

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 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/Thomas County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Twyla Witt, Thomas County Sheriff Gary Eng, Jack Johnston and Judy 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 March 7, 2019.

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

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

Road discussion included:

Washouts on Daly Lane and other roads throughout the county. Thomas County did not have the damage like other counties and did not ask for FEMA assistance. Future projects discussed were the shouldering on Windmill Rd and having Tom Licking assist/teach bringing up the road on Heritage Road and possibly on Florea Lane.

The board would also like to look into the option of establishing a contract agreement for heavy equipment/grader usage to assist on some of the county roads. The Clerk will talk with the County Attorney about establishing an agreement.

The board would like to have the road employees compile a plan every two weeks on projects they need to work on. Discussion was had on which company (Auction Time or Big Iron) to use to sell the surplus equipment. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to use Auction Time to sell the surplus equipment on. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Jack Johnston from the Thomas County Airport Authority met with the board about the land the county would like to lease. Jack asked if one of the board members could attend the Airport Board meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. John Seeley will attend and the Clerk will check with Lloyd Smith if he is available to attend that evening.

Correspondence presented. NEMA/FEMA paperwork from June 2018 storms have been completed, just waiting on the payout of funds now.

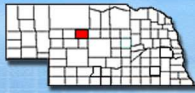
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to pay claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

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|------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE       | SERVICES       | 80.00   |
| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES      | 488.33  |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL | SERVICES       | 249.64  |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS       | SUPPLIES       | 58.67   |
| EWOLDTS GROCERY INC          | SUPPLIES       | 11.29   |
| HOLIDAY INN                  | LODGING        | 259.90  |
| MIPS INC                     | SERVICES       | 3025.94 |
| UNITED STATES POSTMASTER     | POSTAGE        | 58.00   |
| TAX VALUATION INC            | REAPPRAISAL    | 5000.00 |
| THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY       | COPIES/POSTAGE | 3.60    |

**ROAD FUND-**

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|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC | SIGNS     | 172.53   |
| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | 171.48   |
| K C ELECTRIC                 | SERVICES  | 435.69   |
| NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC   | REPAIRS   | 2.48     |
| NMC EXCHANGE LLC             | REPAIRS   | 31135.31 |



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| SECURITY FIRST BANK | PAYMENT | 1963.68 |
| THOMAS CO TREASURER | TITLE   | 24.00   |

**EXTENSION FUND-**

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|------------------------|----------|--------|
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES | 247.43 |
| KWIK STOP              | FUEL     | 51.63  |
| MAILFINANCE            | POSTAGE  | 134.85 |
| MCI                    | PHONE    | 47.44  |

Office reports:

Treasurer office presented financial report for February along with the delinquent tax list.

Assessor/Clerk office reported that Abstract had been filed on March 12, 2019. Ag land values will remain the same as last year. All dwellings throughout the county will increase 5%. Commercial property appraisal and new depreciation table was completed. A new land category was established on the Highway 2 corridor, with four different land corridors established. This was implemented due to the two vacant commercial land sales along this corridor.

New computer installed in the clerk's office.

Clerk also presented an email from Chad Svoboda from Aurora Ne asking if the board would like to look at health insurance options. The board decided to stay with NACO.

Sheriff had no report.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had attended a Planning/Zoning workshop in Kearney the first week of March. She will have a report at the next meeting.

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

Chairman Seeley opened the public hearing for the special use permit application from Site Acquisition Solutions Inc/US Cellular at 10:45 a.m.

Clerk read correspondence she had received from landowners.

Discussion was held on the problems with the lights on the tower in the evening blinking bright white.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 11:06 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to table until the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and direct the county attorney to contact Site Acquisitions Inc/US Cellular about the issue with the lights. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint Jim Swisher to the Thomas County Board of Adjustments. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried. One additional member needs appointed to this board.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the SDL liquor application for the Thedford Volunteer Fire Department for June 15, 2019 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public Comment. Twyla Witt asked about any FEMA disaster.

Discussion was also held on Hanna:Keelan and the work with the Planning Commission.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 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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John B Seeley, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk