



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 15, 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 and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 September 3, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the September 15, 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 September 1, 2020 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported that Doug Boyer of Cherry County Roads had visited with him about the possibility of Cherry County assisting Thomas County with the 3 ½ mile of N Seneca Ave. Jim Purdum will find out if there is any armor coat gravel available before we decide to move forward with this project.

Commissioner Purdum reported that he had talked with Paulson’s about the airport millings availability. The project is not scheduled to start until Spring 2021. They will let the county know if there will be any millings available to the county.

Commissioner Purdum reported that he had talked with Eric of Werner Construction about the pile of material left at Warren’s pit. Jim will check back at a later date to see what Werner Construction has decided.

The CAT loader has two new tires on the front. CAT recommends that we replace all four tires on the machine. John will take a look at the loader and report back to the board at the next meeting.

The semi-trailer also needs new tires.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith gave a report on the progress of Daly bridge. The previous concerns on the backwall that he had are no longer an issue after he talked with Bryan Rodocker.

Commissioner Moody informed the board about the West Central meeting that was held in North Platte last week. The suggestion was made to contact NACO about the FEMA/S Seneca money from 2018 that the county has not received yet.

She also informed everyone about the December NACO conference this year and how everything will be handled. Masks will be required by anyone attending.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	425.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	1630.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	513.52
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
GWORKS	SERVICES	3900.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWNCARE	540.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	477.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2021 DUES	50.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	67.45
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	1.20
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5680.56
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POTAGE/COSTS	14.85
U S BANK	FUEL	82.46
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	52.10

ROAD FUND-

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	68.70
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CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	58.36
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	24.32
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	316.40
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	86.23
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	524.75
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	78.44
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2264.04

EXTENSION FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	114.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIES	738.32
MCI	PHONE	50.49
	POSTAGE	
QUADIENT LEASING	METER	141.59

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August.

Secretary of State mailed out early vote applications to all registered voters, except those that already had an existing early vote request on file in the office. Ballots will be mailed out starting on September 28th. Voting in office will begin on October 5th.

Rural appraisal work is beginning today in Thomas County.

Treasurer presented financial report for the month of August. She also reported that the Library board will be having a meeting on Friday the 17th.

Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff reported on law enforcement activities in the County.

Commissioner Seeley reported on the West Central Health Department meeting. Discussion was held on how the risk dial is figured. More discussion followed on the process of joining the Loup Basin Health district.

Commissioner Moody reported on the West Central Meeting, the main discussion was on inmate medical and dental costs.

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

Discussion was held on winter snow removal for the courthouse and library. The board asked that this be advertised for bids the same way lawn care has been done in the past.

Chairman Seeley opened the budget hearing at 11:00 a.m.

No public present to review the budget.

Chairman Seeley closed the budget hearing at 11:14 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-13, for 1% increase for 2019-2020 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-18, adoption of the 2020-2021 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley opened the property tax request hearing at 11:15 a.m.

No public present.

Chairman Seeley closed the property tax request hearing at 11:27 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-14, setting the 2020-2021 final tax request at \$882,024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Commissioner Moody was asked to remind everyone about the meet and greet at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

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 11:41 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 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