



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 16, 2018

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 throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Jay Jones, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng, Twyla Witt, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Tim Storz-Nebraska Department of Agriculture and County Weed Superintendent Carol Conard.

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 October 4, 2018.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the October 16, 2018 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the October 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 11, 2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none.

Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The agenda item for auto gate forms for Bobbi Scott was not discussed at this time, Bobbi was not in attendance. *The Clerk presented the board with the minutes from the October 6, 2015 meeting.*

Bobbi Scott visited with the board about the possibility of getting an auto gate on their road. Commissioner Seeley also stated that Lon Larsen had asked for an auto gate for his road to the new house. The board discussed with the road men if the county had any surplus auto gates on hand. The road personnel thought they could make two auto gates out of the material that they currently had on surplus. The board decided to give out these two auto gates, the purchase of forms and installation will have to be done by the landowner.

No action taken.

Erosion control on S. Seneca was discussed. Lloyd has not heard back from Paul Kieper-NDOT about any mitigation funds. Lloyd and Lorissa will look back to earlier disaster declarations to see if the mitigation plans can be found.

Airport land was discussed. The Clerk is to invite the Airport Authority board members to the November 20, 2018 meeting for a discussion on possible locations to use for stock piling material.

Road classification map was reviewed. No action taken. This will be looked at again on the January 15, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to supply four loads of gravel for Day Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Gaston Bridge – Lloyd will talk to the bridge contractors installing the Werner Bridge for opinions on how to fix the Gaston Bridge. Lloyd suggests using riff raff to build the back.

Discussion on the old Werner Bridge surplus. Lloyd will take the contract to County Attorney Kurt Arganbright to see how to handle the old bridge. This was tabled until the November 6, 2018 meeting.

The Interlocal agreement with Blaine County was reviewed. Tabled until November 6, 2018 meeting.

Carr Lane was discussed. Western Nebraska Bank would like to give the county the land for a portion of Carr Lane. The board would like to talk with Richard Jameson to discuss the north portion of Carr Lane that he owns.

Hanna Lane request for material was discussed. No action taken at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claims of \$1,486 and \$1,035.68. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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



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GENERAL FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	NOTARY FEES	105.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	250.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	63.24
CHARRON LAWN CARE	SERVICES	400.00
RODNEY PETRIE	LICENSE	58.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	71.54
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	26.20
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE/MEALS	165.24
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	143.88
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	209.90
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	OCT LAWN CARE	530.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	REGISTRATION	60.00
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	298.00
SAWYER MOUNTAIN GUNS & AMMO	SERVICES	2240.34
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	13.00
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	CLAIM# 42	119.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	70.85

ROAD FUND-

HAAKE FIVE, LLC	FUEL	1301.35
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2521.68
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68

EXTENSION FUND-

HAAKE FIVE, LLC	FUEL	27.53
HAMPTON INN & SUITES-SCOTTSBLUFF	LODGING	93.00
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	14.70
KWIK STOP	FUEL	157.45
MCI	PHONE	45.45
ROD'S	REPAIR	500.00
SALLY SAWYER	FUEL	27.23
TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	POSTAGE	500.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	SUPPLIES	226.06

Office reports:

Sheriff presented his third quarter fee report. Reported on completing his continuing education hours at the NIRMA conference. He also reported that hunting season is in full force at the forest. He also billed the forest for the August and September hours totaling around \$2,200.

Clerk reported that out of the nine planning commission members, eight questionnaires were returned, two not in favor of hiring Hanna:Keelan and six in favor of hiring Hanna:Keelan to update the county's comprehensive plan and update our zoning regulations. The board asked the Clerk to put this on the November 6, 2018 agenda.

Looking ahead on the calendar, the Clerk asked the board on which day to move the first meeting of January, since it falls on New Year's Day. The decision was to move the meeting to Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. for the organizational meeting and the regular meeting to follow.

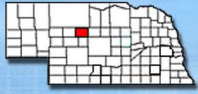
Clerk reported that Marcy was attending Clerk of the District Court training in Broken Bow for three days.

Treasurer presented the September financial report. She also reported that there is about \$80,000 in delinquent real estate taxes and about \$2,500 in delinquent personal property tax. She will be issuing distress warrants to the sheriff by November 1st to collect the delinquent personal property. The treasurer also reported that she has been working with NACO and Senator Brewer on a Forest Reserve bill.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had attended the NIRMA self-defense conference in Kearney and the West Central District Association meeting in North Platte.

Twyla presented the board with Thomas County Visitor Committee minutes.

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



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Tim Storz provided and 2017 annual review of compliance of the weed control act for Thomas County and Carol Conard. He reported that no open files of infestation in Thomas County. He stated that was a testament to the landowners and the weed superintendent. Question from Twyla Witt on the yellow aster. Tim reported that it is not a noxious weed and there is no requirement to control the yellow aster. Question from Andrea Thomas on weed control funds from the Department of Ag. Tim stated grant funds are available through LB701. Weed Superintendent Carol Conard stated that through the Sandhills Weed Management Area they do apply for these grants, but most money is awarded to the eastern part of the state.

Jay Jones representing the Service Club requested planting a miniature evergreen tree on the courthouse lawn just east of the Memorial. The tree will be purchased by the Service Club and all locates will be handled by the Service club before planting.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to give the Service Club permission to plant the miniature evergreen tree on the courthouse lawn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the employee handbook. This will be tabled until the November 20, 2018 meeting. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to appoint Rhonda Dailey to the Central Sandhills Area Extension Board beginning in 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral on November 17, 2018 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote; Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 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