

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session 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. Jim Purdum was present by telephone. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and road personnel Keith Hartman. Others attending by telephone were Thomas County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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 May 7, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt May 19, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the May 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 14, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

Daly Ln Bridge ideas were discussed. Estimates from three different contractors were reviewed. Decision was made to do an official bid with specifications so that all contractors would be on the same page as far as what work the county would like to see done. Lloyd will prepare the bridge specs and get advertised in the paper for 3 weeks.

Commissioner Purdum advised that the dirt needs drug off the deck of the bridge.

Discussion was held on the speed study for Purdum Ave. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he hadn't heard back from Tim Baxter of NIRMA yet.

Commissioner Moody reported that traffic has increased on the Purdum Rd due to R-Line work.

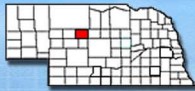
Discussion was held on grinding the asphalt on N Seneca Ave. Commissioner Moody traveled to Boone County to view asphalt roads that had been ground by Spud Construction. Commissioner Seeley and Moody have been in contact with several Commissioners that have had Spud Construction grind old asphalt. Both expressed concern over the thickness of the old asphalt available to grind and the base of the road after grinding the asphalt. The board agreed that they would have the road patched and then look into covering the road with five to six inches of road base and gravel.

Road personnel Keith Hartman will talk with Triple G and L & L Gravel about availability of black dirt to put into the mix. They will also use the leftover millings leftover at Frank Warren's to add into the mix.

The contract easement with Dusty Paxton for clay material was tabled until Commissioner Seeley can meet with Dusty Paxton and road employee Keith Hartman.

No correspondence presented.

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



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## GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	525.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	367.37
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	151.28
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	135.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.59
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	826.27
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COST	310.50
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	135.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	45.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	MAY LAWN CARE	540.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	135.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	55.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE ELECT	1.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	10.35
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	4.40
U S BANK	FUEL	27.04
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	135.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	36.00

## ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	63.11
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	793.76
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	271.51
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00

## EXTENSION FUND-

MCI	PHONE	48.45
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### Office reports:

Clerk reported on the Primary Election, a total of 323 voters voted in the Primary Election, 54 people voted at the polls with 269 voting early. Past totals for Primary Elections: 2018-216 total voters and 2016-279 total voters.

Change of value notices will be mailed out on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of April. Delinquent taxes were reviewed.

A Pandemic report was given on safety measures being implemented so that the County can try and open June 1<sup>st</sup> by appointments. Plexi glass will be installed in the high traffic offices and hand sanitizing stations will be installed. Zoom commissioner board meetings will still be provided for the public during the month of June.

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 renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policy the same as last year, with \$1,000 deductible/\$30 copay. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application from Sandhill's Corral for a reception at the Thomas County fairgrounds on June 20, 2020, as long as it meets the Directed Health Measure (DHM) in force at the time. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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John B. Seeley, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk