

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:15 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, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith 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 December 23, 2021.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the January 4, 2022 organizational meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to elect Pam Moody as the 2022 Chairperson of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to elect John Seeley as the 2022 Vice Chair of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays -none. Abstain – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to set the regular board meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at **8:30 a.m.** Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to set the following deadlines for meetings:

Notice in the paper – 10 days prior to the meeting

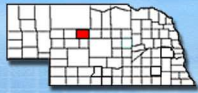
Claims turned into the County Clerk's office by the Friday before the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to set the 2022 observed holiday dates as: Martin Luther King., Jr. Day – January 17th, President's Day – February 21st, Good Friday – April 15th, Arbor Day – April 29th, Memorial Day – May 30th, Juneteenth Day – June 20th, Independence Day – July 4th, Labor Day – September 5th, Columbus Day – October 10th, Veteran's Day – November 11th, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 24th & 25th, Christmas Day – December 26th, New Year's Day – January 2, 2023. **and/or any designated holiday by the Nebraska Governor and/or President of the United States; providing no court or board meeting are scheduled on said days. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to appoint the Thomas County Herald as the official news publication for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to designate www.thomascountynebraska.us as the official county website. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-1, naming Security First Bank, Thedford as the official county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer authority to invest county funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to appoint Joseph Smith as the Thomas County Emergency Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Motion made Seeley and second by Purdum to appoint Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veteran’s Service Officer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to name the following board appointments:

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Pam Moody & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Pam Moody

Region 26 – Joseph Smith

Lexington Solid Waste – Jim Purdum

West Central Development District – John Seeley

Sandhills RC & D – John Seeley

Thomas County Safety Committee – Jim Purdum

Upper Loup NRD Drought Plan – Jim Purdum

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

No public comment.

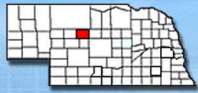
Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Chairman Moody stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the January 4, 2022 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 December 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd reported that he still needed to visit with the County Attorney about the Finney Loop west road abandonment. Commissioner Moody will talk with the mail carrier about the plans to abandon that portion of road. Clerk Hartman reported that the post office answered the question about the location of the Finney mail box, it will remain in the same location even if the road is abandoned.

Road employee Schukei reported that CAT had been up to the shop in Thedford and performed a pressure test on the CAT loader. They believe they can do the repair work here in Thedford rather than transporting the loader to North Platte.

Lloyd reported that he had talked with Roger Hartwig about the material needed for Railroad St in Seneca.

Commissioner Purdum will check with Finney’s about plugging the loader in at the Auditorium when the temperatures will be low and snow is forecasted.

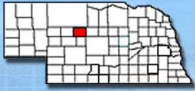
Road employee Hartman reported that the brakes on the Dump Truck need repaired. Board advised him to check on availability of parts and repair.

Correspondence presented.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2231.93
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	700.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	70.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63



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CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	486.91
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	464.74
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	48.75
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PATRICK M. HENG LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	1090.00
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	HEARING	300.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	32.34
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2022 DUES	60.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	818.17
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	9333.63
TANYA ROBERTS-CONNICK	ATTY FEES	50.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	322.42
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5495.14
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEE	2.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	400.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		19099.11

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	765.87
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES/REPAIR	205.13
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1762.50
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	SERVICES	672.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	6.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.91
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	455.52
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	636.40
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2907.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1680.89
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	LEASE - 2022	111.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1060.15
U S BANK	DOT/SUPPLIES	91.65
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6661.98

PRETRIAL FUND-

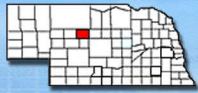
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.05
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	279.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	63.26
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	226.55
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	NOTICE	3.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	100.78
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	153.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	583.59
SALARIES		1485.67

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	102.38
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.27
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	203.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	16.02
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	27.48
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.63
ANGELA RINESTINE	POSTAGE	22.04
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	163.26
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	37.96
SALARIES		801.19



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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	58.40
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.03
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	172.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	52.70
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	218.61
SALARIES		314.08

Office reports:

Clerk reported on upcoming election filing dates and also visited with the board about the redistricting work in the county. Assessor reported that pickup work and sales studies have started. Central Plains Valuation was out in the area picking up new construction. They will back in Thedford the week of January 17th to review sales and statistics. Fee report for the month of December presented to the board.

Treasurer reported that a lot of taxpayers took advantage of paying property taxes in 2021 for the credit on Nebraska State Income Tax.

Sheriff quarterly fee report provided to the board.

Library statistic report provided to the board.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-3, setting the elected official salaries for 2023-2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus 7 used Goodyear Wrangler SRA 265/70R17 tires. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried. Sealed bids will be taken at a later date once notice has been published.

Rich Cook presented the Annual Weed report to the County Board.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the Thomas County Annual Weed report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

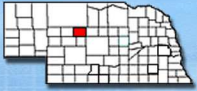
Rich Cook presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the MOU with the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Kurt Arganbright visited with the board about the status on the Seneca Cemetery Association. He still needs to compile the checklist of things the association will need to do to be in good standing with the Secretary of State's office. Commissioner Purdum will get in touch with Donna Reynolds about a plat map of the cemetery.

No public comment.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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 be 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, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk