

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 7, 2021

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, Jim Purdum and Pam Moody. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei.

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 August 26, 2021.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the September 7, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the August 17, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 26, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

Figgins Construction has completed the S Seneca and Maple Street South armor coat projects. The Purdum Ave project should be completed either today or tomorrow.

The road department needs to shoulder with material alongside of the Armor coated portion of the roads.

Lloyd reported that he has given the Engineer the information needed for load rating the Daly Bridge. The road men need to retrieve the extra material from the Daly Bridge, when they have a chance.

The autogate on East Antelope Valley Road will be replaced with a new 18' autogate. The old autogate will be moved to McMillan Ave.

The road men also have another autogate to replace on River Ave.

Maintenance along Diamond Ln was discussed. Commissioner Moody will contact the landowner to discuss options.

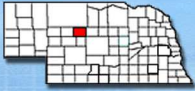
Discussion was had on purchasing new road graders. We have the information from John Deere on the State Bid but have not heard back anything definite from NMC. Commissioner Purdum will contact NMC. Commissioner Seeley will contact Machinery Trader-Ritchie Brothers about listing the old graders for sale instead of trading in on the new purchase.

The board will discuss again at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**



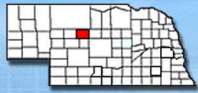
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AFLAC	INSURANCE	357.74
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2380.08
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	2150.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	680.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	400.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	466.73
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	247.52
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	439.72
RICHARD J DONHAUSER	AUG LAWNCARE	550.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	103.65
GWORKS	PLANNING	3900.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	187.32
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PATRICK M. HENG LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	1172.95
TL MEYER	KEYS	11.09
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	BLDG SUPPLIES	382.59
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NACO	REGISTRATION	130.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	10.84
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	862.89
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	SUPPLIES	67.95
PRESTO X	SERVICES	61.00
RAMADA	LODGING	288.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	469.81
SECRETARY OF STATE	WORKSHOP	40.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5736.51
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	28.37
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	8.25
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20242.02

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	798.16
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	74.66
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3858.97
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	4.30
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	273.59
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	52.32
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2566.16
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/TIRE REPAIR	9000.40



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SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2143.36
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	14365.71
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		8697.66

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.26
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## **VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.02
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## **VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-**

BLACK HILL PARKS & FOREST	CARD MACHINE	500.00
MARAH'S TREASURERS	DOWNPAYMENTS	200.00

## **EXTENSION FUND-**

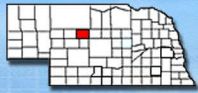
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	21.48
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	229.65
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	74.45
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	33.58
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	4.79
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	101.9
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	167.65
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	639.71
SALARIES		1793.87

## **LIBRARY FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.76
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	162.66
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.08
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	15.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	184.84
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	23.91
SALARIES		1100.14

## **BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.36



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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	118.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	49.08
SALARIES		293.88

## Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for August 2021.

West Central District meeting will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ogallala. The Property Assessment Division will be hosting an education workshop on conservation easements.

The Thomas County Airport Authority will be having a Grand Opening on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the airport starting at noon with a meal.

Treasurer reported that tax collections were down for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half payments.

The library board is also in search of a new library director. Applications were due September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus the following equipment from the Central Sandhills Area Extension Office:

Overhead projector, portable microphone/speakers, 19" RCA TV, Sony DVD/VHS player, Cricuit Machine, Pixma IP 90 Photo printer, and (4) Walkie Talkies.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Moody reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chairman Moody opened the 2021-2022 budget hearing at 1:16 p.m.

The Clerk and Treasurer presented the budget as a power point presentation for the board. No public in attendance during the entire presentation. Three copies of the budget were available for the public. The 2020-2021 budget was compared to the 2021-2022 budget.

Chairman Moody closed the budget hearing at 2:01 p.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2021-13, for 1% increase for 2020-2021 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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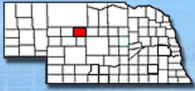
Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2021-14, adopting the 2021-2022 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody opened the property tax request hearing at 2:02 p.m.

No public in attendance.

Chairman Moody closed the property tax request hearing at 2:07 p.m.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2021-15, setting the 2021-2022 final tax request at \$863,779. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 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 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk