

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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 Pam Moody, Jim Purdum and John Seeley. 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, Gregg O'Brien-NMC, John Webster-Murphy Tractor, Jolene-Murphy Tractor, Beth Ferrell-NACO, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Bryan Rodocker.

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 September 9, 2021.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the September 21, 2021 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

Lloyd reported that the Daly Bridge should be load rated within the next couple of weeks. Lloyd will also complete a Corp permit for rip rap along the bridge.

Lloyd also reported on Andersen Bridge Corp permit process. The Corp has 60 days to complete from the date of filing, so the permit should be close to being issued.

Ed reported that the CAT loader needs to have the steering looked at. Board advised him to go ahead and have it looked at.

MSHA training for the road department will be October 5th in Valentine.

John Webster of Murphy Tractor presented information on the State Bid graders. Discussion followed on the specs of the equipment.

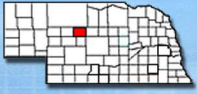
Gregg O'Brien of NMC presented information on the 140 graders. Discussion followed on the specs of the equipment.

The board tabled purchasing new graders until the October 5th meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Beth Ferrell of NACO talked to the board about upcoming workshops that NACO is offering. September 23rd – West Central District meeting in Ogallala, October 14th – Legislative conference in Holdrege, and December 8th – 10th NACO annual convention in Kearney.

Points of interest for the September 23rd meeting include UNL Interlocal agreements for Extension service and Conservation Easements discussion by Ruth Sorenson.



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The Legislative conference on October 14th will have discussion on the salary study to be completed for all counties. December 8th Annual NACO conference will have discussion on the ARPA funds. Other points of interest mentioned by Beth were the Opioid Litigation settlement. Counties should be receiving a letter from the Attorney General office to explain the three options. They will also offer a Zoom meeting for boards to learn more on the settlement options. LB310 and LB644 were also discussed.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1014.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	479.12
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	4.79
PRESTO X	SERVICES	61.00
SID DILLON CHEV BUICK	2021 TAHOE	20930.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEE	230.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXT/BOOKMOBILE	7542.52
U S BANK	REGISTRATION/SUPPLIES	712.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	92.12

ROAD FUND-

BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	28.99
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	62.82
FIGGINS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	ARMOR COAT PROJECTS	139834.03
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	28.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	73.11

VISITORS FUND-

FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	ADVERTISING	400.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

MCI	PHONE	52.01
QUADIENT LEASING	COPIER LEASE	134.85
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	PLAQUES	56.00

LIBRARY FUND-

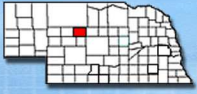
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	121.80
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Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported on the preliminary statistics for all three classes of property. Residential homes are currently at 83% of market value, state law requirements are 92% - 100% of market value. Ag land is currently low and will probably need to see an increase around 10% once again next year.

Central Plains Valuation will be here later this year to work on valuing gravel pits and will take a look at our tables to see what adjustments need to be made.

The Assessor has been working with Gworks about obtaining another layer for the Thomas Gworks page. This would be an annotations layer, which would show lot sizes, streets and alleys for the villages of Seneca, Halsey and Thedford. The cost to layout the layer would be \$7,750 and then an annual maintenance fee of \$750. Discussion followed.



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Treasurer presented the delinquent and unsold parcel listing to the board, which is required to be presented to the board by October 1st. The board directed the Treasurer to obtain county certificates on parcel numbers 860014584 and 860015238. The remaining parcels will need more discussion with the County Attorney.

Financial report for the month of August was presented to the board.

Sheriff gave a report on the new law enforcement vehicle, 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. He was able to trade in both the 2016 Dodge Ram pickup and 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe using the UNL bid with Sid Dillion Chevrolet. He is also able to move most equipment from the old vehicles and be used in the new vehicle. New lights and decals will be installed later.

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

Bryan Rodocker, representative of the Loup to Loup Board, met with the board to request closing the Purdum Ave road on August 11, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve closure of Purdum Road on August 11, 2022 pending requested documents are on file with the county before the race. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the request to decorate the outside of the Courthouse for Christmas. No action taken at this time. Board discussed talking with the Visitors committee about using lodging tax funds to purchase lights.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to surplus the wooden card catalog-library and offer for sale on the silent auction. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public present for comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

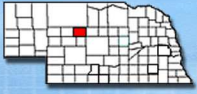
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the 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:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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