



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 5, 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 throughout the morning were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Julie Bain – U.S. Forest Service.

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 21, 2019.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the March 5, 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 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 28, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none.

Motion carried.

Sheriff Gary Eng discussed with the board about hiring a full time deputy for the County. His budget for the remaining fiscal year will cover adding this employee. Preliminary numbers for fiscal year 2019-2020 were reviewed. Board members and Sheriff Eng reviewed several options and discussed pros and cons of hiring a full time deputy.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to give Sheriff Eng the authority to hire a full time deputy as discussed.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – Seeley. Motion carried.

Road projects:

Mud rock from L & L Gravel was discussed. The county would like to get 1, 500 ton of mud rock if available.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had heard back from NIRMA about suggested signage by Roger Lickings driveway. The road men will order and install. Lloyd also reported that he had talked with NPPD about the heavy road use agreement. They will be getting back in touch with the county. Lloyd also reported that he had met with Lex Zimmerman with NDOT about highway access to the land the county would like to lease from the airport authority. Lloyd will finalize work to get the access permit. Jim Purdum will talk with Jack Johnston about the lease.

Quotes for crushing the material located at Frank Warren's were reviewed. Northern Plains - \$6.50/ton, Northern Materials - \$8.25/ton and Nitro - \$16/ton.

Chairman Seeley opened the one bid received for lawn care.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to accept the bid from Jerry Linn for lawn care in the amount of \$540 per month. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to accept the quote from Northern Plains at \$6.50/ton to crush the material. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

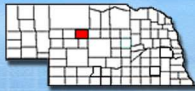
Julie Bain visited with the board about making the railroad crossing at the forest and the Village of Halsey silent. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to surplus the following equipment: Load King Belly dump trailer, 1949 Butler Water Tanker Trailer, 1995 Ford F150 Pickup, 6,000 gallon tanker, 275 gallon tank of 2 wheel trailer, 300 gallon tank on 2 wheel trailer, 38 foot aluminum trailer, 300 gallon free stand, dolly wheel jeep (semi dolly) and 2-300 gallon tanks on stand in Seneca

Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Clerk was asked to contact Auction Time and Big Iron to list for sale.

Quotes were received from Murphy Tractor and NMC for plow to be put on John Deere loader. Board decided to put this on the list when working on the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget.



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the Audit report for fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Audit report is on file in the Thomas County Clerk’s office.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	223.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2483.89
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	6304.70
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	56.03
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	350.62
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	346.62
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	863.20
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	492.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	9.27
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	SERVICES	316.48
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	76.56
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	34.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1064.38
NEBRASKA PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC	REGISTRATION	190.00
QUILL	SUPPLIES	58.56
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	224.70
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7085.36
U S BANK	VACUMN	187.79
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	6500.00
SALARIES		23332.59

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	644.87
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1983.14
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	747.45
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	191.48
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	17.14
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	175.13
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	390.92
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	3962.52
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	1531.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	487.21
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1429.95
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	630.00
SYNCB/AMAZON	MEDICAL SUPPLY	210.06
U S BANK	REPAIRS	59.26
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5827.81

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	67.86
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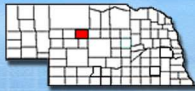
VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	12.84
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	236.23
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	63.11
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.21
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	120.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	870.76
SALARIES		3046.53

LIBRARY FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	141.10
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	115.66
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.13
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	111.26
DEMCO INC	BOOKS	27.93
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.49
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	727.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	24.30
PEARSON'S INC	SUPPLIES	17.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	253.03
SYNCB/AMAZON	OFFICE SUPPLY	36.88
SALARIES		920.27

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.55
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	95.87
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	77.56
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	84.63
SALARIES		464.45

Office reports:

Clerk reported that one FEMA project has been completed and the county will be receiving \$17,978.51 by the end of March to help with the costs from the rain storms last summer.

The county needs to fill 2 replacements on the Board of Adjustments.

Assessor reported that AG land value will remain the same as last year. Dwellings in Thomas County will be increasing 5% in value due to the home sales that have occurred in the county the last 2 years. An appraisal of Villages will need to be conducted this fall to meet the six year inspection cycle.

Clerk presented fee report for the office for the month of February. The Clerk's office will be ordering a new computer. Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Seeley stated that Carol Conard had contacted him and informed him that he will be resigning the position of County Weed Superintendent effective May 1st.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 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