



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension.

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 June 4, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the June 16, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the June 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 11, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to enter into executive session at 9:32 a.m. to perform road employee performance appraisals and include the County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright along with the road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to exit executive session at 10:02 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve a 2% payroll increase (.32/hour increase) for all road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

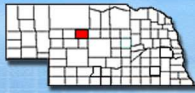
Road discussion:

Terry Higgins of the Village of Thedford had inquired about the possibility of repairing Maple St when the county had Figgins Construction here to do some armor coating, the question for the county will be to consider repairing the portion of the road south of the railroad tracks of Maple St.

Commissioner Seeley attended a Thomas County Airport Authority meeting on June 15th. The airport may need to install another gate on the portion of land the County leases for work to be done at the airport.

N. Seneca repair work discussed. The decision was made to continue repairing the road with cold mix and complete the shouldering. The board agreed to purchase up to two belly dump loads of cold mix to work on the road. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith had stated that Cherry County Roads was looking to bid the portion of road from the county line to Brownlee.

Discussion was held on the milling's leftover from Werner Construction at Frank Warren's. At this time the millings are not available but if they would be available Werner Construction is aware of our interest in purchasing them.



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Daly Ln bridge discussion:

Commissioner Purdum asked if the dirt had been removed from the deck of the bridge. Road employee Schukei reported that he had been repairing washouts.

A revised quote from Rodocker Construction has been received. The quote price for Option 2 is \$52,736. This revised quote is based on the services requested by Thomas County. Three informal quotes have now been received on the repair project.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to declare an emergency on Daly Ln bridge based on the last biennial inspection completed in April 2020, downgrading the bridge to the lowest rating before closing, and waiving bidding requirements to get the project completed quickly awarding the project to Rodocker Construction. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Material agreement with Dusty Paxton. The board would like to talk with the County Attorney about whether we need both the landowner and lessee to sign the agreement. Tabled until July 7th meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-10, transferring \$200,000 from County General to Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Letter from West Central Nebraska Development District asking to join membership was presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

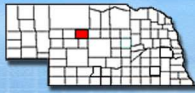
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	50.000
AXON ENTERPRISE, LLC	SUPPLIES	234.30
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	TIRES/REPAIRS	485.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	363.33
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	52.88
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	354.81
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE	256.92
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	70.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	16.35
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	4.95
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	446.25
U S BANK	FUEL	38.66
VARNEY HEALTHMART	INMATE	14.20

ROAD FUND-

CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	1604.25
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	55.98
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	120.00
CLINT HARVEY	EQUIP RENTAL	100.00
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1204.72
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	960.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	605.35
EDWARD SCHUKEI	CELL PHONE	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	39081.50
FRANK AND CAROLYN WARREN	2020 LEASE	300.00

VISITORS FUND-

DAWN HAAKE	MARKETING	750.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	35.51
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	207.46
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	19.36
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	33.67
MCI	PHONE	48.45

COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND-

SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	29022.64
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Office reports:

Clerk questioned the board if they were ok with returning to the board room for future meetings. Everyone felt comfortable with doing so. The first meeting of July will be on the 7th starting at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner meeting room.

Board of Equalization meeting will be held on July 21st.

Treasurer reported on 5 applicants for her office job. Decision will be made by the end of this week. Financial report for the month of May was presented to the board.

Deputy Sheriff reported on activity in the area.

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

TL Meyer presented the 2020-2021 budget for the Central Sandhills Area Extension budget.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the budget request of the Central Sandhills Area Extension budget for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL also reported that Thomas County will have an in person fair this year.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-9, to participate in the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement and authorize Chairman to sign Interlocal Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No Public comment.

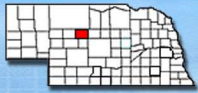
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 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 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:



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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk