

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2021

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, John Webster-Murphy Tractor, road personnel Ed Schukei, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Pamela Mann-Region II.

Chairman Moody 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 22, 2021.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the August 3, 2021 meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the July 20, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 29, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held until 9:30 a.m.

Road discussion:

Childers Ln is completed. The county hauled the road gravel that the landowner had purchased.

Airport millings were discussed.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to accept the free material from the airport with the request from the airport board to haul 2 loads of millings to the golf course and up to 4 loads of millings to the Thedford Fire. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody.

The millings will be hauled out of the airport starting tomorrow, August 4th to the portion on S Seneca by Madron hill.

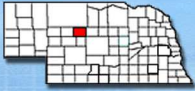
Daly Bridge repair should be almost completed by Hoevet Construction.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had spoke with Lloyd Smith about the possibility of purchasing the millings from the State on the highway project by Halsey. No action taken.

Commissioner Purdum will contact Doug Boyer, Cherry County roads, about the possibility of helping on Maple Street South.

Road employee Ed Schukei will contact Croell to purchase the cold mix for the Maple Street South project.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to accept the bid from Norfolk Contracting for the replacement of Dakota Lane Bridge for the amount of \$269,877.00, with the contingency that the Corps of Engineers permit and easement are completed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to instruct Lloyd Smith to have an easement prepared for the Dakota Lane bridge. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request from Jim Johnston for millings.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the request for 4 loads of road gravel rather than the millings. The County does not provide millings for private use roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried. The landowner will haul the road gravel at his expense.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to complete and sign the annual certification of the LB98 Federal Funds Buyback money, showing the expenditure of \$36,994.77 for the Armor coat project on Windmill Rd & S Seneca Ave during the FY2020-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No correspondence.

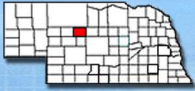
Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	357.74
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2324.62
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	KEYBOARD	72.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	454.15
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	265.85
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1037.63
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	908.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.99
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	73.92
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SERVICES	656.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1309.34
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	REGISTRATION	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	853.54
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2498.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/REPAIR	799.59
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5634.62
CHEVAS SHAW	SERVICES	1115.30
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	SERVICES	260.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	0.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES	25.00
SALARIES		19,777.46

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	710.07
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	34.48
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	742.49
GREAT PLAINS HEALTH	SERVICES	45.00
KEITH HARTMAN	PHYSICAL/SUPP	189.53
LORISSA HARTMAN	SUPPLIES	40.32
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	458.64
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	22.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	217.68
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	35.85



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NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	897.80
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	201.30
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2621.62
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1754.21
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7293.31

PRETIRAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.26
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VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.69
THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	MARKETING	704.16

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	274.40
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	444.65
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION	25.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	101.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	138.81
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	644.06
UNL-WCREEC	REGISTRATION	85.00
SALARIES		1831.80

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.76
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	153.02
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.88
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	7.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PIZZA	137.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	161.28
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
SALARIES		965.68

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

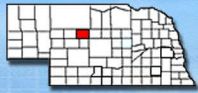
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.17
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	50.65
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	45.94
SALARIES		275.18

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for July 2021.

Talked about the West Central Assessor meeting that she attended last week in North Platte and the Governors Executive order about Conservation Easements was discussed. The Property Assessment Division will be required to host at least 3 workshops for elected officials to advise counties of their rights in reviewing conservation easements. The Clerk will be attending a NIRMA employment practice seminar on August 13th in Kearney.

Treasurer reported on the ARPA-Covid funds and reviewed the possible uses for the funds.



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Sheriff reported on upcoming training seminars. Emergency Manager report from Region 26 meeting-the hourly rate for dispatchers needed an increase to be able to keep the employees from moving on to different high paying jobs.

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

Pamela Mann of Region II gave a yearly program update on the services and people they serve in the area.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to appoint the Thomas County Sheriff as the designee for animal control responsible for enforcing sections 54-617 to 54-624 in regards to dangerous dogs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral on August 28, 2021 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

SDL application for November 16, 2021 reviewed but tabled until we have a signed application from the licensee.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:30 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 in 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:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk