

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 21, 2017

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:33 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, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Twyla Witt and Mike Finney.

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 November 9, 2017.

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

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

Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The old oil seaman needs picked up from Opheim Booth Repair and put in the junk pile. The “Zipper” piece of equipment was discussed. Decision was that this piece of equipment was too costly. Ed reported that he had repaired the hill on Atkins Rd and also repaired River Rd. Ed also reported that he will remove the loose gravel signs off of Purdum Rd. Discussion was held on striping the Purdum Rd, question was asked about just putting up “No Pavement Marking” sign up rather than paying to stripe the road. Lloyd will check with NIRMA on their response to this issue. The millings from Western Construction on Hwy 83 south were discussed. The county is not interested in these millings at this time.

The road men talked with the board about the possibility of replacing the belly dump trailer. Road men and board members will start looking around for used trailers.

Lloyd informed the board that the Bridge application has been filed and the state will make decisions on the grant by January 12th.

The trade of material between L & L Gravel and Thomas County was discussed. No action or trading of material will be required.

Mike Finney of the Thedford Rural Fire District met with the board about the policy for cooperation with county personnel providing volunteer emergency services. The county and the fire district will each talk with their insurance carriers to get a better understanding of the policy. No action taken at this time.

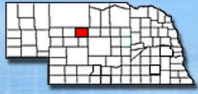
Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the annual certification or county highway superintendent for 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Law enforcement audit from NIRMA was presented to the board.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMINISTRATIVE	160.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	80.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	378.94
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	1550.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	750.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	2.99
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	49.00
RAMADA INN	LODGING	73.00
SAWYER MOUNTAIN GUNS & AMMO	SERVICES	389.95



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THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.11
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	4.81

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	74.32
HAAKE FIVE, LLC	FUEL	1519.41
NEBRASKA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	HALSEY MILLING	9528.20
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1856.60
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	2.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	360.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	3.32

VISITORS FUND-

SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	220.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	MEETING NOTICE	5.64
BETHANY JOHNSTON	EXPENSES	19.77

Office reports:

Clerk advised board about NACO reservations and tickets. Preliminary stats were reviewed for Ag land sales. December 1st will be the first day to accept filings for office for 2018. The office is currently working on changing the land records from deeded acres to GIS acres for the 2018 year. Some parcels are seeing an increase in acres while others are also seeing a decrease in acres.

Treasurer presented her financial report. The tax roll has been completed and the office will begin printing tax statements.

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

Public comment. Twyla Witt advised the board about how several counties are responding to wind energy regulations. She also handed out a printout on a lawsuit, concerning wind energy. She also discussed subsidies dealing with energy.

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 10:51 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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