

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Also present were County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Mike Finney, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Donna Reynolds. Attending by Zoom were County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Commissioner Jim Purdum.

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 December 9, 2021.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the December 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 16, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Mike Finney visited with the board about the status of Finney Loop. Discussion was held on abandoning the portion of Finney Loop after the Finney residence and west to S. Seneca. For now the county will haul material to the two auto-gate approaches on the west side of Finney Loop. County Clerk will talk with the post office about the status of this road and the mail route. More discussion will be held at the January 4th meeting.

Commissioner Seeley reported on the NACO conference and the packer with mounts that can be purchased for \$23,000.

Road employee Ed Schukei reported that the CAT loader was still not fixed. Commissioner Purdum questioned whether CAT had done a pressure check before sending the loader back. Ed was instructed to contact Brett with CAT to discuss the problems.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had been trying to contact Burlington Northern Roadmaster Roger Hartwig for the rock for Railroad Street in Seneca.

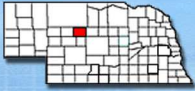
Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the annual agreement with Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND

CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	HOUSING COST	1760.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	391.51
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64



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EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	87.82
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	53.37
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	147.79
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-KEARNEY	LODGING	804.65
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	91.40
NE CLERKS OF DIST COURT ASSOC	DUES 2022	50.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	244.70
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	DUES 2022	125.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	80.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5639.62
U S BANK	FUEL	98.67
VARNEY HEALTHMART	INMATE COSTS	32.70
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.01

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	65.53
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2021	300.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	5250.00

EXTENSION FUND-

CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	228.99
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	44.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	104.95
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	NOTICE	4.70
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	172.71
KWIK STOP	FUEL	38.39
MCI	PHONE	50.86
QUADIENT LEASING	POSTAGE	134.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	87.69

LIBRARY FUND-

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	103.98
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	58.00

Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported on a webinar open to the Commissioners for Conservation Easements on January 13th. Central Plains Valuation will be in the County the week of December 27th for pickup work and residential sales study. After the first of the year the Clerk's office will be looking for new employee.

Treasurer presented the November financial report. The Treasurer also reported that all property taxes paid in 2021 will be given a nice credit on the 2021 Nebraska State Income Tax.

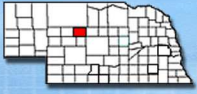
Sheriff wanted to Thank the Thedford Fire & Rescue for the exceptional work. The Sheriff also reported on the current forest contract and the new forest contract.

Emergency Manager reported that he is working on replacing the tornado siren in Thedford with grant funds.

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

Discussion was held on the estimate from ABC Seamless for covers on the gutters at the courthouse. Commissioner Seeley suggested purchasing equipment to clean the gutters rather than put covers on the gutters. He will bring more information to the next meeting.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the application for addition to the liquor license at the Sandhills Corral to add outdoor space. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.



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Donna Reynolds and Mike Finney visited with the board and county attorney about the Seneca Cemetery. The County would like to deed over the cemetery to the Seneca Cemetery Association but before that can happen the Association needs to be in good standing with Nebraska Secretary of State's office. More discussion will happen once the County Attorney provides a Checklist to establish the association if documentation cannot be found.

Discussion was held on the 2023-2026 salary Resolution. No action taken today. Tabled until January 4th.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve using the application for ARPA funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

The organizational meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. with the regular meeting beginning 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