



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 3, 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 and Pam Moody. Absent – Jim Purdum. Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to excuse Commissioner Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Royce Brown, Twyla Witt, Al Atkins, County Sheriff Gary Eng, and Deputy County Attorney Warren Arganbright.

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 August 22, 2019.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the September 3, 2019 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the August 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 29, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Royce Brown visited with the board about S Railroad Street in Seneca asking the board about repairing this road. Discussion followed about getting railroad ballast to fill in the major holes and then bringing in dirt to build up the road in the low spots and then rock over the top. Royce also visited about Avey Lane. The board advised him that this road had been previously abandoned and they would need to check with legal counsel and highway superintendent before they could decide anything.

The shouldering project needs completed so that we can armor coat Windmill Rd and S Seneca millings that were put down last year.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to waive the bidding requirement based on statute 23-3109(3) and authorize Lloyd Smith, County Highway Superintendent to proceed with obtaining bids for the armor coat project. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the use of the contract easement for materials for any future road projects. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on repairs for the 938G loader. Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to accept the quote from NMC for \$24,260 to replace the CAT engine in the 938G loader. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. NIRMA conference materials were reviewed.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to pay payroll and claims as presented. Discussion was held on the Hanna:Keelan claim of \$9,000, the amount paid was only \$6,500, the remaining \$2,500 will be paid once zoning regulations have been finished. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2861.40
AWARDS PLUS	CLOTHES	60.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	89.04
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	387.98
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	52.78
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	735.82
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	647.88
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	114.29
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.38
RON MASTEN	AMMO	300.00
BLAINE T. GILLETT, LLC	ATTORNEY FEES	252.92
HANNA:KEELAN ASSOCIATES, P.C.	COMP PLAN	6500.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	111.47
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	540.00
MONUMENT INN & SUITES	LODGING	360.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	TRAINING	135.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	20.07
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1142.01
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	724.48
SAWYER MOUNTAIN GUNS & AMMO	AMMO/TRAINING	331.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7748.38
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COSTS	204.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	283.04
U S BANK	FUEL	47.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	90.00
SALARIES		25405.85

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	591.38
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	233.17
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	52.42
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	161.41
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4179.22
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1658.60
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	367.65
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		7520.02

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.34
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VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	9.78
VADA HAUMANN	REMIBURSEMENT	75.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	266.70
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	356.53
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	313.81
AMANDA DAVIS	MEAL	12.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	4.78
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	134.77
RAMADA	LODGING	119.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	105.88
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	923.24
SALARIES		3147.53

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	151.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.26
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	184.16
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
KIM MILLS	POSTAGE	5.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	28.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	276.27
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUMMER RDG	22.94
SALARIES		898.01

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	18.30
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	231.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	83.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	54.74
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	348.18
SALARIES		241.50

Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for the month of August. A short recap of the Assessor Workshop from last week. Calendar reminder dates: Register of Deeds – Kearney, September 13th, West Central District meeting – Ogallala, September 26th, Thomas County Planning Commission meeting/hearing, September 17th at 2:00 p.m., Legislative Conference-McCook, October 10th.

Treasurer reported that she attended a meeting in Lincoln about the County Treasurer certification education.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2019-9, Forest Reserve funds disbursement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the comp time policy for the sheriff office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Al Atkins representing the Loup to Loup Race committee visited with the board about the race held in August.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to close the Purdum Rd on August 13, 2020 for the Loup to Loup race. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley recessed the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.



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Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Sheriff Gary Eng, Susan Maline and Jay Jones.

Chairman Seeley opened the budget hearing at 1:15 p.m.

No members of the public present at this time.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 1:26 p.m.

Due to not enough board members present the Resolution #2019-10, 1% increase for 2018-2019 funds subject to limitation could not be voted on.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to adopt the 2019-2020 Thomas County budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley opened the public hearing for the property tax request at 1:30 p.m.

No members of the public present at this time.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 1:40 p.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2019-11, setting the 2019-2020 final tax request at \$859,671. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Public comment. Jay Jones visited with the board about the Planning commission and the information he has drafted to be presented at the planning commission meeting on September 17th.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 17, 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