



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 19, 2019

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 Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road employee Ed Schukei, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng, Roger Licking, Twyla Witt, Jack Johnston, Judy Rath and Tyler Rath.

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 7, 2019.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the February 19, 2019 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the February 5, 2019 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 14, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Chairman Seeley would like a list of surplus equipment from the Road department so that it can be placed on the March 5th agenda.

Commissioner Purdum said that he could run to Council Bluffs either Thursday or Friday of this week to pick up the belly dump trailer. Chairman Seeley stated that Jason Fischer with Hawk Trailer contacted him and said they could deliver for \$2.20 per mile one way.

Roger Licking discussed with the board about shouldering on the millings that were laid last year. He also talked about getting a sign to place on the road about a blind driveway and possibly something to say “slow down”. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will check with NIRMA about required signage. Roger also visited with the board about Heritage Road. The board acknowledged that it was on the 1 & 6 year road plan for work.

Chairman Seeley opened the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Purdum presented the board with an estimate to repair the 163H grader. The board talked with Brett Brown from NMC about the possibility of renting a grader while ours was in the shop being repaired. Brett returned a phone call later in the meeting advising the board that it would cost them \$2,618 per week or \$7,855 for 4 weeks to rent a grader. The board opted to not rent a grader at this time and to just use the two loaders and 140H for snow removal if needed. The board did ask that NMC come up and pick up the 163H grader for repairs.

Jack Johnston came in and talked with the board about the land the county would like to use at the airport. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will meet with Lex Zimmerman, NDOT about access off of Highway 83 before the March 5th meeting.

The board reviewed the three informal bids for crushing material. This will be on the March 5th meeting agenda for approval/disapproval.

Commissioner Moody asked Lloyd if he had ever received anything back from NPPD about the heavy road use agreement for work on the R Line. He had not heard anything from them and said he would check with Tim Pellan on the agreement.

Chairman Seeley closed the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 10:19 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2019-4 for the One and Six Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented from Sandhills RC & D and Central Sandhills Area Extension Office. No action taken.

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



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GENERAL FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	MILEAGE/MEALS	172.54
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICE	425.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	67.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	24.27
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	209.90
MIPS INC	W2'S	56.40
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	75.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	50.00
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
TAX VALUATION INC	SERVICES	5000.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	2.47
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	90.00

ROAD FUND-

NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	87.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
FRANK AND CAROLYN WARREN	LEASE	300.00

EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	NOTICE	7.99
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	NOTICE	5.18
KWIK STOP	FUEL	66.55
MCI	PHONE	48.01
SALLY SAWYER	SOFTWARE	79.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the Planning Commission meeting with Hanna:Keelan had been postponed due to the winter storm across the state today and this evening. The US Cellular permit application needs to be refiled with a corrected legal description. The new hearing will be tentatively set for March 15th. Tax Valuation Inc. will be back with the next two weeks to help set depreciation tables for the commercial properties and new land tables for the Highway 2 Commercial corridor.

Sheriff reported that he had advertised for a full time deputy sheriff. The board discussed budget concerns and will make a final decision on the March 19th meeting. Sheriff Eng reported that he had contacted federal surplus about an extra patrol vehicle, at this time Thomas County is 6th on the waiting list. The forest contract was discussed, and he informed the board that his request for equipment on the forest contract was a drone. He has since talked with the forest representative and changed the equipment request to a Taser. They also will provide a supply of expired Taser rounds to be used for training purposes. Sheriff Eng also reported on the investigation of the 3 fires within the forest that are suspected arson.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve office reports as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2019-5, transferring \$2,000 from miscellaneous general to veteran’s service fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

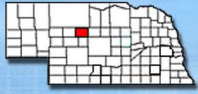
Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Charron Lawn Care service for fertilizing the courthouse lawn for the 2019 growing season. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No meeting with Hanna:Keelan due to weather conditions.

Public comment. Twyla Witt gave a visitors committee report and reminded everyone that public notices can be texted to her to be placed on the marquee sign.

No other public comment.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 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