

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 7, 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 Attorney Kurt Arganbright, road personnel Ed Schukei and 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 May 26, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the June 7, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 26, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to enter into executive session with the County Attorney and road employees one at a time to perform employee evaluations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Board entered into executive session at 8:33 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to exit executive session. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

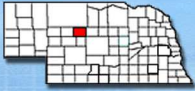
Board exited executive session at 8:59 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to increase the hourly rate for the current full time road employees and current part time employee Clint Harvey to \$18.25/hour and increase the cell phone stipend for the full time employees to \$200/year. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

The Clerk reported on the request for material on Ewoldt Road. Road employee Schukei advised the board that he had hauled 3 loads and stated that a portion of the road needs built up before more material is added. The board tabled any further road improvement on Ewoldt Road until the material is crushed.

Commissioner Moody reported on the company coming to Blaine County to grind up some old asphalt. They should be in the area by mid-July for the board and road men to go check out the process to decide if it is something they would like to try here in Thomas County.



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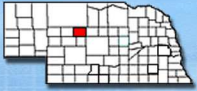
Andersen Bridge update: The concrete was poured last Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The crew stated that it would need at least 21 days to cure before any heavy use. That puts it at approximately June 24<sup>th</sup> before it could be opened. The county will need to take the loader across to do some approach work first before it can be opened.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2386.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2446.35
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	1100.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	870.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	478.75
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	85.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	419.92
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	370.47
DANA SAFETY SUPPLY	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1580.61
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	1383.96
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	188.85
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	53.58
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	REPAIRS	451.55
GALLS LLC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1044.68
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	8500.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	78.98
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOOKER COUNTY TREASURER	MILEAGE	61.56
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	485.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1359.00
NACO	REGISTRATION/DUES	1151.58
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	827.87
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	330.00
REGION 26	DATA PROCESSING	1305.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	876.09
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER	86.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5728.75
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTORNEY FEES	60.00
CLYDE E BONESTEEL	AMMO	1094.75
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE DUE	1.96
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	166.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	MAY EXPENSES	1080.36
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	944.66
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	138.06
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20,252.82



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## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	965.51
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	26.19
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	260.46
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.48
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	DRUG TESTING	49.00
KEITH HARTMAN	STIPEND CELL	120.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	225.53
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	144.30
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	6282.58
EDWARD SCHUKEI	STIPEND CELL	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1853.91
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	11204.76
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7637.51

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.21
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## VISITORS FUND-

BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA	ADVERTISING	255.00
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## VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

MARAH'S TREASURERS	DOWNPAYMENT	200.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	PRINTING	299.96

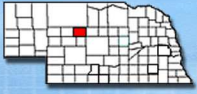
## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	60.27
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	211.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	141.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	100.02
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	58.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	315.58
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	587.60
SALARIES		1528.14

## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	119.56
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	100.23
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	39.33
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	373.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	172.24
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	46.95
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
SALARIES		850.06

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	7.32
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.17
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	58.26
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	82.24
SALARIES		345.43

## Office reports:

Clerk presented the May fee report for her offices. Open enrollment for changes to health insurance needs to be completed. All employees will need to stop by to see Shannon Ahlstrom during this month and AFLAC will be here on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Clerk will be attending workshop next week, June 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>, in Kearney.

Sheriff reported that he has submitted his first invoice to the Forest service for law enforcement. He also reported that the wild fire in the Forest will be paid additionally to the county outside of his current law enforcement contract. The fire ban for Thomas County has been lifted.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-7, transferring \$260,000 from General to Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-8, transferring \$60,000 from General to Inheritance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-9, setting ARPA fund parameters. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

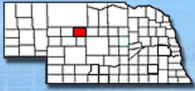
Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-10, approving \$2,500 in ARPA funds to Sandhill Speed & Supply. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-11, approving \$2,500 in ARPA funds to Sandhill Hair Salon. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the application from the Village of Halsey for the cost of purchase and installation of a new minisplit heat pump unit in the Community Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-12, distributing the Forest Reserve Funds with one-fifth (\$7,319.65) to Thomas County Road fund and four-fifths (\$29,278.62) to the county circulating library for Class III school districts within Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-13, setting limit for personal inventory statements at \$150 value. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus the following items:

Desk from County court office, old counter from Treasurer's office, tall back office chair, green file cabinet, short gray file cabinet, 3 small office chairs and old shredder in county court office.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application from Sandhill Oil for July 30, 2022 at Thomas County Fairgrounds from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to reappoint Dean Figard to the Thomas County Veterans Service Board with a term expiring 2027. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting. Chairman Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk