

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 16, 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, County Sheriff Gary Eng and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

Chairman Seeley stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the April 16, 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 April 2, 2019 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 11, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Snow removal routes were discussed. The board visited with the County Attorney about drawing up an agreement for maintenance/snow removal with independent contractors when help is needed throughout the county. The Clerk will get FEMA rates to the County Attorney to use and check with NIRMA about insurance coverage.

Discussion was held on hiring part time students to help with patching. The County Attorney advised the board that they should be 18 years of age. The Clerk will prepare a Help Wanted Ad for the paper.

Discussion was held on the agreement for work/material on Individual use roads. Suggested changes were recommended to the County Attorney. This item will be discussed again on May 7th.

The airport land lease was discussed. The survey and paperwork should be completed by the end of the week. Once the lease agreement has been completed, John will contact the fencing contractors in the area for sealed bids. This lease agreement will be discussed at the May 7th meeting.

The Clerk read several emails from County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith. He has been in communication with the crusher and they should be here in Thomas County within 30 days. He doesn't have any fear of heat with his process, that they can crush material year-round. The second email was from the NDOT and the question of obtaining cold mix from them, they will not be able to help us with material. Keith was in contact with Croell out of North Platte and they will continue to have cold mix available for us to purchase.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

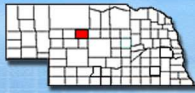
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to pay claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN	312.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	202.39
DULUTH HOLDING	UNIFORM	104.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	83.41
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	24.28
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	130.29
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	TRAINING	65.00
MARK NUTTER	MILEAGE	223.30
RAMADA INN	LODGING	76.00
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	296.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	MEALS	31.58
SANDHILLS FAMILY MEDICINE	DRUG TEST	45.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	22.05
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	4.15

ROAD FUND-

INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	26.41
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SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	12665.25
VISITORS FUND-		
TERRI LICKING	LODGING	228.03
TWYLA WITT	SERVICES	333.34
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1369.59

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to open the Public hearing on the Special Use Permit application from US Cellular.

No public present. A letter from Lyle & Judy Rath was read by the clerk to the board.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the Special use permit application for US Cellular in the NW1/4SW1/4 Section 23, Township 24 North, Range 28 West. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Office reports:

Clerk reported on NIRMA personnel meeting she attended in Ogallala on April 5th. Also presented a report on the trip to Rising City, NE with Mark Nutter, Al Atkins, Carolyn Warren and Dave Hamilton to view a cow/calf dry bed calving facility. The 2019 Reports & Opinion is completed and viewable online with the Property Assessment division. Also reported that Robert Mills will be willing to do snow removal at the courthouse instead of having the road men clear snow before heading out to plow roads.

Treasurer financial report was presented.

Sheriff quarterly fee report was presented to the board. Sheriff visited with the board about a handheld radio for the Deputy Sheriff. He also has found an Explorer at Federal Surplus in Lincoln for \$3,000. The Deputy will be on duty this weekend for the Halsey Easter Egg hunt for traffic control. Gary, serving as Chairman of the Thomas County Safety Committee, had our insurance company NIRMA, come out last week to train courthouse employees on CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed. A day in the future he is going to have NIRMA come out and do a Threat Assessment survey and Shelter in Place seminar at the courthouse.

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

Discussion was held on the Thomas County Weed Superintendent position. Commissioner Moody has reached out to several people about the position. She also visited with Logan County Weed Superintendent about representing Thomas County. This agenda item was tabled until the May 7th meeting.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 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:



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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk