



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Organizational Meeting  
January 3, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:05 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, and Attorney Warren Arganbright.

Chairman Pettit 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 December 22, 2011.

Motion to adopt January 3, 2012 organizational meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the commissioner meeting dates. Motion to set the commissioner meeting dates for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's of the month made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2012 observed courthouse holidays. Motion to approve the following holidays made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

New Year's Day – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 16<sup>th</sup>, President's Day – February 20<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day – April 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day – May 28<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day – September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Columbus Day – October 8<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day – November 12<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Christmas Eve – December 24<sup>th</sup>, and Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to approve the Thomas County Herald as the official news publication made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the official Thomas County website as [www.thomascountynebraska.us](http://www.thomascountynebraska.us) made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-1, naming Security First Bank, Thedford, NE as the official county depository made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer to invest funds for Thomas County made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Carol Conard as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Kevin Hood as the Thomas County Emergency Manager Director made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County surveyor made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Appointment of Veteran's Service Officer was tabled until further talks with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner's.

Motion to appoint the following people to the various boards made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.



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Region II – Alan Atkins, Sandhills District Health Department – Norma Butler and Lorissa Hartman, spirited person, West Central Area on Aging – Alan Atkins, Region 26 – Kevin Hood and Judy Taylor, alternate, Lexington Solid Waste – Stan Pettit, West Central Development District – Lorissa Hartman, Sandhills RC & D – Stan Pettit, Thomas County Safety Committee – Norma Butler.

Motion to elect Stan Pettit as the Thomas County Board of Commissioner Chairperson made by Atkins, second by Butler.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to elect Alan Atkins as Thomas County Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairperson made by Pettit, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Abstain – Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

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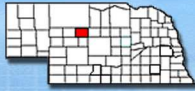
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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## Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:03 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Lewis Herbaugh.

Chairman Pettit 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 December 21, 2011.

Motion to adopt the January 3, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve December 20, 2011 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 29, 2011 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve all payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

### GENERAL FUND-

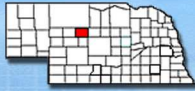
AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
AMERICINN	LODGING	780.67
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1772.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	333.35
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	396.20
GARY J. ENG	MEALS	28.73
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	329.40
KENT E. FLOROM	FEES	1146.45
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
JULIE HESSELTINE	SERVICES	50.00
HOOVER COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	35.00
MARILYN MASEBERG	RETIREMENT	60.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	514.55
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	5796.26
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	340.35
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4509.86
JUDY TAYLOR	MEALS	41.18
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	10.00
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	573.50
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	315.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	183.68
SALARIES		16615.17

### ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	589.38
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	306.40
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	59.07
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	139.25
NMC	REPAIRS	34.19
RODOCKER, THAYNE	REPAIRS	132.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	354.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1163.03
U S BANK	HELP AD	128.99
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	2.72
SALARIES		5429.91

### PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	52.11
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## COUNTY ASSISTANCE FUND-

THOMAS CO TREASURER	ASSISTANCE	100.00
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## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	85.28
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	87.70
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	LIBRARY AD	22.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	433.23
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	5.78
ROSA LEE HAMILTON	POSTAGE	13.32
RONDA HAUMANN	POSTAGE	40.19
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	9.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	64.56
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	110.82
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	272.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	16.92
SALARIES		742.27

## AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.14
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	390.72
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
HODGES CONOCO INC	REPAIRS	8.87
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	25.00

### Office and fee reports:

Clerk presented fee report for December 2011. She also reported that the road position will be advertised in the Custer County Chief, Midlands Advertiser, North Platte Telegraph and Thomas County Herald. The position can also be found on the Nebraska Job Service. Applications will be accepted through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer reported on taxes. She also reported that her computer in the office may need to be replaced.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of the Consolidated Telephone System for \$3,320.58. The NIRMA Assist grant has been approved for up to \$1,660.29. Motion to approve the purchase of the Consolidated Telephone System with the 50% grant from NIRMA made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

### Roads discussion:

Temporary road employee discussed. This person will be needed for the spring 2012 snow season. No applications have been received as of the meeting. Some people have voiced that if they may be available.

Discussion was held on the FEMA Disaster #1924 Hazard mitigation projects. Two projects have not been completed as of yet. Board directed the Clerk to ask the NEMA for an extension on these projects.

Discussion was held on developing a Retro Reflectivity Policy. Motion to approve the Thomas County Retro Reflectivity Policy made by Atkins, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried. The idea was brought up to contact the Arnold Public Schools and see if they could take our old road signs and reface with the current to meet the current reflectivity standards developed by the Federal government.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-3, the withdrawal from the federal aid list on Project RS1495(2) Seneca South made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Atkins, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.



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Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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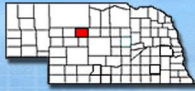
Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, and Ron Schlader, Halsey National Forest.

Chairman Pettit 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 January 5, 2012.

Motion to adopt the January 17, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January 3, 2012 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 12, 2012 made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	138.01
VELMA BURNS	SUPPLIES	15.99
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	325.57
GARY J. ENG	POSTAGE	7.41
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	6.38
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	150.59
MIPS INC	SERVICES	962.25
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	2012 DUES	75.00
NE ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	2012 DUES	75.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	14.47
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	88.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	15.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	510.84
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	249.00
REGIONAL WEST MEDICAL CENTER	SERVICES	447.45
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	2.76
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	88.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	136.68
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	185.99

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	AD	13.50
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	526.14
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	348.21
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

**VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	11.31
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Office and fee reports:

Clerk reported on the upcoming County Board Workshop in Kearney February 8 – 10. Clerk also reported that there is a County Board Handbook supplement available for purchase. We will go ahead and order the supplement and have the commissioners pick up at the workshop in Kearney. Clerk reported that since the road plat book hasn't been located



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after the move to the new courthouse, research is being done to recreate this book. Kenneth Purdum has agreed to come into the courthouse and go over the information about the roads. Assessor reported that she has been working on land values for this year. Values need to be set by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer gave a financial report for the county.

Sheriff presented his fee report for the month of December 2011. He also reported that the group of sheriffs from the area has approached several senators about increasing court costs. LB919 will address the increase in costs, with some of the increased court cost coming back to the agency that issued the ticket. This would help the counties recover some of the costs (gas, tires, etc.) associated with patrolling.

Emergency Manager reported on the communications workshop in Kearney February 7-8. He will attend the meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Atkins will plan to attend the workshop on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to enter into executive session at 10:47 a.m. to discuss the repairs for the heating system in the courthouse due to possible litigation in the future made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried. The commissioners requested that the County Clerk and County Attorney stay for this meeting.

Motion to end executive session at 10:55 a.m. made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Ron Schlader gave a report on the Halsey Forest. Some items discussed were Environmental Assessments on building more greenhouses, Permit for the 4-H trail ride, cooperative agreement with Thomas County for law enforcement services and the new ranger Tim Buskirk will be reporting for duty on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the Thomas County Veteran's Service Officer. We have two options that the county is considering. One option is to have an Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County and to have their Veteran's Service Officer handle our county. The other option is an interested individual from McPherson County may want to fill this position. The discussion was tabled at this time until further questions are answered.

The sheriff discussed with the commissioners about the purchase of a truck topper for his vehicle. He presented a bid from Larry's RV in North Platte for a topper with a cost of \$1,431. The forest service has agreed to pay for \$500 of this. The remainder would be paid using the loan proceeds from the sheriff vehicle. The commissioners also visited with him about the possibility of purchasing a flat fiberglass topper. The sheriff contacted Larry's RV and was given the price of \$940 for this type of topper.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to have the sheriff go to Larry's RV or Maxwell Offroad and determine which topper would work better for the vehicle and that the maximum amount to spend on the topper is \$1,431 with the forest reimbursing the county with a maximum amount of \$500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the agreement between county court and district court for services. This was tabled until after February 9<sup>th</sup> when District Court Judge Richard Birch is here to discuss with the county attorney and clerk of the district court.

Roads discussion:

The clerk read a letter from NIRMA about the road signs on the Halsey-Purdum Road. The board would like to talk to the county road superintendent about some of the issues. No action taken.

Discussion was held on various autogate projects. The autogate on Peaceful Plains Road was discussed. The landowner put in the new forms and installed the autogate that the county provided for that road. The board also discussed the request from Roger Licking about an autogate. No action was taken due to the fact they were not sure which autogate he was talking about.



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Carol Conard the Thomas County Weed Superintendent dropped off his annual weed report for the commissioners to review.

Motion to approve the Thomas County Weed report made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 7, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:06 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Alan Atkins, Norma Butler. Board member Stan Pettit arrived at 10:46 a.m. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Tom Witt, Ron Schlader, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and road personnel Thayne Rodocker.

Vice-Chairman Alan Atkins 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 January 26, 2012.

Motion to adopt the February 7, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the January 3, 2012 organizational meeting minutes as published January 12, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

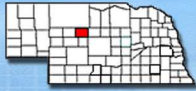
Motion to approve the January 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published January 26, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Abstain – Pettit. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1749.83
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	SUPPLIES	79.03
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	99.45
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	329.32
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	428.2
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	456.04
DELL MARKETING L.P	COMPUTER	1215.83
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	30.25
HARTFORD	DEF COMP	1527.31
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	464.54
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
MIPS INC	SERVICES	962.25
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	511.43
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL/PROPANE	1299.65
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4548.16
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.87
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	497.02
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	183.68



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WATCHGUARD VIDEO	SHIPPING	50.00
WESTERN PATHOLOGY	SERVICES	295.00
SALARIES		16225.35

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	336.88
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	38.50
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	7.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	24.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	27.50
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	3014.66
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	TESTING	31.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	86.16
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	FEES	1317.21
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	254.01
SANDHILLS FAMILY MEDICINE	SERVICES	35.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	705.90
VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS	PUBLISHING	19.90
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	2.72
SALARIES		3624.91

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

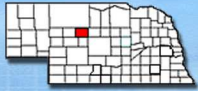
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	53.03
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## VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	9.78
THEDFORD ECONOMIC DEV. CORP.	GRANT	1185.64
WESTERN NEBR TOURISM	DUES	666.37

## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	112.78
MCNAUGHTON BOOK	BOOKS	241.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	87.55
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	473.94
DIAMOND LAKE BOOK CO	BOOKS	239.93
DIVERSE MEDIA	BOOKS	64.43
ROSA LEE HAMILTON	POSTAGE	5.36
RONDA HAUMANN	SUPPLIES	169.55
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	9.38
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	169.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	179.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	16.92
SALARIES		1215.35



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## AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	416.24
DEPT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH	25.00
DAN WADAS	RENT	750.00

Ron Schlader, Halsey Forest District Ranger, visited with the board about activities happening at the forest. He reported that 423 acres of slash piles were burned over this last weekend. Report was also given on some upcoming burning projects for wildlife improvement on the eastern edge of the forest and that the forest service will also be working with local landowners with land adjacent to their intended area. The Halsey National Forest has also been selected for the 2012 Nebraska Passport program for tourism. Ron also reported that snowmobile traffic has seen an increase in usage at the forest. Discussion was held on posting speed limit signs in the forest. Before this could be done a speed analysis study would need to be completed. Ron reported that at this time no plans are being made to complete this study. The new district ranger, Tim Buskirk will be taking over the Halsey Forest on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on the 2012 Law Enforcement agreement between Thomas County and US Forest Service. Gary reported that the total agreement is for \$8,900 which is the same as last year's agreement.

Motion to approve the 2012 Law Enforcement Agreement between Thomas County and the US Forest Service made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Gary presented the commissioners with a breakdown of money spent on the new sheriff's vehicle. The original loan at Security First Bank was for \$17,500. Official Check issued to Janssen Chrysler Jeep Dodge for \$12,615.25 for new vehicle, Official Check issued to Kohlers Trailer for \$922.00 to purchase grille guard and running boards, Official Check issued to Wynn Wiems for \$1,800 for moving radio equipment from old vehicle to new vehicle, Official Check issued to Maxwell's Off Road for \$1,273.78 to purchase and install pickup box cover, Official Check issued to Arnold Public Schools for \$111.50 for decals on new vehicle and the remaining \$777.47 will be applied back to the note at Security First Bank.

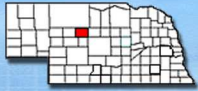
Tom Witt visited with the board about the Thomas County Visitors Committee plans for the use of the improvement fund lodging tax money. The Visitors Committee has decided to purchase banners for each of villages in Thomas County to be placed on the poles coming through town. Halsey will receive three banners, Seneca will receive three banners and Thedford will receive four banners. Each village will receive a banner celebrating the Q125. He also visited with the board about appointing two new members to the Visitors Committee. This will be placed as an agenda item for the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Tom also visited with the board about the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition.

Motion to appoint Tom Witt as the representative of Thomas County to the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## Office reports:

Clerk reported that Kevin Hood, Thomas County Emergency Manager reported that he will be testifying in Lincoln on February 13<sup>th</sup> for LB 847 in front of the Transportation Committee. The assessor reported that preliminary numbers show that agricultural land value will probably stay the same with some irrigated land value taking a slight increase and the possible changes to small acreage land value based on some of the current sales. More definite numbers will come before the Abstract is due on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer gave a financial report for the county and she asked that only essential purchases be made over the next couple of months.



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Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit opened the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing at 11:05 a.m.

Discussion was held on the various road projects listed. Public comment was heard from Ron Schlader stating the Halsey National Forest had no opposition to the proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Hearing no other comments from the public Chairman Pettit closed the hearing at 11:37 a.m.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-4, Adopted 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Thomas County made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the use of county equipment by a non-county employee. The Clerk read an email from Larry Pelan of NIRMA advising the county on how to handle these situations. No action was taken at this time.

The commissioners began reviewing road employee applications.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:08 p.m. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Auditor Don Wilson and road personnel Thayne Rodocker.

Don Wilson presented the board with a Federal Engagement Letter to perform an A-133 Audit based on the county receiving more than \$500,000 of federal money. This audit will cost the county an additional \$1,800 in audit expense.

Motion to approve signing the Federal Engagement letter with Don Wilson made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve signing the Management Representation letter with Don Wilson made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve signing the Standard Litigation letter for Don Wilson to present to the County Attorney about any impending legal actions with the County made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Auditor Don Wilson visited with the board about audit concerns. The county attorney will prepare a letter to address issues presented by the auditor.

The board finished reviewing the applications for road employee. The board will set interviews for the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:09 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Absent – Stan Pettit. Motion to excuse Stan Pettit’s absence made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Sheriff Gary Eng, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Lewis Herbaugh, and Gregg O’Brien from NMC.

Vice-Chairman Atkins stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt February 21, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve February 7, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published February 16, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Aktins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	62.96
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	77.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	24.50
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	83.71
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	323.80
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	150.41
JOHN DEERE CREDIT	PAYMENT	2315.54
THOMAS CO TREASURER	REGISTRATIONS	185.00

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
OPHEIM-BOOTH REPAIR	REPAIRS	95.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	GRADER PYMT	1717.14

**LIBRARY FUND-**

PATRICIA MCDANIEL	BOOKS	12.99
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	660.00

Vice-Chairman Atkins recessed the regular meeting to enter into Board of Equalization hearing at 10:33 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Atkins reconvened the regular meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Office reports:



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Clerk reported that the Auditor Don Wilson had contacted her about the A-133 Federal Audit. The NDOR and State Auditor have been discussing whether the county or state is responsible for the audits on any stimulus money. Once a decision has been made Don will contact us.

Treasurer reported that the delinquent tax sale is Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that she has probably collected at least ½ of the delinquent taxes already. She also reported on two tax foreclosures.

Sheriff reported that all distress warrants have been collected. Discussion was held on purchasing everything local if at all possible.

Emergency Manager discussed the workshop he attended last week in Kearney.

Motion to approve all office reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith talked with the board about road signs for the South Seneca Road. The clerk will check with NIRMA to see when the last audit on road signs for this road was performed. He also visited with the board about different software you can purchase to map the road sign inventory. Other counties have been able to use the NIRMA Assist grant to help purchase the software for this.

Discussion was also held on what it would cost to reproduce the road plat book. The estimated cost to replace this book would be around \$4,500. This will be put on the March 6<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion.

Lewis Herbaugh visited with the board about different material prices and options for repairing Windmill Road. No action taken at this time.

Motion to approve the appointment of Melanie Coffman and Robert Browleit to the Thomas County Visitors Committee made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Thomas County Management Discussion & Analysis letter from Don Wilson. Motion to approve the Thomas County Management Discussion & Analysis letter made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the county board's response to the Auditors Federal Comment. This letter will only be sent to the auditor if the A-133 Federal Audit is required for Thomas County. Motion to approve signing the County Board response letter for the Auditors Federal Comment made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of the Veteran's Service Officer. The last meeting the clerk reported that someone in the county had volunteered to serve. After review this resident was not able to hold this position due to the State Statute requiring this position be filled by someone that has been a resident of the State of Nebraska for 5 years.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County for the Veteran's Service Officer duties of Thomas County with an annual payment of \$1,800 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Atkins recessed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Atkins reconvened the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Present throughout the afternoon were Alan Atkins, Norma Butler, Warren Arganbright, Lorissa Hartman, John Wright, Bryan Rodocker and Calvin Schwartz.

The board held interviews for the road maintenance position.

Discussion was held on all the applicants. The board would like to thank everyone who took the time to apply.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to offer the road maintenance position to Bryan Rodocker at \$2,000 per month during the 90 day probation period and this position will be considered an at will position during the probation



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period. All benefits and insurance will begin after the probation period has been completed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Atkins adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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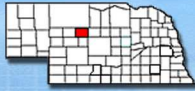
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Alan Atkins, Vice-Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 6, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Attorney Warren Arganbright, J.R. Giles, Kort Hamilton, Lewis Herbaugh, Bryan Rodocker, Mike Giles, Dan Wadas, Lance Giles, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit 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 23, 2012.

Motion to adopt the March 6, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the February 21, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published March 1, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler. Abstain – Pettit. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

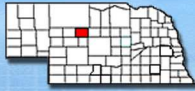
Motion to approve payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	1745.06
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	50.61
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	JAIL SERVICE	495.00
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	340.17
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	892.26
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	447.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	6.08
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1153.07
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	511.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	373.01
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	4514.41
THOMAS CO TREASURER	STAMPS	109.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	291.13
VISION CARE DIRECT	VISION IN	183.68
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	6000.00
SALARIES		16078.66

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	EMPE RET	336.88
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	469.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	33.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	86.16
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	TRAINING	70.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	829.30
NMC	REPAIRS	413.26
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	227.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	705.90



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VISION CARE DIRECT	VISION IN	2.72
SALARIES		3624.91

#### PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	52.11
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#### VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	10.93
IDEA BANK MARKETING, INC	WEBSITE	70.00
SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	470.00

#### LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	87.11
B & D OFFICE CITY	COPIER	425.00
MARVIN BLAUVELT	SUPPLIES	64.19
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	87.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	490.81
FOLLETT SOFTWARE CO	BOOKS	240.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.52
PUMPKIN BOOKS	BOOKS	210.16
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	181.59
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	121.55
VISION CARE DIRECT	VISION IN	16.92
SALARIES		816.08

#### AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	396.95
DEPT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH	25.00

Tim Buskirk the new District Ranger of the Halsey National Forest was not in attendance. We hope to meet him in the future.

Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported on the Ag land values for 2012. Grass values will stay the same at \$260 per acre, irrigated 3A, 4A1, and 4A will increase to \$450 per acre (this is a \$10 per acre increase), small acreage values will increase to \$1,800 a acre for the first 10 acres and to \$1,450 per acre on any additional land up to 60 acres, and the home site values on the first acre on all Rural residential and small acreage will decrease from \$5,000 to \$1,000 per acre. If anyone is interested in seeing the sales for small acreages, they may stop by the office to view the list.

Treasurer gave a financial report and also informed the board that the county will only have 1 foreclosure for delinquent taxes.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the regular meeting to open the Public Hearing on Zoning Regulations Amendments at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pettit read the suggested amendments to the Zoning Regulations. Discussion was held with everyone about the proposed language change to Article 6 – Special Use Permit: 6.1(2) this change would require the recipient of the special use permit to commence activity within 18 months of issuance of said permit. The discussion that came up in regards to the language was a concern that once you receive the special use permit from the county they must also get permits from other departments that sometimes take a lengthy time to obtain.

Discussion was held on the additional language for Article 6 – Special Use Permit 6.5, this addition would require a 320 feet setback from any existing dwelling.

Chairman Pettit closed the public hearing at 11:05 a.m.



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Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve adding the language to Article 6 – Special Use Permit 6.1(2). Roll call votes: Ayes – none. Nays – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion did not carry.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve adding the language to Article 6 – Special Use Permit 6.5. Roll call vote: Ayes – none. Nays – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion did not carry.

Discussion was held on Article 5 – Zoning Districts. Due to the lack of passing the proposed language change for Article 6 – Special Use Permit no action was required to change the Zoning Districts.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Thomas County Planning Board Members – George Mintle, Carolyn Warren, and Wayne Rodocker with terms expiring in 2015 made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Lloyd Smith visited with the board about replacing the road plat book. He estimates the cost to be around \$4,500. Lloyd agreed to have this paid over a period of time.

Motion to agree having the road plat book replaced made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing software to map the county road signs. The approximate cost for this software is \$2,000. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Lloyd also visited with the board about painting lines on Purdum Ave. The approximate cost would be around \$6,700. It was decided to wait on this project since we will have to armor coat part of the road in the future.

Nebraska Machinery has contacted AI and said that they would rent a loader to the county by the week to use at the site near North Platte to load crushed concrete. The county will look into other options to rent a loader.

Warren will work on a contract to be used by the County when we lease other people's equipment to use for county purposes.

Thayne reported that he took the Mack truck to Lexington to have some work done.

Other road projects discussed were the auto-gate on Heritage Rd, the pile of brick in Seneca to be used on the S Seneca Ave road near the Dismal River, Daly Ln mitigation project, curbs for the N Seneca Ave, Hardy Ln, and the culvert on River Ave.

The new road maintenance employee will begin work for the county on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor and John Ravenscroft.

John Ravenscroft visited with the board about issues concerning Legislative District 43. He is a candidate on the ballot for the 43<sup>rd</sup> District.

The board reviewed the audit completed by Don Wilson. The audit report has been completed and is on file in the county clerk's office. Motion to approve the audit report made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the services offered by A to Z Lawn Pro. Motion to approve using the same service as last year from A to Z Lawn Pro made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit and Norma Butler. Absent – Alan Atkins. Motion made by Pettit to excuse the absence of Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and road personnel Bryan Rodocker.

Chairman Pettit 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 March 8, 2012.

Motion to adopt the March 20, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published March 15, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	68.89
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	77.00
CENTRAL SANDHILLS AREA	MILEAGE	176.49
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	10.46
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	12.98
NOZICKA LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	695.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	4.66
U S BANK	BUILDING	80.05
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATIONS	130.00

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	3.18
NMC	REPAIRS	857.46

**Office reports:**

Clerk gave a report on the furnace for the Judge/County Court, County Attorney, and DMV offices. We have had two recent issues with this furnace. The first issue was a blockage on the air return and the second issue that caused the furnace to stop working was the igniter, Frey's Heating & Air Conditioning made both repairs. The company that laid the tile will be here Wednesday to replace floor tiles in the Commissioner meeting room and the Extension office. The clerk also visited with the board about LB669 and the county court personnel's request to purchase a cell phone for her office.



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The commissioners asked to have Cindi Walz, County Court Magistrate come to the next meeting and visit with them about the cell phone and other issues. The clerk also reported on an upcoming seminar with NIRMA about road liability issues. The commissioners will decide at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on who will be attending this seminar.

Sheriff reported that the forest contract was approved and that the sheriff's office received the reimbursement for the Gator payment and the topper for the pickup. He also reported that a tornado drill will be held on Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Emergency Manager reported that all radios should be narrowband by the end of the week. He also asked the board to inform him anytime they are aware of any type of outbreak. Region 26 and FEMA would like to be kept aware of any situations in the county.

Motion made by Pettit and second by Butler to approve all office reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit opened the lawn care bids. Only one bid was submitted by Chauncey J. Linn for \$510 per month.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Pettit to accept the bid from Chauncey J. Linn for \$510 per month for lawn care. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Daly Lane mitigation work was discussed. Lloyd Smith will get a permit from the Corps of Engineers to do this work along the bank of the river. River Ave mitigation work was discussed. Bryan will contact several companies to see who would have the lower price on the culvert for this project. North Seneca Ave curbs were discussed. Bryan has built a box out of scrap iron to use with the cold mix for this project. This project will be completed when the weather is a little warmer so that it will be easier to work with the cold mix. The Nebraska Department of Roads has extended our deadline to haul the crushed concrete from the Newberry stockpile site. The road personnel will probably begin hauling this by next week. The brick pile in Seneca will be used on the South Seneca Ave near the Dismal River hill. The road men have discussed putting berms in the ditch with tubes to possibly slow down the water coming down the hill. The Heritage Road autogate was discussed. The forms and autogate are in Seneca for this project. The road signs for Purdum Ave were discussed. Thayne will need to meet with Joe Shown and see what road signs that SORC will purchase for this road. Bryan visited with the board about building a drag lift for the motor grader. The thought was that maybe using a drag on the roads right now may be better than grading the roads since it is so dry. The commissioners told him to go ahead and give it a try.

Lloyd visited with the board about the software for road sign mapping. The commissioners felt that we should wait at least 6 months and then bring this issue up again. In the meantime the County Clerk is to apply for an ASSIST grant to help with the cost of purchasing this software.

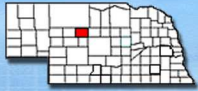
The board reviewed the lease agreement drawn up by the county attorney for using non-county equipment. The board asked the Clerk to contact the County Attorney and see if he could make some changes to the lease agreement.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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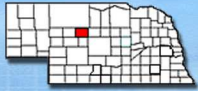


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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:03 a.m., in the Commissioners room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the meeting were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Bryan Rodocker & Thayne Rodocker, Attorney Warren Arganbright, and Jack Johnston.

Chairman Pettit 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 March 22, 2012.

Motion to adopt the April 3, 2012 agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 20, 2012 minutes as published March 29, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Abstain – Atkins.

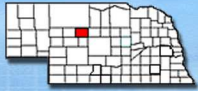
Visitors – Jack Johnston was present and expressed his appreciation of road personnel Bryan Rodocker for pulling up the ditches on Riverside Road. He also asked to have some gravel put on the Riverside Road and some patching on Maple Street leading up to the cemetery. He also complimented the commissioners on the work completed at the entrance of the cemetery.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1675.32
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CENTRAL SANDHILLS AREA EXT	COPIES	60.00
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	3673.35
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	811.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	439.92
DUGAN BUSINESS FORMS	SUPPLIES	115.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SUPPLIES	17.67
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	154.5
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	17.95
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	84.58
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
MIPS INC	SERVICES	962.25
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	606.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	SERVICES	510.84
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION	SERVICES	249.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	PROPANE/FUEL	1211.17



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SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4851.31
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	SERVICES	493.26
JUDY TAYLOR	MEAL	7.49
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	315.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	183.68
AMERITAS	EMPE RET	336.88
SALARIES		15356.07

## **ROAD FUND-**

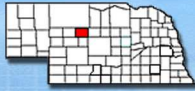
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	151.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	30.27
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	1292.64
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	1047.53
L & L GRAVEL	GRAVEL	1703.94
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	93.18
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	158.60
THAYNE RODOCKER	REPAIRS	316.41
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	250.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1130.27
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	2.63
THOMAS CO TREASURER	GRADER PMT	1717.14
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	2.72
SALARIES		8233.21

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	53.03
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## **LIBRARY FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	104.53
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	420.77
DIAMOND LAKE BOOK CO	BOOKS	298.32
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	22.26
ROSA LEE HAMILTON	POSTAGE	3.31
RONDA HAUMANN	POSTAGE	2.75
LIBRARIANS' CHOICE	BOOKS	360.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	16.17
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	370.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	157.53
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	167.79
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	16.92
WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA	YEARBOOK	30.00



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SALARIES 2289.35

**AIRPORT FUND-**

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	376.84
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	25.00
DAN WADAS	RENTAL	750.00
WAITE, MCWHA & HARVAT	SERVICES	228.00

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that Hausmann Construction had sent Complete Floors of Norfolk to replace some damaged floor tiles in the Commissioners meeting room and Extension Office. Jeff Sock of Complete Floors, Inc. repaired the floors and voiced concerns that the tiles will probably have the same problem in another year due to the concrete below. The County Attorney asked the Clerk to check with Complete Floors and see what it would cost to replace the floors in both rooms. The Clerk also reported that the Primary Election ballots should be in the office before April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk also presented the new lease agreement drawn up by the County Attorney to use when the county leases equipment to be used on the county roads. The Clerk also asked who would be attending the NIRMA Road Liability Seminar in Ogallala on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The board decided to send both road personnel to this seminar.

Sheriff reported on the activity in the county.

Emergency Manager reported that the fireman will be having a mutual aid meeting on April 18th with the NDOR present to discuss how to close a road for airplane landings.

The County Attorney reported that he had stopped the foreclosure process on a property for delinquent taxes due to the fact that the Treasurer had sold all delinquent taxes in the county.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports as presented made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

**Road discussion:**

Daly Lane mitigation work was discussed. The road personnel question the cost efficiency of the proposed mitigation work. Lloyd Smith will contact Donny Christensen with NEMA and see if we could use a different procedure to complete the work. Lloyd will still go ahead and apply for the Corps of Engineers permit.

Discussed the possible purchase of the heavy duty auto gate that Pearson’s has made. Thayne will check with Paulsen’s to see if they could make forms that could be used with this auto gate.

Discussion was held on the purchase of the crushed concrete from the NDOR. The road personnel asked about possibly buying the base material mix from G3 and L & L Gravel instead of purchasing the crushed concrete. They feel it would be a savings to the county to not truck the material up from North Platte and just use the material we have locally. The board decided to use the material locally instead of trucking the crushed concrete from North Platte.

Discussion was held on the Mack truck. The road personnel felt that the Mack truck was not well suited for our use. No action taken on this matter at this time.

Thayne informed the board that he had checked around to see if someone would rent a machine to tar the cracks on Purdum Avenue. He was not able to find anyone. Ideas brought up were to contact the State Surplus office and see if they had any equipment that would work.

Bryan reported that the culvert has been ordered to complete the mitigation work on River Ave.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.



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Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Sheriff Gary Eng, County Court Magistrate Cindi Walz and Al Davis.

The board visited with Cindi Walz about the need for a cell phone for the County Court office. The County Court office is only open on Thursday's and Cindi felt it would be beneficial to have all phone calls transferred from the county court office to the cell phone on the days that she is not here so she could still answer the phone in any location. She is the Magistrate for Hooker, McPherson, Logan & Thomas counties. The cost of the cell phone will be divided between all four counties.

Motion to approve the purchase of the cell phone for the County Court office made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Al Davis, candidate for Member of the Legislature for the 43<sup>rd</sup> District, visited with the board about what concerns and issues they felt affected the county.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 10:00 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. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:02 a.m., in the Commissioners room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Bethany Johnston-Central Sandhills Extension Office, Dan Osborne-Topkote, road personnel Bryan Rodocker and Thayne Rodocker, and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit 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 5, 2012.

Motion to adopt the April 17, 2012 agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April 3, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published April 12, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	420.03
CENTRAL SANDHILLS AREA EXT OFFICE	ASSESSMENT	3468.14
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SERVICES	275.73
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	4.28
LECC	REGISTRATION	100.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	80.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	136.12
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	5796.26
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	253.50

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
NEBRASKA TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	706.49
NMC	REPAIRS	18.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

**Office Reports:**

Clerk reported that the well pit out in front of the courthouse needs repaired. The cement blocks on the top part of the well pit are loose and they fall down into the pit and cause damage to the water lines below. The road men are to try and fix the cement blocks and then Jerry Linn will try and repair the broken water lines down below. The clerk also reported that she had received a request from Michael Graves out of Kearney to submit a health insurance quote for the county. He currently does not insure any other counties so it was decided to stick with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Clerk also reported that Phillip Licking had been in the office to talk about issues on his road.



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Treasurer gave a financial report.

Sheriff presented his fee report for April.

Emergency Manager reported about pager problems. He also visited about issues they are having with Viaero allowing them to use their towers for emergency broadcasting.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Bethany Johnston presented the 2012-2013 Budget for the Central Sandhills Area Extension Office. Motion made by Butler seconded by Atkins to approve the 2012-2013 Central Sandhills Area Extension Office budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request to have a petting zoo on the courthouse lawn during fair. Motion made by Atkins to disapprove the request to have the petting zoo on the courthouse lawn during fair seconded by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Pettit. Abstain – Butler. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Minimal Service Agreement for District and County Court. Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve the minimal service agreement for Thomas County District Court and Thomas County Court. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Road Discussion:

Dan Osborne from Topkote presented a quote for crack sealing the first 3.6 miles of the Purdum Ave. The bid from Topkote included routing the cracks  $\frac{3}{4}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$  and fill with hot rubberized material for 3.6 miles for a total price of \$9,686.00.

The bid from Stulich's included blowing out the cracks with high pressure air, seal with Crafcro Sealant #221 State of Nebraska approved and squeegee for \$.43/lin. ft. No final price determined.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve the bid request from Topkote for \$9,686 to repair the cracks on the 3.6 miles of Purdum Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

The mitigation work for Daly Lane was discussed. Lloyd Smith had visited with NEMA about the possibility of changing the mitigation work. NEMA has requested that we submit paperwork stating the suggested changes to the mitigation work and costs to determine if we are eligible to change the scope of work.

Road projects discussed were to cover the first three miles of Windmill Road with a clay/rock/dirt mixture from L & L Gravel for a cost of around \$7,500, finish hauling gravel onto the Paxton Ranch Road, and using cold mix to patch and repair the W. North Loup Rd.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Judy Taylor and Cash Ostrander-candidate for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District.

Mr. Ostrander visited with the board about issues facing rural Nebraska.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 10:00 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. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.



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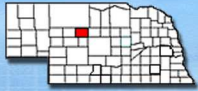


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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 1, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:02 a.m., in the Commissioners room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Sally Vaughn – Region II Services, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Bryan Rodocker, and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit 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 19, 2012.

Motion to adopt May 1, 2012 agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

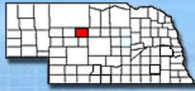
Motion to approve the April 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published April 26, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

A TO Z LAWN PRO	FERTILITZER	320.00
AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1674.44
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	163.17
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	353.44
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	824.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	421.52
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	2183.53
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	228.44
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR	REPAIRS	344.10
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	82.92
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	407.56
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	MAY LAWN CARE	510.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	629.81
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	45.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	43.41
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	244.80
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4752.36
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.80



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VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	183.68
YUMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERVICES	19.00
SALARIES		15303.63

## **ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	336.88
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	1772.20
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	29.81
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVE;	1563.52
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	4139.11
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	179.95
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULT.	SERVICES	2456.38
NMC	REPAIRS	1600.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	91.33
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1250.35
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	2.72
SALARIES		5139.67

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.38
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## **EXTENSION SINKING FUND-**

CENTRAL SANDHILLS AREA EXT	SINKING FUND	5149.00
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## **VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	10.16
SANDHILLS RANCH RODEO	RANCH RODEO	150.00
SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	470.00
DAWN HAAKE	JR RODEO	502.88

## **VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-**

MAINSTREET DESIGNS, INC	BANNERS	4549.00
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## **LIBRARY FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	92.61
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	230.72
DIAMOND LAKE BOOK CO	BOOKS	31.27
RONDA HAUMANN	POSTAGE	7.85
HIGHSMITH	BOOKS	17.85
HODGES CONOCO INC	BOOKMOBILE	9.94
LENORE HOLT	SUPPLIES	4.91
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	BOOKS	429.00



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KNOWBUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	294.91
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	13.64
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	185.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	140.58
UPSTART	BOOKS	76.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	16.92

## **AIRPORT FUND-**

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.46
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	317.77
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH	25.00

## Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for her office. The clerk also reported that Blue Cross & Blue Shield have announced that the premium rates will remain the same for the 2012-2013 renewal terms. The well pit in front of the courthouse has received some work thanks to Jerry Linn, Ted Taylor, and Terry Higgins. They removed the loose concrete blocks for safety reasons.

Treasurer reported that tax money was coming in.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Emergency Manager discussed the Region 26 budget for the next fiscal year.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Sally Vaughn with Region II Services gave an update of her programs and also discussed the proposed 2012-2013 budget with the board.

The Interlocal Agreement for the Central Sandhills Extension Office has been tabled until the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Roads discussion:

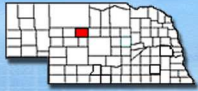
Two informal bids were received for the armor coat job on Purdum Ave. The first bid was from Topkote Inc. for a cost of \$13,299 per mile a cost of \$1.13 per square yard. The other bid was from Tri State Paving for a cost of \$1.48 per square yard. After much discussion the board has decided to not complete the armor coat project this year.

The road men discussed with the board the problem with the Paxton Ranch Road. The problem is that after building this road up last year and applying clay to the road that every time we have moisture this road will be slick due to the clay.

The plan is to haul more gravel onto the road to add more of a base. Other roads discussed were N. Seneca Ave, Windmill Road, Maple Road north to the cemetery and N. Loup Road. Thayne reported that the cold mix plant in North Platte has been broke down and that they are hoping to be back up and running by next week so that he can get the cold mix and start patching some of these roads. The road men also reported on the NIRMA Safety Seminar that they had attended in Ogallala in April.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.



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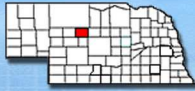
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 15, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:04 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Treasurer Judy Taylor, road personnel Bryan Rodocker & Thayne Rodocker.

Chairman Pettit 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 3, 2012.

Motion to adopt the May 15, 2012 agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the May 1, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 10, 2012 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	202.32
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	17.14
INCLUSION SOLUTIONS LLC	ELECTION	96.65
ROBERT MERCHANT	MILEAGE/MEAL	246.19
MIPS INC	SERVICES	962.25
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOC	DUES	50.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	25.19
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	65.00
STAMP FULFILLMENT CENTER	ENVELOPES	261.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	45.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	667.55
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FEES	143.00
U S BANK	SHERIFF FUEL	73.00

## ROAD FUND-

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	152.06
NEWMAN SIGNS	SIGNS	854.51
NMC	REPAIRS	178.36
OPHEIM-BOOTH REPAIR	REPAIRS	39.70
PEARSON'S INC	SUPPLIES	85.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## ASSISTANCE FUND-

HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	55.56
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## LIBRARY FUND-

NEAL LUMBER CO	360284	204.35
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### Office reports:

Clerk reported that the Vision Insurance cost has gone up and that Mike Jones will be here on June 19<sup>th</sup> to review the plan. The Sandhills Open Road Challenge has sent a check for \$918.41 for the signs that are going to be installed on the Purdum Ave road for the road race. Change of Value Notices will be sent out the within the next week.

Treasurer reported on the tax receipts.



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Sheriff fee report was presented.

Emergency Manager discussed the pagers for the Halsey Fire District.

Stan Pettit gave a report on the Lexington Area Solid Waste board.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit stated the Public Hearing for the Class CK liquor license application was open at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pettit closed the public hearing at 10:43 a.m.

Motion to approve the application request for the Class CK liquor license for Brahmers made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-5, modification to the S.T.O.P. program made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the University of Nebraska to provide Extension services to Grant, Hooker, Thomas and Blaine counties made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Interlocal agreement with Blaine, Thomas, Grant, & Hooker counties for Extension services was tabled until the next meeting. This agreement will provide for how claims will be paid in the future for Extension services.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-6, creating the Central Sandhills Area Extension Fund to pay the claims for extension services made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Road projects discussed were the cold mix on the W. North Loup Road (West Purdum), cold mix on Maple Road leading up to the cemetery, S. Seneca Ave, and the curbs for the N. Seneca hill. The road personnel also discussed with the board about available spots for clay to be used south of Seneca.

The board also discussed the probation period of the new road employee.

Motion to approve taking Bryan Rodocker off probation and placing him on full time with a salary of \$2,244.51 and benefits made Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor and Sue Warner, Blue Cross Blue Shield representative.

Sue visited with the board about the changes for the 2012-2013 renewal period. No increase in premiums for this renewal. She also visited with the board about the new Dental Plan.

Motion to approve keeping the current health insurance plan with NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield with no increase in premium or deductible made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk.

Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 5, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room at the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Brian Hope – NPPD, Alan Beiermann – NPPD, Sheriff Gary Eng, Attorney Warren Arganbright, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Bryan Rodocker, and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit 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 24, 2012.

Motion to adopt June 5, 2012 agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May 15, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 24, 2012 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve payroll and claims as presented made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

#### GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	550.81
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	SUPPLIES	468.96
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1772.78
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	125.60
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CAROL CONARD	SERVICES	4486.02
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	327.79
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	976.94
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	351.60
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	153.18
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	105.13
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	9.30
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL/OIL	66.91
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	94.25
LINDEMEIER & ASSOCIATES	FEES	482.15
LINN & YOUNG SPRINKLER SYSTEMS	REPAIR	42.62
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWNCARE	510.00
BETTY MASEBERG	ELECTION	105.13
MIDWEST RADAR & EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	40.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	962.25
NACO	DUES	860.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	653.11



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SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	105.13
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	45.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	43.41
LARRY REXROTH	SERVICES	1105.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL/OIL	274.30
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SALLY SAWYER	ELECTION	21.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	4935.01
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	244.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	573.96
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	573.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	183.68
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	105.13
SALARIES		15927.87

## **ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	589.38
B'S ENTERPRISES INC	CULVERT	1460.00
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	864.24
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	28.12
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	515.58
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	1559.93
L & L GRAVEL	DIRT/GRAVEL	1351.35
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	55.49
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS	SIGNS	247.46
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	187.15
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	FEES	2083.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	730.07
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1298.16
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	2.72
WESTERN ENGINEERING	COLD MIX	1203.30
SALARIES		5246.88

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.38
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## **VISITORS FUND-**

IDEA BANK MARKETING, INC	SERVICES	35.00
SOWDERS	AD	470.00

## **VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-**

BOBS SIGNS	SIGNS	726.20
MARTINS FLAG CO	FLAGS	1745.00



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## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	76.81
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	100.86
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	192.12
EBSCO SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES	SERVICES	520.73
RONDA HAUMANN	BOOKMOBILE	8766.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	13.26
PUMPKIN BOOKS	BOOKS	155.43
SALEM PRESS ACCOUNTING OFFICE	BOOKS	295.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	193.09
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	141.73
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	16.92
SALARIES		952.02

## AIRPORT FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	100.00
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	100.46
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	224.46
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
PURDUM STATE BANK	INTEREST	58.10
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH	25.00
DAN WADAS	BULBS	20.96

## Office reports:

Clerk presented the NIRMA Insurance renewal package for 2012-2013 year. It was decided to leave the deductibles the same as they have been. Informal hearings with Larry Rexroth have been scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk will be attending the Clerks workshop June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. The Clerk discussed with the board about possibly hiring a “part time as needed” maintenance man for the courthouse to do various projects within and around the courthouse. The board gave the okay to advertise for this position.

Treasurer reported on financial position.

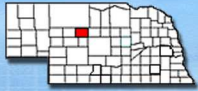
Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported that the County Attorney is working on a jail contract with Cherry County and it should be ready for the next meeting.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Alan Beiermann and Brian Hope of Nebraska Public Power District visited with the board about the new Nebraska r-Plan Electric Transmission Project that is planned to run from Sutherland to Cherry County and then east. No route has been determined at this time. The presentation addressed what the process would be once a route has been determined. Future open houses will be planned by Nebraska Public Power District to discuss this project.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m. to enter into the County Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.



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Discussion was held on the Interlocal Agreement with Grant, Hooker, Thomas & Blaine Counties for Extension Services. Motion made by Atkins to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the change in termination wording to read one year notice rather than 6 months, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion made by Atkins, second by Butler to surplus the 1983 Ford Jamboree Bookmobile. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Lloyd visited with the board about the road sign audit for N. Seneca Ave and S. Seneca Ave. He presented several quotes from two different sign companies. The commissioners asked that he get together with the Clerk and figure the cost before ordering.

Lloyd also visited with board about the bridge inspections the county has received. The Werner Ave Bridge has been downgraded. Lloyd visited with Thayne about what needs done to the Daly Lane Bridge.

Discussion was held about selling old bridge pilings and planks. The county attorney felt that it would be best to advertise that the county has these items for sale.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Bryan Rodocker, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Rhonda Theiler and Becca Rose of the Sandhills District Health Department.

Rhonda Theiler gave a presentation of County Health Rankings for Thomas County. She also visited with the board about outreach projects for the Health Department to show their presence in the county. Several ideas were discussed. More information will be determined at a later date.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 10:00 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. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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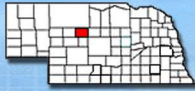
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 19, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Judy Taylor, road personnel Bryan Rodocker, Troy Collins, Herb Hall, Josh Hall, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Terri Licking, and Gregg O'Brien of NMC.

Chairman Pettit 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 June 7, 2012.

Motion to adopt June 19, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June 5, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 14, 2012 made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	48.60
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	HOUSING	225.00
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	292.89
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	9.16
GIS WORKSHOP	SERVICES	4500.00
HAMILTON COUNTY	LODGING	77.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	170.50
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	153.90
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	2305.64
JUDY TAYLOR	MILEAGE	204.74
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	3.07
THOMAS CO TREASURER	REGISTRATION	100.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	UTILITIES	2000.00

## ROAD FUND-

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
DAN NAGY	RENT	300.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	2300.00
NMC	REPAIRS	324.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## COUNTY DEBT FUND-

SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	33330.30
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## Office reports:

Treasurer gave a financial report of the county.

Clerk reported that the computer server for the county had a hard drive fail. A new hard drive has been ordered and Ranch Robots with the assistance of County Solutions will repair the hard drive. Discussion was held on the purchase of a new server and printer. The clerk will research this further. Informal hearings will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> with Larry Rexroth. The budget workshop is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff reported on activity in Thomas County.

Motion to approve all office reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Veterans Service Committee has been tabled until everyone has been contacted about serving on this board.



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Motion to approve signing the Amendment to Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of the District Court made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on signing the Agreement for Minimal Services in Thomas County Court. The agreement will approve having the District Court Clerk help with County Court in the absence of state employees. The State of Nebraska will pay Thomas County \$83.33 per month for these services. Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to sign agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Herb Hall, Josh Hall, Terri Licking, and Troy Collins visited with the board and road employees about the condition of Windmill Road. The discussion was held on what could be done to repair this road. At this current time the county will try and find material to be put on the road. The clerk will check with the local NRCS office to see if they could provide a map of clay pits close to Windmill Road so that the county may contact the landowner about possibly using the clay on the road.

Lloyd Smith visited with the board about the purchase of road signs. He is currently working with the State of Nebraska about finding funding to help with the purchase of road signs.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve Resolution #2012-7, the Transfer of funds from County General to Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Members present were Stan Petti, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Johna Eaton and Mike Jones of Vision Care Insurance.

Discussion was held on the road personnel salary. Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve a 3% increase to road man Thayne Rodocker's salary beginning in July and to leave Bryan Rodocker's salary the same since he is a recent hire. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Mike Jones of Vision Care Direct visited with the board about changes to the Vision Insurance policy.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to pay for the eye exam only insurance for all full time employees and any remainder insurance selected will be paid by the employee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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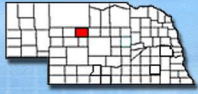
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 3, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:06 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Theedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, and Emergency Manager Kevin Hood.

Chairman Pettit 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 June 21, 2012.

Motion to adopt July 3, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 28, 2012 made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

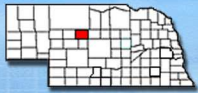
Motion to approve all payroll and claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	658.84
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1745.95
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	79.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	348.25
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	392.08
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	22.72
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	149.90
MARSHALL & SWIFT	SUPPLIES	355.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	2922.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	642.97
NIRMA	INSURANCE	8140.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	43.41
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	90.37
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	1ST QTR	257.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	167.57
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	4844.75
STEPHENS-PECK INC	SUPPLIES	70.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	3930.08
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	267.78
SALARIES		15587.28

## ROAD FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	26.52
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	596.96
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	789.34
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	359.64
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	27.50
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	869.44
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	377.03



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.79
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	1285.48
NIRMA	INSURANCE	10649.00
NMC	REPAIRS	1378.66
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	1089.48
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1455.66
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	8.88
SALARIES		5585.62

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.38
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## **EXTENSION SINKING FUND-**

CENTRAL SANDHILLS AREA EXT OFFICE	SINKING	1987.04
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## **EXTENSION FUND-**

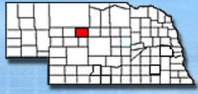
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	156.63
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.70
MODERN METHODS	SERVICE	360.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	26.87
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	273.95
SALARIES		1242.99

## **LIBRARY FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	88.79
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	95.36
BRODART	BOOKS	241.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	173.36
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	337.05
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	195.25
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.03
NIRMA	INSURANCE	677.00
PUMPKIN BOOKS	BOOKS	322.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	120.47
SALARIES		805.31

## **AIRPORT FUND-**

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	316.78
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
NIRMA	INSURANCE	363.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH JUNE	25.00
DAN WADAS	CONTRACT	800.00



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## Office reports:

Sheriff reported on the fire in the Halsey Forest. He reported that the county will be reimbursed for the time the Sheriff's office spent working at the Forest over the weekend. This reimbursement will be separate from the Annual Forest Contract with the county.

Clerk reported on the new server. The Clerk also reported that Frey's Heating & Air Conditioning will be adding some vents to the mechanical room to keep the computers cooler.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter the Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Bryan Rodocker.

## Roads discussion:

Lloyd Smith visited with the board about a re-claimer machine that Cherry County has leased from Murphy Tractor. He will try and get more information about cost for the next meeting.

The road men discussed the issues of grading the roads right now when it is so dry. They are concerned if they grade to much during this dryness that they will lose the base of the road and if it continues to be so dry the only vehicles that will be able to go down the dirt roads will be 4-wheel drive.

Discussion was held on the agreement with the Thomas County Airport Authority to remove clay materials off the land.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to approve the agreement with the Airport Authority to remove clay materials with \$0 compensation to the Airport Authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to sign the new Central Sandhills Extension Board Constitution and Bylaws made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to approve the 2012 Plan of Assessment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-8, creation of the Preservation and Modernization Fund for the Register of Deeds made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk.

Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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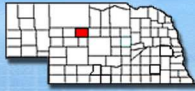
Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 17, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Alan Atkins, Norma Butler and Stan Pettit arrived at 10:10 a.m. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Cindy Kenton, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Darrell Andersen, Randy Andersen, road personnel Bryan Rodocker, Herb Hall and Josh Hall.

Vice-Chairman Alan Atkins stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt July 17, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve July 3, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 12, 2012 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes - Butler, Atkins. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion to approve claims as presented made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

A TO Z LAWN PRO	SERVICES	400.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	44.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	95.64
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	DUES	25.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	458.69
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	61.15
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR	SERVICES	551.30
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	548.26
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
HOOKE COUNTY SHERIFF	SIREN	101.98
LIGHT AND SIREN	SUPPLIES	157.50
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	510.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT	SUPPLIES	503.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	368.78
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	98.98
QUALITY CRAFT TOOLS	SUPPLIES	112.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	1ST QTR	474.29
REGION 26	1ST QTR FY13	6420.63
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TREAS CHECKS	59.05
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	16.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	315.35
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	35.55
U S BANK	FUEL	309.80
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	315.00



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## ROAD FUND-

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
G-3 ENTERPRISES	MATERIAL	161.90
GCR TIRE CENTERS	TIRES	1403.18
HARSH MERCANTILE	SUPPLIES	9.09
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	400.64
BRYAN RODOCKER	PHONE	160.00
THAYNE RODOCKER	PHONE	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## VISITORS FUND-

BOB ROONEY	COPYRIGHT	200.00
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## ASSISTANCE FUND-

U S BANK	FUEL	39.99
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## Office reports:

Clerk reported that the back door on the courthouse wasn't closing and locking properly and that she had contacted Roy Licking to fix. The new computer server was installed last Wednesday. The Budget workshop will be held Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Sheriff reported that he was installing a new siren on the sheriff vehicle and damaged the air conditioner condenser. A new condenser will run around \$850 to \$900 to repair. Fee report was also presented to the board. He also reported that during the month of June he had 39 patrol hours at the forest for which the county will be reimbursed \$1,278.50. He also reported that an additional 48 hours were served at the forest during the fire and the county will be reimbursed \$1,556 for this time. The fire hours will not count towards the annual forest contract with the county.

Treasurer reported that she has completed the 2011-2012 books.

Emergency Manager reported on the COOP plan that Region 26 is working on. He also reported that Tim Buskirk with the Halsey National Forest would like to discuss fire plans with the county.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Darrell Andersen & Randy Andersen visited with the board about road repair options for the 3 miles of dirt on N. Seneca Ave. in Thomas County. Different clay options to find clay were discussed.

Motion to approve Resolution #2012-9 for the Nebraska High Risk Rural Roads Program for road signs made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Herb Hall & Josh Hall visited with the board about using a drag on Windmill Road. The commissioners also advised them that they are waiting on the Thomas County Airport Authority to sign the agreement to get clay.

Bryan Rodocker visited with the board about purchasing gravel from Brewster. He estimated the cost to purchase and haul the gravel from Brewster to Thedford would be around \$15.70 per ton. The board felt this would be a better option than to go to North Platte and purchase the crushed concrete from Nebraska Department of Roads.



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Bryan was also going to check with Blaine County to see if they had an extra drag that we could maybe rent to use on our roads here in Thomas County.

The sheriff presented the board with an Interlocal Agreement with Cherry County to house our inmates.

Motion made by Atkins, second by Butler to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cherry County for housing Thomas County inmates. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Bryan Rodocker, and Karl Elmshaeuser from West Central Development District.

Mr. Elmshaeuser visited with the board about what services are offered through the West Central Development District.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to sign the Engagement Letter with McChesney, Martin & Sagehorn for budget services for the 2012-2013 budget year. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

The Assessor discussed the agreement with GIS Workshop to process and sell the county GIS Data. Any money they receive for selling our data will be applied to our annual fees. Motion made by Butler, seconded by Atkins to approve the agreement with GIS Workshop to sell Thomas County data for a flat fee of \$2,000 to be applied to the annual fees.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Judy Taylor visited with the board about placement of a marquee sign on the courthouse lawn. Tabled. No action taken.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to surplus the following non-working items from the county inventory: County Attorney – Panasonic Phone, County Treasurer – Dell Computer S/N FN3W241, County Clerk – Dell Computer S/N HSK7051, CBC Shredmaster S/N PP22593 and Dell Computer S/N BWGD341, County Server – Dell Computer S/N 2S028J1. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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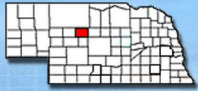
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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Bryan Rodocker, Dawn Mallory of Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, and Saun Patterson of Family Heritage. Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Motion to adopt August 7, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve July 17, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 26, 2012 made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes –Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

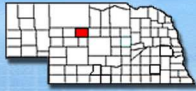
Discussion was held on Sandhills District Health Assessment.

Motion made by Butler to approve paying the 13 month double assessment for July 2011 through July 2012 as paid in full and not to expect reimbursement for any overpayment and to resume making the regular assessment payment of \$274.25 beginning July 31, 2012, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to disapprove claim #08120026 for Sandhills District Health Department in the amount of \$548.50 and to pay all other payroll and claims made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes –Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	658.84
AMERITAS	RETIRMENT	1793.59
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	SUPPLIES	124.31
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	377.68
BLAINE COUNTY	MILEAGE	64.35
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
VELMA BURNS	SUPPLIES	15.99
CALLS GARAGE INC	SHERIFF REPAIR	821.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	340.30
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	429.61
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	532.32
DELL MARKETING L.P	COMPUTER	1371.50
GARY J. ENG	UPS FREIGHT	9.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	9.67
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	86.93
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION	481.93
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	AUGUST CARE	510.00
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	CELL PHONE	104.24
MIPS INC	SERVICES	989.30



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	641.73
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	45.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	43.41
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	502.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	4845.79
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.25
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	45.00
U S BANK	BLINDS	80.05
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	267.78
WEST CENT NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	356.00
SALARIES		15656.83

## ROAD FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	26.52
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	596.96
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	716.25
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	855.41
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	27.50
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	282.80
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	202.31
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL CRUSH	139.83
NEBRASKA DEPT OF ROADS	CONCRETE	1306.5
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.79
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	FEES	1966.46
OPHEIM-BOOTH REPAIR	SUPPLIES	30.48
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	284.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1455.66
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	8.88
SALARIES		5658.71

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.64
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## VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	9.40
SANDHILLS CATTLE ASSN	GRANT	986.07
SANDHILLS JOUR SCENIC BYWAY	SJSB AD	100.00
SOWDERS	1/2 PAGE AD	470.00
DAWN HAAKE	GRANT	556.64

## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	229.73
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	62.28
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	360.40



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CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.11
FARMERS/RANCHERS COOP	FUEL	191.60
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	7.52
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	247.28
MCI	PHONE	65.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.68
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	699.31
THOMAS COUNTY HERALD	SUBSCRIPTION	25.00
SALARIES		3175.46

## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	88.79
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	100.86
BRODART	BOOKS	409.39
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	101.15
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	207.31
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	6.24
ROSA LEE HAMILTON	RIBBON	15.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	13.83
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	148.64
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	146.78
SALARIES		987.07

## AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.28
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	359.74
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	106.65

### Office reports:

Clerk reported that she has hired Andrea Thomas as her new part time office assistant. She also visited with the board members about upcoming meetings. The first meeting is the West Central District meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Ogallala. The NACO convention will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

Treasurer gave a financial report.

Sheriff discussed with the board about possibly imposing a fire ban throughout the county, including villages. This will be put on the August 21, 2012 agenda.

Emergency Manager reported on radio communication issues during the North Central Fire.

Motion to approve all office and fee reports made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes –Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Atkins to accept the recommendation of the Thomas County Visitors Committee to appoint BJ Thomas to replace Sallie Atkins on the Visitors Committee board, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes –Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Dawn Mallory gave a report to the board about Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home and programs.

Saun Patterson from Family Heritage visited with the board about a Refundable Supplemental Insurance policy.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to offer Family Heritage Insurance to all employees at their own cost.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Lloyd Smith reported that he had completed the paperwork with NDOR to receive road signs through the grant program. The Airport Authority approved for the county to retrieve clay off the land by the airport. The road personnel have been made aware of the conditions.

Discussed the crack sealing project on Halsey North. The company should be here in September to start work.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler.

Also present in the afternoon were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Librarian Ronda Haumann and Susan Maline of McChesney Martin and Sagehorn.

A budget work session was conducted on the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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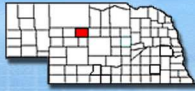
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:42 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit and Norma Butler. Absent – Alan Atkins. Motion made by Butler, seconded by Pettit to excuse the absence of Alan Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Russ Reiser, Tim Buskirk – Halsey Forest, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Bryan Rodocker and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit state open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt August 21, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried. The board visited with Russ Reiser – Thedford Fire Chief and Tim Kirkland – Halsey Forest about the concern of open fires in the county.

Motion made by Butler, second by Pettit to approve Resolution #2012-11, Fire Ban for Thomas County including villages until further notice. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve August 7, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published August 16, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Judy Taylor advised the board that there will be a Toxic Waste Pickup on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sandhill Oil parking lot.

Motion made by Butler, second by Pettit to pay claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	148.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	74.99
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	583.80
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES INC	UNIFORMS	213.35
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	17.17
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	CELLPHONE	35.73
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	231.20

## ROAD FUND-

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	72.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## VISITORS FUND-

KCNI-AM/KBBN-FM	ADVERTISING	120.00
WESTERN NEBR TOURISM COALITION	DUES	283.90

## EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	25.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	19.35

## AIRPORT FUND-

DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
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Office reports:

Sheriff had nothing to report.

Treasurer reported that tax dollars were starting to come in.

Clerk/Assessor reported that the county valuation was \$184,998,120, which is up from last year with most of the increase coming from the Railroad value increasing. Emergency Manager reported on radio communications.

Motion to approve all office reports made by Butler, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler, second by Pettit to approve all 2012 office inventories. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.



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Discussion was held regarding maintenance position for courthouse. No action taken at this time.

Roads discussion:

Thayne reported that the front axle of the rear end went out on the dump truck. He reported different options and prices to repair the truck. The commissioners asked him to call TLC of Hershey, Freightliner of North Platte and Central Nebraska Diesel of Merna and check on pricing.

Discussion was also held on hauling clay with the belly dump to various road projects.

The board discussed with Bryan that they needed him to supply more information to the lease agreement for equipment. He will get the serial numbers so that the agreement can be completed.

Bryan visited with the board about the possibility of making his position into a contract labor position rather than full time. No action taken at this time.

The Treasurer reported on the Forest Reserve Funds of \$76,321.54 and that there are no children living on the Forest property attending any schools in the county.

After she visited with various departments she advised the commissioners that they have the option to use these funds on the Bookmobile costs and roads instead of paying to the school districts.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Pettit to have the treasurer distribute the Forest Reserve Funds to the Bookmobile and roads for the 2012- 2013 Fiscal Year.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Butler. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Pettit to approve Resolution #2012-10, establishing a separate fund for the Circulating Library Bookmobile. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Butler, Pettit. Absent – Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk.

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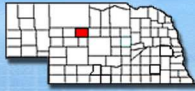
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 4, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit and Alan Atkins. Commissioner Butler arrived at 10:04 a.m. Also present throughout the meeting were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Chad Richardson, Wayne Homan and Seth Tausan all from the USDA.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the September 4, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins. Absent – Butler. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the August 21, 2012 regular meeting minutes with one correction to the name Tim Kirkland should have been Tim Buskirk made by Pettit, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins. Absent – Butler. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	658.84
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1827.39
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	44.13
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	856.33
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	60.74
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	193.81
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	483.31
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	510.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	625.94
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	SUPPLIES	79.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	44.04
REDFIELD & COMPANY INC	SUPPLIES	518.62
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	191.20
SANDHILLS DIST HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	548.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4821.13
STEPHENS-PECK INC	SUPPLIES	70.00
TED TAYLOR	SUPPLIES	30.64
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	267.78
SALARIES		16224.22

## ROAD FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	344.46
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	19.91
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	977.41
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	17.67
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	145.81
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULT	SERVICES	1507.15
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	4396.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	939.24
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.44
SALARIES		3958.44

## **PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.09
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## **EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	REITIREMENT	224.51
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	50.61
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.11
FARMERS/RANCHERS COOP	FUEL	87.56
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	132.69
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MILEAGE	79.04
MODERN METHODS	SERVICES	360.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	53.39
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	63.90
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	508.49
SALARIES		2386.89

## **LIBRARY FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	88.79
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	95.36
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	126.46
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	244.23
GARDNER PUBLISHING	BOOKS	97.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	116.55
SALARIES		777.37

## **BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

HODGES CONOCO INC	REPAIRS	842.09
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	128.08
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	31.80
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	REPAYMENT	8500.00



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SALARIES 222.18

**AIRPORT FUND-**

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.28
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	301.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	SERVICES	523.35
WAITE, MCWHA & HENG	SERVICES	115.50

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported on Election training that office assistant Andrea Thomas will be attending in Lexington. Also discussed with the board about the Legislative Conference to be held in Kearney on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer reported on tax money.

Emergency Manager talked with the board about the cost to the fire districts to pay for fuel to fight fires. He is also going to check into the FEMA reimbursement due to the county for fueling an airplane.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to approve all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chad Richardson, Wayne Homan and Seth Tausan from the United States Department of Agriculture visited with the board about establishing a Wildlife Damage Management Program in Thomas County. This discussion was brought about by the request from local landowners request for predator control. No action was taken at this time. The commissioners will be attending the West Central District meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Ogallala and this issue will be discussed with surrounding counties.

Emergency Manager Kevin Hood discussed with the board about their policy for road signs for residences with a Hwy 2 or Hwy 83 address. No action was taken at this time. The Clerk is to research previous minutes to see what had been decided earlier.

The Treasurer and Clerk discussed with the board about the Secure Rural Schools Act election of payments for the Forest. The motion was made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to continue with the same election of payments as previously determined which was 85% Title I and 15% Title III. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

**Road Discussion:**

The board discussed issues on Windmill Road, River Ave, S. Seneca Ave and Wild Horse Creek Rd. Thayne also reported with the board about the dump truck repairs.

Discussion was held on the road maintenance position. Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to terminate the employment of Bryan Rodocker due to his failure to report to work since the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

The board instructed the Clerk to advertise this position immediately.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Herb Hall, Josh Hall and Sheriff Gary Eng.

Herb and Josh Hall voiced their concern about the condition of Windmill Road. They asked if the road could be graded at least twice a month if not more. The board asked if Thayne could try and get out and do Windmill Road and River Ave yet this week.



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The 2012-2012 Budget was reviewed and the hearing to approve the budget was set for Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 10:00 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 at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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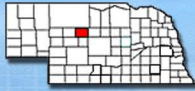
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, Sandy Hansen, Richard Comer, Paul Madron, Brad Sawyer, Rhonda Reiser and Pat Taylor.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the September 18, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the September 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published September 13, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Butler, second by Atkins to pay claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

A TO Z LAWN PRO	SERVICES	390.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	148.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	242.63
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	154.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1061.64
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	11.83
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	218.85
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
LINCOLN CO DETENTION CENTER	INMATES	150.00
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	PHONE	35.12
MIPS INC	SERVICES	989.30
PAYMASTER SALES & SERVICE	RENEWAL	599.50
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	65.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	REGISTRATIONS	40.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	233.20
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE/MEAL	138.94

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	AD	5.00
HARSH MERCANTILE	SUPPLIES	2.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14
THOMAS CO TREASURER	INSURANCE	710.63

**VISITORS FUND-**

SOWDERS	AD	470.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	82.25
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	SERVICES	128.25
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MILEAGE/MEAL	175.74
MCI	PHONE	72.91

**LIBRARY FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	AD	54.00
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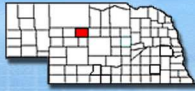
**AIRPORT FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	AD	94.00
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the ballots have been ordered and should be in the office around the first of October. Several early vote requests have already been received by the office.

Treasurer reported that she has around \$172,000 in delinquent taxes.



