

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 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, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 February 17, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the March 1, 2022 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 February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 24, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussions:

The Clerk reported that Murphy Tractor called and reported that the estimated date of delivery on the graders is now the first and middle of April.

Commissioner Seeley reported on Big Iron commission is 10% or if over \$125,000 the commission in 9%, with Big Iron it is an Absolute Auction.

Auction Time commission is 6%, they will come up and appraise the equipment and first list with Machinery Trader and eventually will auction if not sold on Machinery Trader.

The board agreed to have Commissioner Seeley contact Auction Time to have more information by the March 15th meeting.

They also discussed other equipment that they would like to list with Auction Time: old water trailer, flatbed trailer, and Ford Tractor.

The surplus packer in Halsey the road men will cut up and take for salvage iron.

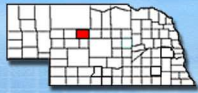
Commissioner Seeley will talk with Triple G about mudrock.

Road personnel Ed Schukei reported that Viaero left a ridge along the Purdum Rd that he fears will causing washing if we receive rains. Commissioner Moody will contact Viaero about repairing this issue.

Discussion was held on crushing the airport material. Pictures of the piles will be taken and the Clerk will email to Northern Materials to see what they think. The board discussed finding a grizzly screener to run the asphalt material through before crushing. No action taken. Tabled until March 15th meeting.

Correspondence presented. Power Washer from Jantzen equipment reviewed. Commissioner Purdum will visit with Jantzen Equipment.

Letter from Figgins Construction received. No armor coat projects planned for this summer season.



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West Central District Meeting in North Platte on March 24th. Commissioner Moody will attend.
NIRMA annual report 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.

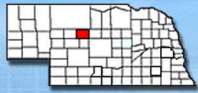
GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2209.48
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	5420.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	491.67
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	214.88
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	794.93
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	355.98
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	201.21
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	9.78
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	811.94
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	379.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5459.26
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	62.00
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	18.00
U S BANK	FUEL	65.21
VISION CARE DIRECT	FEDERAL TAXES	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES 2022	25.00
SALARIES		18897.82

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	672.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	76.48
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	95.14
L & L GRAVEL	GRAVEL	3570.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	21.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	179.70
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	7374.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2156.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1473.52
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6051.27

EXTENSION FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	250.46
MARCY ANDERSEN	TELEPHONE	18.98
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICE	18.75
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.59
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	92.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	123.07
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	542.43
SALARIES		1426.86

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	117.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.79
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	115.47
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	756.73
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	163.92
SALARIES		801.20

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.44
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	144.69
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	51.42
SALARIES		307.97

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the filings for the 2022 Primary Election. Zoning – Planning Commission has met and begun drafting language to add to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan to address Conservation Easements. The County Attorney has been sent the language to review.

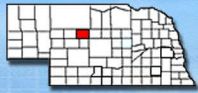
COVID tests will be delivered from West Central Health Department to the County and will be available for public use. Once they are delivered a notice will be posted on the County Facebook page.

Treasurer reported on the upcoming delinquent tax sale to be held on Monday, March 7th.

Library statistic page presented to the board.

TL Meyer, Extension reported that the University will be working on new Interlocal Agreements with the counties.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager reported on testimony for LB1194, LB920 and LB921.



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Discussion was also held on the 2022-2023 proposed assessment for Region 26. He also reported that on June 24th approximately 400 cars with the Nebraska Rod Association will be traveling through the community from Valentine to North Platte.

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

Discussion was held on the 2022 Annual Operating Plan with the Forest in the amount of \$7,800.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the 2022 Annual Operating Plan with USDA, Forest Service Nebraska National Forest. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to continue using Charron Fertilizer for the Courthouse lawn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the ARPA funds grant application received from the Village of Thedford. Tabled until a representative from the Thedford Village Board is available for questions. No action taken.

No public 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 10:57 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 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 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