

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas county Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 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 employee Keith Hartman, Lewis Herbaugh, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Pat Thompson, Xavier & Connie Garza, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Jessica Fenske-Healing Hearts Diversion.

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 November 3, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the November 15, 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 November 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Lewis Herbaugh visited with the board about dirt he will have available. It will probably be after the first part of next year. The lot is getting full with the material we have already. We need to keep an area cleared for the company to come in and crush the millings. This will hopefully be completed by early Spring 2023.

**Road discussion:**

Talk about updating the road maintenance classification map was held. The board would like to have an agreement drawn up with the landowners that maintain their own road in exchange for material. Discussion followed on how to proceed without having easements for roads filed.

The board read the letter received from Mike Connell. Commissioner Moody will contact Mike.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-30, authorizing the Chairperson of the Board to execute the agreement with Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

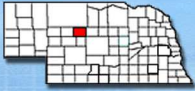
Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the Master Agreement between Thomas County and Nebraska Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. NIRMA recommitment dividend letter, NIRMA Assist grant for Region 26 and letter from Croell stating that material prices would be rising beginning January 2023. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	549.95
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	2230.00



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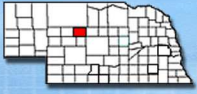


BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	468.50
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	1280.00
CONNIE BROWELEIT	GN22 ELECTION	145.00
BARBARA BRYANT	GN22 ELECTION	140.00
NORMA BUTLER	GN22 ELECTION	25.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1836.84
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	327.04
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	EQUIPMENT	375.00
	NOV LAWN	
TERRY E ELLIOTT	CARE	550.00
MARILYN ESSMAN	GN22 ELECTION	145.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.17
LORISSA HARTMAN	THUMB DRIVES	19.98
ALICE L. HODGES	GN22 ELECTION	170.00
KEVIN HOOD	GN22 ELECTION	20.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COSTS	3470.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NACO	DUES	1016.58
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.68
GALEN NEBEN	GN22 ELECTION	25.00
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	EARMUFFS	70.84
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES	693.10
TEDDER INDUSTRIES LLC	SUPPLIES	131.12
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	FILING FEES	72.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.40
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	239.87
	GUN CLEAN	
U S BANK	SWAB	97.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COSTS	264.12
HELEN WHITE	GN22 ELECTION	170.00
KAROL YOUNG	GN22 ELECTION	20.00
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	65.88
NEBRASKALAND TIRE CO	TIRES	3877.04
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	7.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	144.18
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	37.27
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	15.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	30.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	35.74
<b>ARPA FUND-</b>		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	5841.95

## Office reports:

Election recap was given. Out of the 502 registered voters, 247 voted on election day and 76 voted early, making it a 64.34 % voter turnout in Thomas County. The manual audit of was completed on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> with the results from the DS200 results tape showing the same as the manual hand count audit results. The Canvass board will meet on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to review all documents from the GN22 election.

Assessor report of an error calculated for the Halsey Rural Fire District. The incorrect budget asking amount of \$9,000 was entered instead of the correct asking of \$8,908. This error was noticed after the November 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for corrections to levy. After consulting with the Department of Revenue it was decided that since this was a minimal error of \$92 that no changes should be made.



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The tax list should be delivered to the County Treasurer by the end of this week.

Treasurer presented the October fee report.

Sheriff reported that the new fire siren should be installed in Thedford by the end of the year. He also reported that his office is fully accredited with the State.

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

No snow removal bids were received.

Chairman Moody opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m., for the petition to change the AGR district to allow a meat processing facility as a permitted special use.

Pat Thompson, a resident of Seneca asked questions of the process and plans for the facility.

Xavier & Connie Garza arrived and answered questions of the facility plans. They also discussed that they have tried to lease 2 separate facilities in Hooker County, with no luck.

An emailed letter from Jean Novacek was presented during the meeting.

The board addressed concerns that this request would change all AGR district in Thomas County not just the area around Seneca.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 10:48 a.m.

Jessica Fenske with Healing Hearts talked about the Diversion services.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the MOU with Healing Hearts for Diversion services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to deny the petition to change the AGR district to allow for a meat processing facility by special use permit and to send back to the Thomas County Planning Commission a request to rezone the former Village of Seneca. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

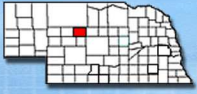
No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 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 during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk