	147.95
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	5.91
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	4.60
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.84
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	98.73
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SOFTWARE	700.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	157.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	251.06
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	70.78
SALARIES		1096.72

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	116.83
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	60.28
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	231.11
SALARIES		360.38

Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for the month of February. Assessor reported that by March 19th the county will be converted from deeded acres to GIS acres. Some parcels will see an increase while others may see a decrease in acres. All NDOR highway deeds have been researched and drawn out. Any parcels with large discrepancies have been researched to see if surveys were on file to help compare.



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Treasurer reported that on March 6th she held the tax sale, no one was in attendance to purchase. Currently there is around \$8,000 in delinquent taxes, some of these will be turned over to the County Attorney for the county to begin foreclosure on.

Sheriff reported that his surgery went well and that Greg Eng was filling in as Deputy for a couple of weeks while he recovers.

Emergency Manager reported that he had checked with Arnold Schools about the road signs.

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

Chairman Seeley opened lawn care bids at 10:30 a.m. One bid was presented from Chauncey J. Linn for \$520 per month. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to accept the bid from Jerry Linn for lawn care at \$520 per month. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Jack Johnston, Herb Hall and Richard Jameson discussed with the board about building a new hanger and the possibility of the county helping to finance the 10% matching funds portion. The group presented information on airplanes currently located within the county and the possibility of bringing in additional personal property tax to the county if the hanger was built and additional planes could be housed here. The request is to help find \$60,000 to get this project started. This will be discussed again at the March 21st meeting.

Public comment. Twyla Witt asked if the board was aware of the Planning/Zoning workshop being held in Kearney this week.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk