

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2020

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, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Gary Eng, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, John Bryant, Deputy County Attorney Warren Arganbright, and Deputy Sheriff Joseph 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 June 20, 2020.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the June 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 25, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Sheriff Gary Eng thanked Keith for installing the new road signs on Koroy Loop.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the board a letter recommending signage for the Purdum Road. Discussion followed about lowering the speed limit on Purdum Road. Decision was made to leave the speed limit alone at 55 mph at this time. Road employees to get the new signs ordered if not in stock to be placed along the road at the recommended locations.

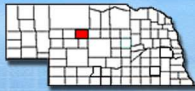
Discussion was held on the request to build a driveway off Milroy Ave. Lloyd, Keith and Jim will go out to see the proposed driveway approach and see if a culvert should be installed by the landowner.

N. Seneca discussion was held. Road employees will go ahead with getting cold mix for the curves. Cherry County just authorized to get bids on overlaying for their portion of the road and will probably not receive them for about 1 month. Thomas County will wait until Cherry County receives bids and then at that time determine if we will go ahead on our portion of the road.

Commissioner Purdum stated he had talked with Hooker County and they had requested that we fix a hole on our side of the auto gate on Heritage Road. He will go take a look at it.

Discussion was held on the status of work on Daly Bridge. Commissioner Seeley reported that Rodocker Construction were waiting on the lumber but did have the steel.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith wanted to **THANK** Marcy Andersen for her work on the 2019-2020 Annual Road report.



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Correspondence presented. Region II Human Services 2020-2021 Annual assessment for Thomas County will be \$2,449.90, the board elected to pay this in one payment.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	329.73
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2855.28
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	CITATIONS	1000.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9772.10
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	299.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	440.60
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	100.38
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	636.18
DATASPEC INC	DATA PROCESS	449.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	101.87
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	38.17
GWORKS	DATA PROCESS	4780.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	JUNE LAWN CARE	1080.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1138.49
NIRMA	INSURANCE	9858.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	348.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	492.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7367.11
SYNCB/AMAZON	THERMOMETER	514.90
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	7.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	9.90
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	394.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		23,413.59

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	732.45
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
GWORKS	DATA PROCESS	428.40
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	720.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	15.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	211.73
NIRMA	INSURANCE	10440.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2231.97
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	ROAD SIGNS	161.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1730.32
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7,100.05

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

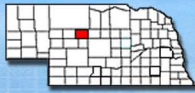
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	153.99
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VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	62.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.58
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.17
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	18.80



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	139.98
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	120.00
QUADIENT LEASING	POSTAGE	141.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	17.32
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	936.01
SALARIES		3,155.65

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.93
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.39
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	76.79
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
GALEN NEBEN	SERVICES	83.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	25.46
NIRMA	INSURANCE	1242.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	333.14
SALARIES		1,346.21

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	336.03
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	50.81
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	17.98
SALARIES		107.56

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of June. Upcoming dates to remember: July 21st – Board of Equalization with 2 protests and August 4th – Budget Work session in the afternoon.

Treasurer presented financial report and semi annual statement to the board. She also reported that at the next meeting we will be meeting with Applied Connective to discuss IT support for the County.

Sheriff presented fee report for the last quarter. Talked about fair activities and COVID-19.

Emergency Manager reports on Region 26 agreement that the board reviewed at the June 16th meeting. He also discussed the Region 26 budget for 2020-2021. Discussion came up on whether to reach out the Thedford Rural Fire Board to see if they would help cover some of the assessment for the charges that Thomas County receives for Cherry County 911 calls.

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

TVI appraisal contract was reviewed. Deputy County Attorney Warren Arganbright had some suggested changes to the language. On page 1 item 1 – remove the language “do its best” in the last sentence. On page 2 item 9 change the wording of the sentence to “Written proof of insurance from an insurance carrier shall be furnished on request to the County establishing the above coverage. On page 7 item 27 change the wording in the second sentence to read “the Contractor or agent shall be present, if requested, at the hearings to testify as witness ...

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the TVI contract for appraisal work as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to appoint Ted Taylor to the Thomas County Veterans Service Board with a term expiring in 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At this time the County would like to **THANK** Ted Taylor for all of his work in the courthouse to help be COVID ready.

Public comment. John Bryant wanted to inform the board that he was in the process of getting quiet title on the property called Cattle Drive Lane.

No other public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk