

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 21, 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 Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Jay Jones, Dusty Paxton, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Alma Beland, Ed Knott, Tanya Storer and Tim Sierks.

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 July 9, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the July 21, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

Commissioner Seeley reported that Rodocker Construction will begin work on the Daly Bridge around the 2nd week of August.

Figgins Construction may be here starting August 3rd to start on the armor coat projects.

Tree down on S Maple St was pushed into the ditch for the time. Once projects slow down the road men can cut up the tree and remove it from the ditch.

The annual certification on LB98 funds was reviewed and the board directed Lloyd Smith to sign off on the report.

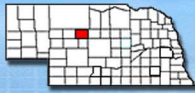
Dusty Paxton met with the board about the clay he has available on Muleskinner Ranch. The county attorney will draw up a new agreement between the county and Dusty Paxton. The county will obtain 200 loads of clay in exchange for building up a portion of Childers Lane. Any gravel or rock needed for the road will be purchased by Dusty Paxton.

Correspondence presented. No action taken at this time.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN SERVICE	400.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITES	488.03
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	545.48
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.38
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COSTS	1119.44
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	55.89



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REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2449.90
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	8066.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT SLIPS	67.45
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5680.56
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	202.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	15.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	56.19

ROAD FUND-

CROELL, INC.	MATERIALS	2826.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	58.80
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	62.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	3149.50

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	171.55
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	25.23
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	65.55
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	78.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
MCI	PHONE	47.54
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	29.90
SANDHILLS CORRAL	MEALS	107.43
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SHIPPING	179.56

LIBRARY FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	11.83
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Ed Knott with Applied Connective met with the board and other county officials to discuss IT Services. He will prepare a quote after touring the building and see what services would need offered. No action taken.

Office reports:

Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from the postmaster of Seneca about the walk bridge and its condition. Sheriff Gary Eng had repaired it once and had went up to review the complaint. The board and deputy sheriff Joseph Smith suggested contacting Thedford Public Schools, Bridger Chytka, to see if the students could make a metal grated bridge with handrails.

Treasurer had no report. Financial report was presented last meeting.

Sheriff report presented by the deputy. Fair and Prom will be this weekend. The National Guard has some people at the forest for training.

Emergency Manager report for Gary was that he had gone the Thedford Rural Fire Board to see if they would help pay a portion of the Region 26 assessment because some of the 911 calls come in from the fire district located in Cherry County. The fire board agreed to pay \$1,500 towards the Region 26 assessment.

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

Alma Beland of Region 26 met with the board to review the LEOP manual update.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-11 with the change of EMS captain name corrected. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the SDL license for Niobrara Valley Vineyards on September 22, 2020 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, as long as the directed health measures allow. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Seeley recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Seeley reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Tanya Storer met with the board to introduce herself and discuss property tax relief ideas and broadband communication issues.

No public comment.

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 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 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 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