



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 20, 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 and Pam Moody. Absent – Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng and John Webster of Murphy Tractor.

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 8, 2018.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the November 20, 2018 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the November 6, 2018 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 15, 2018. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road reports:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he will contact the Corp about the Werner Bridge and see if a permit is required to put riff raff material in the Southwest corner of the bridge.

We would need to use clean concrete material for the riff raff.

The board also asked Lloyd to check into crushing the material we have stockpiled at Frank Warrens.

Lloyd also reported on the easements for Western Nebraska Bank and Richard and Tammi Jameson for Carr Lane. The County Clerk will get the easements to the property owners and the Resolution will be placed on the December 4th agenda.

Road employee Schukei reported on repairs to an autogate on McMillian Ave.

Commissioner Seeley talked with the road personnel on purchasing material to build a spare autogate.

John Webster of Murphy Tractor visited with the board about an extended warranty for the 524K John Deere Loader. An additional two years and 1,000 hours of full machine warranty for the loader would be \$1,980.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to purchase the extended warranty for the 524K John Deere Loader. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

John Webster also visited with the board about Ranco belly dump trailers and graders.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

	ADMN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	490.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	442.17
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	193.79
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	135.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.79
BLAINE T. GILLETT, LLC	SERVICES	1800.80
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	126.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	40.50
BETTY MASEBERG	ELECTION	135.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	500.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	135.00
RAMADA INN	LODGING	75.00
JUDY TAYLOR	ELECTION	18.00



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THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	86.59
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	126.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	22.50

ROAD FUND-

B'S ENTERPRISES INC	BLADES	1820.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	64.92
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	18.51
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	SERVICES	35.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	70.32
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	511.13
SANDHILLS FAMILY MEDICINE	DRUG TEST	45.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	630.00

EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	6.11
BETHANY JOHNSTON	FUEL	23.69
SUE PEARMAN	FUEL	41.58

Office reports:

Clerk reported on ice concerns on the sidewalks from the rain gutters. The north side of the courthouse is the main concern. Clerk to contact County Attorney about drawing up a notice that we will close the north parking lot, sidewalk and doors for the winter out of safety concerns. The Clerk also reported on the meeting with FEMA for disaster money from the June/July rain storms. All paperwork has been submitted to FEMA and they will contact us when and if they need additional paperwork.

The Clerk/Zoning Administrator also reported that the letter to NPPD about the towers has been sent. Any additional contact with NPPD will be done through the County Attorney.

The Treasurer presented the fee report for October. The tax roll has been created and in the office. Tax statement will be printed next week. The Treasurer also reported that she does have personal property distress warrants issued.

The Sheriff reported that he has applied for a position on the NIRMA board.

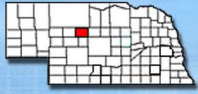
Commissioner board report: Commissioner Seeley suggested that the road men give a paper report on projects they have worked on since the last meeting and then prepare a report of projects they plan to complete between meetings. Commissioner Seeley and Commissioner Moody would also like to see a policy on auto gates developed. Commissioner Moody also had a report on Hanna:Keelan; She stated

There is some misinformation circulating about the hiring of Hanna:Keelan. They were hired to prepare the Comprehensive Plan and review and update the current Zoning and Subdivision regulations. The State, by statute, requires each county to have a current Comprehensive Plan on file. Thomas County's Comprehensive Plan expired in 2011. Hanna:Keelan will gather the information required for the Comprehensive Plan such as population, housing and economic analysis and projections for 10 years. Also, County Planning Open houses will be held for the Public. The bulk of the \$18,000 expense is for the Comprehensive Plan prep, which is \$15,500. Only \$2,500 is for actual zoning work. The Planning Committee has already spent time doing work on the Zoning Regulations. Hanna:Keelan will review and update the Zoning regulations according to the work presented.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to sign the agreement with Hanna:Keelan to engage as our Consultant to prepare the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan and review and update the current Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 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