



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2019

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody, Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Jack Johnston, Twyla Witt, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

Chairman Seeley stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the May 21, 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 May 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 16, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Jack Johnston, Thomas County Airport Authority on the lease agreement with the county to stockpile material on. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the lease agreement with the Thomas County Airport Authority for the 6.18 acres in the amount of \$111 per year, the first seven months will cost \$65. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The Gaston Road Bridge and Forest agreement was discussed. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith is still trying to locate a copy of the agreement from 1964.

The equipment use contract/agreement was reviewed. Suggestions to contact NIRMA to see if they have a recommendation for independent contractor liability insurance coverage amounts. This item was tabled until the June 4, 2019 meeting.

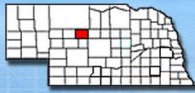
Auto gate request from Debbie Figard was discussed. The board decided that they needed more information from the land owner.

Road projects discussed: The auto gate on Windmill Road by Wayne Licking has been installed. An auto gate on River Road was discussed. Keith reported that it cost around \$4,500 to build one (1) eighteen (18) foot auto gate for the county. The old auto gate from Windmill Road will be listed as surplus on the June 4th meeting.

Fuller Lane work was discussed. Once the weather clears up the road men and Tom Licking will start the project on Fuller Lane. Shane Pettit has some black dirt/clay mix to use on the road.

Road men have been hauling some of the railroad rock material to use as mix on the roads.

The airport highway access for the county stockpile site was discussed. John Seeley may have some millings that can be used for this project. The county will need to contact Lex Zimmerman before proceeding on the project.



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Four fencing bids were received for the stockpile site at the airport. Chairman Seeley opened the bids.

Diamond R Ranch Supply, Inc - \$5,832

Elliott Fencing - \$2,441.51

R7 Customs LLC - \$3,066.36

Jeff Johnston - \$3,650

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the Elliott Fencing bid of \$2,441.51 for the airport stockpile site. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	550.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	400.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	373.84
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	SERVICES	234.17
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	200.35
HANNA:KEELAN ASSOCIATES	ZONING	4500.00
	VETERAN'S	
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	SERVICE	3600.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	MAY LAWN CARE	540.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	220.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	52.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	0.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXPENSES	133.85
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	TRAINING	794.05

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	72.23
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	740.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2269.95

VISITORS FUND-

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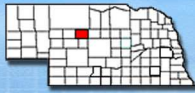
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to have the County Attorney foreclose on parcel 860012816. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to take out tax sale certificates on the remaining 2017 delinquent taxes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported that change of value notices will be mailed out on Friday May 24th. A bid/contract with Tax Valuation Inc has been received for the Village reappraisal work for this summer/fall, the amount of the contract is \$19,700.

Election equipment funding through the State of Nebraska will be paying for the updating of new election equipment for 2020.



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The Clerk had discussion with the board about changing over from voting at the courthouse to an all-mail election for the future. The Clerk will apply later this fall to see if the Secretary of State will allow the county to be an all-mail county.

Treasurer presented the financial report for April 2019. Questions on fund balances and interest rates were discussed.

Sheriff reported that the purchase of the Tahoe has been completed. He was able to purchase the Tahoe for \$13,200 rather than the \$14,000 originally thought.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the FY2019 Annual Law Enforcement Forest Contract of \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2019-6, transferring \$100 from Miscellaneous General to Library function within the General Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

After discussion on the replacement for Steve Reed on the Thomas County Airport Authority. Motion was made by Moody and second by Purdum to appoint Roy Licking to fill the vacancy of Steve Reed on the Thomas County Airport Authority board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays - Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veterans Service officer effective July 1, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley recessed the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. in the Thomas County Courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Sheriff Gary Eng, County Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith, Marion and Merrial Rhoades, Norma Butler, Judy, Tyler and Chase Rath, Carol Kosflosky, Twyla and Tom Witt, Lewis Herbaugh and Susan Neal.

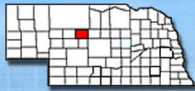
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Chairman Seeley opened the public hearing at 1:16 p.m.

Norma Butler addressed the board about concerns from the smell of confinement facilities. She also stated that these restricted areas (AGR) only represented a small portion of the county.

Judy Rath questioned what the reason of the AGR district was when zoning was established.

Jim Purdum stated along with Pam Moody that Lee Ray had visited with them and stated that he no longer wanted to build this confinement facility on his property.



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Twyla Witt was against any changes to the zoning. We need to keep the residents that we have, and questioned if it would be worth increasing the tax base by allowing this facility if it meant losing residents.

Lewis Herbaugh voiced his concern about the rental homes that he owns and that one of them housed a daycare facility and this type of facility could put the daycare license in danger, if the facility were built and caused odor and flies.

Some other concerns stated the pollution to the river and management concerns in the future if it would change ownership.

No other public comments were offered.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 1:43 p.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to not approve the amendment to the Zoning Regulations for the AGR district. Roll call vote: Ayes -Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No 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. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

These minutes have not been approved by the Thomas County Board of Commissioners and are subject to change pending approval at the next regular board meeting.