

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 18, 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, 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, County Sheriff Gary Eng, JD Furrow-Sandhills Public School, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension, Alma Beland-Region 26, Shannon Vanderheiden-West Central Health Department, Ronda Haumann, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Blake Dahlberg-Thedford Public Schools.

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 August 6, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the August 18, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the August 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 13, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes- Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Cherry County will be starting on their portion of N Seneca from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thomas County would like to look into overlaying their portion of the road and then armor coating. Lloyd will have someone from Figgins Construction come down to take a look at our portion of the road to see how much overlay would be required. Lloyd will also talk with the county attorney to see if we could proceed with the project even though no bids were taken, if Thomas County could show a substantial savings by waiving bidding requirements.

Previous request from Cherry County to stockpile material in Seneca for their road project is no longer needed.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL SUPPORT	245.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	525.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	OFFICE SUPPLY	1248.35
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	AUG LAWN CARE	540.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	OFFICE SUPPLY	165.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	21.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	56.19

**ROAD FUND-**

KEITH HARTMAN	CDL PHYSICAL	100.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1897.85
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00



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## VISITORS FUND-

LISA DIBLE	REIMBURSEMENT	300.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	HELP AD	56.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	26.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	210.00
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	29.90

## LIBRARY FUND-

U S BANK	ANTIVIRUS	126.59
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## Office reports:

Clerk reported that Marcy Andersen had taken the Office Manager position for Central Sandhills Area Extension office. Help wanted ad will be coming out in the August 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> paper.

Assessor workshop will be in Kearney next Monday and Tuesday, Lisa Eng will be in the Clerk's office to answer the phone for these two days.

Treasurer presented the board with Forest Reserve payment options. This will be decided later on the agenda.

Financial report presented for the month of July to the board.

Informed the board that the NACO emails will no longer be used. Treasurer contacted Applied Connective about establishing new emails.

Reported on the budget hearings for all taxing political subdivisions in Thomas County. This will be posted on the Thomas County Facebook page.

Sheriff had no report.

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

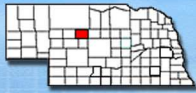
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to accept all office inventory statements. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center for Juvenile detention services was discussed with the Thomas County Sheriff and Thomas County Attorney. Decision made at this time not to enter into this agreement.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral on September 22, 2020 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds pending current directed health measures. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Applied Connective Service agreement was reviewed again with the County Treasurer answering the questions from the last meeting. Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Service agreement with Applied Connective for IT services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-15 directing the County Treasurer to distribute the Forest Reserve money to the Bookmobile and County Road Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Shannon Vanderheiden from West Central District Health Department was present to answer questions about the Directed Health measures and concerns from the County Board and Superintendents about having Sandhills Public Schools in the Loup Basin Health District and the Thedford Schools in the West Central Health District. Discussion was had on activities that each school will be holding, in regards to sports, and how each school is currently in different stages of the Directed Health Measures put in place by the Governor.

Alma Beland of Region 26 also expressed concerns about Thomas County being the only county she represents for emergency management not belonging to the Loup Basin Health District. She expressed concern about obtaining PPE equipment for Law Enforcement, EMT & Fire Departments during the start of the Pandemic. She was not able to obtain PPE equipment from West Central Health District for Thomas County, but did get the equipment from Loup Basin for our first responders.

Ronda Haumann brought up the point that we need to compare services from each health district to see if they compare before we make the decision to change Health departments.

A decision needs to be looked at in the future to see what Health District is the best fit for Thomas County and the schools. No action was taken today, but a good discussion was had by those present.

Budget work session was held on the Thomas County budget. Road fund revenue receipts were adjusted to match the Highway Allocation dollars projected revenue that Lloyd Smith presented.

Forest Reserve money was receipted to Road fund and Bookmobile fund.

The decision was made to hold off the Budget hearing until the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. One more budget work session will be held on the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 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:

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John B. Seeley, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk