



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska’s Executive Order No. 10-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Present by telephone was Jim Purdum at 9:37 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Sheriff Gary Eng. Others attending by telephone were County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith. Other members of the public, not identified were listening by telephone.

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 26, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the April 7, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the March 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 26, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays - none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the March 30, 2020 special meeting minutes as posted on website www.thomascountynebraska.us and to be posted April 9, 2020 in the Thomas County Herald. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road topics discussed – Childers clay pit and Chairman Seeley asked that the road men submit their 2 week work schedule at the next commissioner meeting. Commissioner Purdum asked that someone take a look at McMillan Ave auto gate and also mentioned that the hill needs some rock on that road.

Correspondence presented. Bridge Inspection correspondence will be scanned and emailed to County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2909.24
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	CITATIONS	50.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	378.93
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	52.85
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	927.86
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	78.64
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ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	COST	745.61
GARY J. ENG	POSTAGE	26.75
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.78
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	18.33
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80



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MIPS INC	SERVICES	1183.63
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1169.25
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	7797.40
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	378.93
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7768.88
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	419.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	1.75
U S BANK	EXPENSES	255.43
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	3RD QTR	394.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		25160.97

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	698.28
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	279.42
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	50.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	196.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2262.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	2960.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	927.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1543.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	10701.57
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	31.77
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	WATER/SEWER	142.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6216.68

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	76.38
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1213.08
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	268.48
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	3063.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.70
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	135.72
QUADIENT LEASING	N8200716	134.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	145.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	920.53
SALARIES		3128.02

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	157.23
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROG	PROJECTS	41.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.83
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	109.86
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER	27.84
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	34.35
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	199.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
KIM MILLS	PRIME SUBSCR	119.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	28.71
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	299.63
SYNCB/AMAZON	CRAFT	43.93
SALARIES		1047.05

BOOKMOBILE FUND-



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BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.96
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.21
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	62.02
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	183.87
SALARIES		371.40

Office reports:

County Clerk reported that Early Voting ballots are being mailed out to those people with applications on April 6th. All registered Active voters were mailed out an application to request an Early Vote ballot by the Nebraska Secretary of States office. Poll workers for the May 12th Primary will be contacted to see if they will be comfortable working the polling location.

Fee report for the office was presented.

County Treasurer reported that March tax collections were up. Real and Personal property taxes are still due by April 30th. DMV collections are down due to the COVID-19 virus and the Governors Executive Order giving people an extension to register vehicles and pay sales tax until 30 days after the order has been lifted.

Sheriff presented his quarterly fee report. He also reported that he hasn't received the forest contract back yet.

Emergency Manager reports included the numerous conference calls on COVID-19. The Nebraska State Patrol will be investigating any restaurants not complying with the Governors Health Directive. He also reported that FEMA may be assisting the churches on lost donations due the COVID-19 virus. Once he knows more he will share the information with everyone.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve payment to employees at the courthouse due to planned power outages greater than 5 hours from work on the line by NPPD. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley asked for public comment during this time. No public comment.

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 10:12 a.m. to wait until the scheduled 11:00 a.m. armor coat bid openings.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Seeley opened two armor coat bids that were received.

Topkote bid: Alternate 1 (Windmill Rd 3.6 miles x 12 feet) \$16,473.60
 Alternate 2 (S. Seneca Rd 1.5 miles x 12 feet) \$6,864.00

Figgins bid: Alternate 1 (Windmill Rd 3.6 miles x 12 feet) \$9,377.28
 Alternate 2 (S. Seneca Rd 1.5 miles x 12 feet) \$3,907.20

The above bids do not include oil or gravel for the project.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to accept the Figgins Construction armor coat bid for both projects at .37 per unit price. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other 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 11:20 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 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, County Clerk