



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 21, 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 9:32 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman and County Sheriff Gary Eng. Others attending by telephone were County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Eric Kamler representative of Adrian 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 April 9, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the April 21, 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 April 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 16, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith discussed issues that were discovered when inspecting Daly Bridge. Discussion was held on repairs to the bridge or replacing the bridge. Lloyd will reach out to contractors about estimates to repair vs. replacing. More discussion will be held at the May 5th meeting.

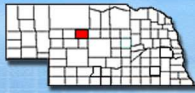
Discussion was held on previously surplussed equipment that has not been sold. The surplussed auto gate may work on McMillan Ave. Commissioner Seeley will talk with road personnel Ed Schukei. He will also talk about work to be done on the road. He will also give Ed permission to contact Monte Dickman about part time work. Keith will also need to contact Clint Harvey about part time work.

The auto gate sills(forms) were found in the trees down at the dump and need to be cleaned up. Commissioner Seeley and Purdum will take care of cleaning them up. No decision was made on what to do with the old white fuel tank.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had drove Windmill Rd, River Rd, S Seneca Ave and N Seneca Ave. Discussion was held on the shouldering project on N Seneca Ave. At this time the road men will halt this project until Werner Construction has left the Warren pit site. The board will also look into budgeting to repair N Seneca Ave with cold mix or a clay gravel mix.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had checked on the availability of millings from the N Hwy 83 project. At this time, he has been advised that the contractor will be using the millings back into the project.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported on the Agreement for Land Surveying with NDOT. This is work for the N Hwy 83 project. Once the project is complete Lloyd will replace the tie out markers and submit a bill to Thomas County. Once the County receives the bill they can request to be reimbursed according to the agreement.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Agreement for Land Surveying HN-83-3(110); Thedford North; CN 61620. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to surplus the old broken drag. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At this time the county will hold onto the drag and decide later whether to sell it or take in for scrap iron.

Correspondence presented. An email from NACO was received. The board will wait and ask Eric Kamler from Adrian Smith’s office on the COVID 19 relief package. No other correspondence presented.

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

GENERAL FUND-

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| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | 387.60 |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL | SERVICES | 249.64 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | SUPPLIES/COPIER | 696.17 |
| ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE | VOTING SUPPLIES | 691.98 |
| EWOLDTS GROCERY INC | SUPPLIES | 11.99 |
| NEBRASKA UC FUND | UNEMPLOYMENT | 189.59 |
| THOMAS CO TREASURER | EXTENSION | 5404.37 |
| U S BANK | FUEL | 66.85 |

ROAD FUND-

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| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | 87.32 |
| THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH | POSTAGE | 0.43 |

EXTENSION FUND-

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| MCI | PHONE | 48.52 |
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LIBRARY FUND-

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| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITIES | 76.52 |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | COPIER | 425.00 |
| VILLAGE OF THEDFORD | WATER & SEWER | 142.50 |

County Sheriff Gary Eng reviewed the 2020 Forest Contract with the board. The contract remained the same at \$7,800.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual 2020 Operating Plan of \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Office reports:

Clerk reported as of end of day on April 20th that 221 voters had requested ballots for the May 12th Primary. Compared to 2018 Primary with a total of 216 voters, both at the polls and early voting.

The poll workers for Election Day have been arranged.

A new Thomas County Collection box has been installed outside the front doors to the courthouse to collect any courthouse business. This box can be used at any time of the day, it is attached to the concrete and locked.

Assessor reports include: 2020 Reports and Opinion have been completed by the Property Assessment Division and posted on their website. Once our letter from TERC has been received we will mail out all change of value notices of properties that have either decreased or increased in value. A letter will also be sent with the notices showing the sales that have influenced the changes. TVI, the company that was hired to complete the Village reappraisal work would like to schedule informal reviews with anyone that has a question about their change in value, prior to anyone filing a protest. A date will be decided at a later time.



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Treasurer presented her financial report for the month of March. She has reported that tax money is coming in. She has also prepared an Inheritance tax revenue comparison over the last 10 years to show how the fund slowly grows, in case we would need to use those funds.

Sheriff reported that the state patrol would be delivering some hand sanitizer to his office. He also gave a report on criminal activity in the county over the last two weeks.

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

Eric Kamler with Adrian Smith's office called in to take any questions that the board had. The top question was on the email that was sent by NACO in regards to the COVID-19 3.5 supplemental package that will be offered to counties. He asked that the email be forwarded to him so that he could review it and have more information available to the County.

Chairman Seeley opened the meeting up to any public comment. No public comment at this time.

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 11:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 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