

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 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 Jim Purdum, John Seeley and Pam Moody. Also present were road personnel Ed Schukei, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Julie Bain-US Forest Service, Brett Boyer, via Zoom County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman.

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 November 25, 2021.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the November 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 25, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported on the NIRMA sign and shop audit. The county will need to respond to actions taken to meet the audit recommendations. County Clerk and road men will review and respond to NIRMA.

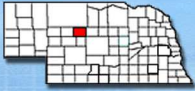
Commissioner Moody reported on conversation with Roger Licking about Finney Loop and Heritage Road. The board agreed that Heritage Road will be placed on the top of the list for work to begin in the Spring of 2022. Discussion was held on the Finney Loop, the portion of the road past Mike Finney's place. The board will research the status of this road, to see if the county ever had an easement for this road. Commissioner Seeley stated that he will talk with Mike Finney. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will talk with the County Attorney. More discussion will be held at the December 21st meeting on Finney Loop.

Commissioner Moody reported talking with Royce Brown about Railroad Street in Seneca. The railroad still has not delivered the rock/material to complete this road. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith had talked with Jason Dye about the railroad bringing in the material. Commissioner Purdum will reach out to the railroad and see if he can get the rock brought in.

The board reviewed the updated lease agreement to use when the county must rent equipment from a private individual.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the use of the new lease agreement for privately owned equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No correspondence to present.



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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	357.74
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2279.44
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	850.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	78.40
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	330.00
CALLS GARAGE INC	GRILL GUARD	991.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	447.00
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	399.53
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	470.32
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	316.50
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	26.75
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PATRICK M. HENG LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	940.00
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS	DATA PROCESSING	2400.00
MENARD'S	BUILDING SUPPLIES	112.11
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	828.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	715.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5524.84
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	SUPPLIES	89.95
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	220.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	8.70
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	344.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		19448.31

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	892.17
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	TIRES/REPAIR/SUPPLIES	1301.15
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	63.67
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	348.60
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	630.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	213.98
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1237.68
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3275.74
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1742.42
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	4893.45
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7088.12

PRETRIAL FUND-

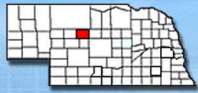
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.05
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	101.35
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	584.17
SALARIES		1459.19

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	110.78
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	119.36
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	99.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	339.97



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SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	161.90
SALARIES		791.44
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	101.12
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	63.16
SALARIES		376.77

Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for the month of November.

Treasurer wanted to thank Missy Holt for holding down the courthouse last week when everyone was sick.

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

Julie Bain – U.S. Forest Service updated the board with information on the cost and process to make the three railroad crossings (Halsey Main Street, Miller Ave and Hwy 86B spur) silent. The cost estimate for the Main Street crossing would be \$208,000. The Miller Ave crossing estimate was \$780,000-\$850,000. The Highway 86B Spur cost estimate was \$555,168. Additional annual fees for the maintenance on the wayside horn would run \$15,000 for each crossing. No action taken; this was just informational.

The 2023-2026 Salary Resolution was tabled until December 21st.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to direct any Opioid Settlement money to Region II in North Platte. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

During the 2020-2021 audit it was discovered that the Inventory Statement for the County Board meeting room was not filed.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve/accept the inventory statement for the County Board meeting room. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to accept and sign the Management Representation letter with Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to open the public hearing on the Special Use Permit application of Brett Boyer.

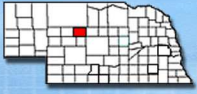
No public questions.

Brett Boyer questioned if he would need to apply for a permit anytime that he wanted to build on this property. County Clerk/Zoning Administrator advised him to check with her office on future builds and what would be required.

He stated concern about how long the process took to complete the permit.

Due to advertising timelines and statutory regulations the process will probably take this long each time to make it through Planning and the County Board.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 11:08 a.m.



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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the special use permit application from Brett Boyer for SW1/4SE1/4; SE1/4SW1/4 Section 31 Township 24 Range 29 West. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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 11:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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