

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 3, 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 April 21, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the May 3, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the April 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 28, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd Smith had emailed pictures from the last bridge inspection. The road men will make the suggested repairs noted on each bridge.

The board discussed the concerns on pivots watering over county roads. The board members want to take a look at the pivots in question first before proceeding.

Commissioner Seeley reported that the 140H grader sold for \$75,000 and the 163H grader sold for \$85,000 on Machinery Trader.

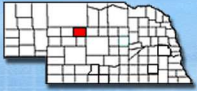
No activity has been noted on Andersen Bridge yet.

Correspondence presented. Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to have Commissioner Moody sign the disaster declaration to have on file at Region 26. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2349.76
	ADMIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	1150.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	SERVICES	1120.06
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	475.85
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	229.82



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CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1210.38
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	596.40
	ELECTION	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	COST	1982.16
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.41
LORISSA HARTMAN	OFFICE SUPP	31.23
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE	444.60
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	16.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	827.49
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	343.56
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	5646.08
CHEVAS SHAW	SERVICES	250.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	58.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	33.74
ANDREA THOMAS	NOTARY	101.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	253.71
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		19953.63

ROAD FUND-

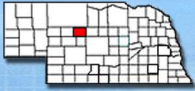
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	733.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	20.16
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	DRUG TESTING	37.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	16.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	201.89
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2214.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	90.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3702.82
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1605.63
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2611.58
UPPER LOUP NRD	SUPPLIES	156.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6453.10

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.21
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	257.83
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	211.15
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	8.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	43.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	94.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	152.18
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	536.83
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	43.29
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	38.61
SALARIES		1344.04



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LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	116.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	96.93
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.43
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	160.46
SALARIES		780.64

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	169.10
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	42.04
SALARIES		251.72

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of April. The total number of requested early vote ballots as of this morning was 36, which is fewer than most years. The Election worker training will be held on Friday, May 6th. The Thomas County website has been audited by the Disability Rights Nebraska group as was found to have no issues. Only 16 of the 93 counties needed no edits to be fully accessible.

Treasurer reported that tax money has been coming in.

Commissioner Moody gave a report on the 30x30 meeting she attended in Lincoln. She has some language that should be added to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan to address stopping any federal land growth in Thomas County.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager gave a report on the last fire incident. He also reported on why Region 26 was asking for the emergency declarations to be on file at Region 26.

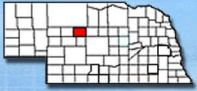
Motion made by Seeley and second Purdum to approve the office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the ARPA grant application from Anthem Coffee, LLC. This was tabled until the May 17th meeting to give the board time to review the application.

Discussion was had on the increase to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to keep the \$1,100 deductible with the \$35 copay plan. Roll call vote; Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody opened the public hearing for Special Use permit application by Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile at 10:30 a.m.

Jeff Noseworthy explained the proposed project on each tower location. The board addressed concerns about the possible need to bore new fiber up the Purdum Road for the Halsey Tower location. The hope is to use the same fiber that was already bored. If T-Mobile doesn't use the same fiber, they will be required to fill out a utility permit for approval by the board.



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Commissioner Moody closed the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Application #1, Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile, Permit #2022-2. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Application #2, Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile, Permit #2022-3. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 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