

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 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 and Jim Purdum. Commissioner Seeley arrived at 9:10 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, Shirley Hanna, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Jay Jones, Wade Neben and Terry Higgins.

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 September 8, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the September 20, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 15, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

**Road discussion:**

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith presented information to the board about other county auto gate policies. The board would like to follow the road classification map and develop a policy for the auto gates. The Clerk will talk to the County Attorney about a rough draft policy to discuss at a future meeting.

Finney Loop renaming was discussed. At the recommendation of Region 26 the name will remain the same as Finney Loop, but the Finney Loop road sign will be removed off of S Seneca Ave and the county will install No Outlet signs on each end of the road.

Commissioner Moody reported on the road reclamation project in Brewster, along with road personnel Keith Hartman. At this time the county will just keep an eye on the condition of the road to see if it is anything further for Thomas County. The cost for this project was unknown.

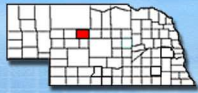
Commissioner Purdum will forward the message/quote he received for a Kaufman trailer and the board will review at the information at the next meeting.

Correspondence presented. Board reviewed the letter from a landowner about pivot watering across the road. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	870.00
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	LICENSE	60.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	472.81
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64



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TERRY E ELLIOTT	SEPT LAWN CARE	550.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	24.94
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	POSTER	67.95
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	53.70
U S BANK	FUEL-SHERIFF	67.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	107.78

#### ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	65.46
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TRAILER TITLE	14.00

#### EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS	96.37
KWIK STOP	FUEL	37.84

#### LIBRARY FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	143.88
SYNCB/AMAZON	PRINTER INK	59.98

#### BOOKMOBILE FUND-

SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	7.49
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#### ARPA FUND-

THEDFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	ARPA GRANT	12153.77
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#### Office reports:

Clerk reported that the Notice of Election will be in the newspaper this week. One error was noticed after sending the notice to print. The County Commissioner race instructions state; VOTE FOR ONE, when actually it should read, Vote for up to TWO. A corrected notice for this race will appear in the September 29<sup>th</sup> paper. The pink postcard sent out for Mid Plains Community College has been confusing to landowners. The hearing for Mid Plains Community College will be held in North Platte on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of August. The new license plates arrived last week in the office. Discussed ARPA grant application from the Thedford Rural Fire District for a siren.

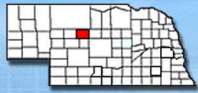
Sheriff gave an activity report for the county.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve 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 #2022-16, ARPA grant application from the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District-TVRS for \$12,153.77. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board expressed they're Thanks to Shirley Hanna and all First Responders for the job they do.

Terry Higgins and Wade Neben, with the Village of Thedford explained the ARPA grant application for electronic control boxes for the Village wells.

Chairman Moody directed the county attorney to proceed with preparing a Resolution for the Village of Thedford ARPA grant #2.



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The ARPA grant application from the Thedford Art Guild was reviewed. The chairman directed the County Attorney to proceed with preparing a Resolution for the Thedford Art Guild.

Jay Jones, representative with the Thomas County Planning Commission discussed the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning regulations that the Planning Commission is recommending. The County board directed the Planning Commission to begin the process of public hearings to make the proposed changes.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the Interlocal agreement with UNL Extension. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-19, 1% increase for the 2021-2022 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-20, adopting the 2022-2023 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody opened the Property tax request hearing at 11:00 a.m.

No public present for hearing.

Chairman Moody closed the Property tax request hearing at 11:09 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-21, setting the 2022-2023 final tax request at \$865, 299.70. 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 – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 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, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk