



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 4, 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 Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Debbie Figard, Ann Warren, Twyla Witt, Carolyn Warren, Tony Baker, Brent Steffen, Wayne Licking, Judy Rath, Tyler Rath, Chase Rath, and Stuart Scranton.

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 June 4, 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 21, 2019 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 30, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to enter into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with the County Attorney, County Highway Superintendent and road personnel to perform road employee evaluations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to leave executive session at 10:07 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve a 2% cost of living raise for the road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion on the Gaston Bridge belonging to the US Forest service was reviewed. Lloyd will contact the County Attorney about proceeding with a new agreement since the old agreement can not be found.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the new equipment use contract & operation agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Other road discussion included the mud rock purchased from Triple G, equipment repairs, condition of roads, access off Highway 83 to the airport land, armor coat project probably won't happen until fall, and update of crushing the material piled at Frank Warren's.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to surplus the 8 x 12 auto gate by sealed bids for the July 2nd meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.



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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	AFLAC	223.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2853.03
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8287.84
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	350.62
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	397.82
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	582.80
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	441.49
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.56
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	153.12
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NACO	DUES/REGISTRATIONS	1168.88
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	60.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	9.18
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1171.02
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	55.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE/FUEL	859.99
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	100.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7861.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	2767.47
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOC	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	7.85
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
U S BANK	FUEL	76.90
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		25639.04

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	726.55
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	213.95
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1983.14
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	384.12
ELLIOTT FENCING	FENCING	3071.00
KEITH HARTMAN	PHONE	120.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3000.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	15.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	214.08
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	321.99
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	600.35
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3182.10
EDWARD SCHUKEI	PHONE	250.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1680.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	39160.07
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	LEASE ON LAND	65.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6752.81

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	67.73
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VISITORS FUND-

RONALD E SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	245.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

KEESHA ALBRECHT	SUPPLIES	119.73
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	272.71
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	241.95
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	63.11
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	311.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	141.87
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	27.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	945.65



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SALARIES 3176.77

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	128.87
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	115.66
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.30
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	205.45
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	20.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	209.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	253.64
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUMMER READING	23.98
SALARIES		1005.34

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.47
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	200.44
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	47.06
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	42.16
SALARIES		281.69

DEBT SERVICE FUND-

DEBT SERVICE FUND-A1:C88	PAYMENT	29022.64
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Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of May. Discussion was had on trimming some of the trees on the courthouse lawn. At this time, we will have TT Tree Service clean some of the trees for \$550. The other tree that needs cut down will wait until we can obtain another bid to remove it.

Upcoming workshops that the Clerk will be attending are June 5th in Kearney – Board of Equalization and then June 12-14 in Kearney for Clerk’s workshop.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of May. Upcoming workshop for the office is June 10-13 in York.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the contract with Tax Valuation Inc for the residential properties within the Villages of Thomas County for \$19,700. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the SDL license for June 22, 2019 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the 2019 Central Sandhills Community Wildlife Protection plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Tony Baker, Senator Tom Brewer’s legislative aide, gave an update on what happened in the legislature this year. He also talked about redistricting after the 2020 census and what the 43rd district would look like after the census. He reported on the bills that Senator Brewer worked on during this legislative session and how bipartisanship works. He



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also discussed the issue with property tax relief and the best chance was to get the issue on the ballot for 2020. The status of the R Line project was also discussed.

Public comment:

Wayne Licking visited with the board about some water holes on Windmill Rd by the new auto gate. He told the board that the road men can pull up the sides to fill in the holes.

Debbie Figard visited with the board about an auto gate for her house. The board suggested she submit a sealed bid for the auto gate up for surplus on July 2nd.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 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