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Sheriff reported that he had to use the county credit card to fill the ambulance on September 14<sup>th</sup> because their credit card was not working. The fire district will reimburse the county for the fuel. He also reported that White Tail campground at the forest has been closed and he is not sure if they will open it up for hunting season. He also reported on not receiving reimbursement from the Forest for his last two claims. He has been in contact with the forest to try and fix this.

Emergency Manager reported that the paging link in Halsey should be up and running. He also reported that he had given the Clerk the information to invoice the pilots from Wallace Aviation for the fuel that was put on the county credit card for the June fires.

Motion made by Butler, second by Atkins to approve all office reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Brad Sawyer of Consolidated Telephone visited with the board about their company providing Skitter Television over their telephone lines. The attorneys for Consolidated Telephone asked that each county and village in their service areas approve a Resolution granting Consolidated Connect, Inc. a nonexclusive franchise to construct, operate, and maintain a cable system in the county.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to approve Resolution #2012-12, Provision of Cable Services over Phone Lines. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Sandy Hansen visited with the board about the information she had attained to create quiet zone in Seneca at the railroad crossing. She presented the board with all the paperwork she has acquired for this process. The board tabled this discussion until further information can be obtained.

Sandy is to also forward information she receives from an Engineering company about costs and requirements.

Roads discussion:

Paul Madron visited with the board about South Seneca Avenue. He also questioned about having someone grade the roads at no cost. The board advised Paul that we would need to hire someone as part time help to grade the roads for liability reasons. The board is currently accepting applications for the road maintenance position until September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The board visited with Thayne about what his plans were to maintain roads. Thayne reported that the Dump Truck should be fixed by Wednesday or Thursday.

The Emergency Manager visited with the board about road signs and determining what roads qualify for signs.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to establish a Thomas County Road Sign Policy that if your home is visible from a main arterial road that Thomas County shall not name the road or provide signage for such roads. Roll call vote: Ayes - Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:51 a.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Treasurer Judy Taylor and Susan Maline of McChesney, Martin and Sagehorn.

Chairman Pettit opened the Budget hearing at 1:01 p.m.

Susan Maline reviewed the 2012-2013 Budget for Thomas County with the board. She reviewed the levy calculation for 2012-2013 for the county will be 0.399889. The 2011-2012 levies for Thomas County was 0.415818 which is a decrease in the levy of 0.0159.

Chairman Pettit closed the budget hearing at 1:35 p.m.

Motion made by Atkins second by Butler to approve Resolution #2012-13, for 1% increase for 2011-2012 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to approve the 2012-2013 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit opened the Property Tax request hearing at 1:36 p.m.

Chairman Pettit closed the Property Tax request hearing at 1:45 p.m.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve Resolution #2012-14, setting the 2012-2013 final tax request at \$739,787. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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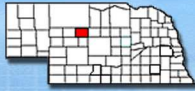
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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## Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Attorney Warren Arganbright.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the October 2, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the September 18, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published September 27, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

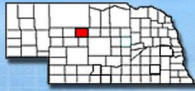
Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Motion carried.

### GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	658.84
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1732.48
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	99.49
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIR	17.00
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	INMATE COST	990.00
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	340.50
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC	SHELTER LICENSE	50.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	532.90
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	560.40
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	348.09
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	23.13
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
K C ELECTRIC	REPAIR	97.88
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	510.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	989.30
NATIONAL ASSOC OF COUNTIES	2013 DUES	400.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	610.26
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	44.37
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	2ND QTR	474.29
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION	ASSESSMENT	257.00
REGION 26	2ND QTR	6420.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	386.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	4668.37
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.05
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION/POSTAGE	4078.78
U S BANK	FUEL	74.05
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	375.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	EMPE VISION IN	267.78
SALARIES		15451.72

### ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	344.46
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	AD	5.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	HELP WANTED AD	33.84
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	38.59
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	229.17
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	138.05
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	6154.55



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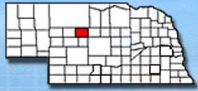
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SIGN PROGRAM	632.15
NMC	REPAIRS	415.53
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	161.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	870.43
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BACKGROUND	45.00
U S BANK	BACKGROUND	17.85
VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS	HELP WANTED AD	23.30
VISION CARE DIRECT	EMPR VISION IN	4.44
SALARIES		3477.94
<b>PRE-TRIAL FUND-</b>		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	54.09
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	208.85
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	52.50
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.00
FARMERS/RANCHERS COOP	FUEL	183.19
MODERN METHODS	SERVICES	360.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	41.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	380.00
SALARIES		1601.16
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AFLAC	INSURANCE	88.79
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	96.28
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	126.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	190.38
DEMCO INC	BOOKS	61.42
FOLLETT SOFTWARE CO	BOOKS	240.00
RONDA HAUMANN	POSTAGE	20.40
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	141.23
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.26
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	63.84
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	115.68
SALARIES		770.70
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
RONDA HAUMANN	FUEL/SUPPLIES	142.44
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.04
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	190.35
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	26.98
SALARIES		188.50
<b>AIRPORT FUND-</b>		
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.22
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	400.27
TED J ORMESHER	SERVICES	825.00
RYDER-ROSACKER-MCCUE & HUSTON	INSURANCE	2435.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	50.00

## Office reports:

Clerk reported that she is working on the 2012 meeting dates' calendar and noticed that the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in January is on New Year's Day, the meeting will be changed to Thursday, January 3, 2013. The ballots for the General Election are in the office and Early Voting has begun. A report for the Assessor's office is that Dave Young and Ted Taylor will be going out between now and the end of the year to pick up any new buildings, sale properties and any major improvement changes.

Treasurer reported that she will be issuing 3 distress warrants for unpaid personal property.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.



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

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 12:54 a.m.

The board visited about the request from Sandy Hansen to create a quiet zone in Seneca. Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to not have Thomas County pursue the quiet zone in Seneca due to the liability and estimated cost, and feel that this is a Village of Seneca issue. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed animal control plan with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. No action will be taken at this time.

Discussion was held on the request from Larry Dix, Executive Director of NACO to issue a Resolution stating the October is Cyber Security Month. No action was taken.

Discussion was held on the change in requirements for the Secure Rural Schools Act election of payment. The treasurer has been notified by the Nebraska Department of Education that the federal requirements have changed for the election of payments. Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to change the Title I payment to 93% and the Title III payment to 7%. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd and Thayne reviewed the roads for the new road plat book being created by Niobrara Valley Consultants.

Lloyd also checked with Topkote about the crack sealing project for Purdum Ave. Topkote informed us that they should be able to start this project by the middle of October.

The mitigation work on Daly Ln was discussed. Lloyd has still not heard back from NEMA on the requested changes. He advises Thayne to just go ahead and start on the project.

The board also discussed that the curbs need to be completed on the North Seneca Ave.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

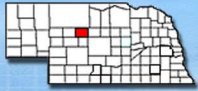
Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:54 p.m. on October 2, 2012, with Warren Arganbright, Thomas County Attorney, serving as temporary board secretary. Present were Butler, Atkins and Pettit.

The next matter to come before the Board was interview of road employee candidates. Interviews commenced at 2:00 p.m. and concluded at 2:52 p.m. Motion to hire Keith Hartman as Thomas County Road employee on the following terms: Full time employee; start date: October 17, 2012; compensation to be \$2,244.51 with  $\frac{3}{4}$  insurance; probationary employee for 90 days; employee to obtain CDL not later than November 1, 2012; subject to employee's acceptance of and execution of Thomas County Employee Policy Handbook. Motion by Butler. Seconded by Atkins. On roll call vote, Pettit, Atkins and Butler voted aye. There were no nays. Motion carried. Clerk to advise Keith Hartman of employment, terms, commencement date, and review Thomas County Employee Policy with Hartman, and to obtain his signature to the same.

Next matter to come before the Board was public comment. No public comment offered.

Motion to adjourn by Pettit. Second by Atkins. On roll call vote, Butler, Pettit and Atkins voted aye. There were no nays. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.



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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 16, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:02 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Sheriff Gary Eng, Shannon Ahlstrom, Paul Stec, road personnel Thayne Rodocker, and Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Motion to adopt October 16, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve the October 2, 2012 regular meeting minutes with the correction that the commissioners reconvened from the Board of Equalization meeting at 10:54 a.m. rather than 12:54 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

	DATA	
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	PROCESSING	148.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	131.72
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SERVICES	2564.80
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE/MEALS	192.06
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	11.67
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	41.28
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	179.90
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION	INMATE COST	100.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	137.62
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	65.00
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	274.25
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	90.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	REIMBURSEMENT	301.45
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	37.43

**ROAD FUND-**

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	538.24
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	171.32
NMC	REPAIRS	2477.59
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

**VISITORS FUND-**

IDEA BANK MARKETING, INC	SERVICES	348.00
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**EXTENSTION FUND-**

B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	53.67
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	146.99
MCI	PHONE	55.30
SALLY SAWYER	MEALS	21.91
WINGATE INN	LODGING	165.90

**AIRPORT FUND-**

DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
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## Office reports:

Clerk reported that 55 requests for Early Vote ballots have been received so far in the office and a report on the MSHA training in Valentine and North Platte for the road personnel.

Treasurer reported that she still has a couple of distress warrants that have not been paid yet.

Sheriff reported on the NIRMA conference he attended in Kearney and also the horse problem he has in Seneca. The sheriff fee report for the months of July, August and September was submitted to the board.

Emergency Manager reported on the request for signatures for the Sandhills District Health Department Emergency Manual. He also reported on the State Fire Marshalls interview stating that all fire districts are responsible for the fuel bills for any fire in their district.

Motion made by Butler and seconded by Atkins to approve all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Shannon Ahlstrom and Paul Stec of Colonial Life gave a presentation to the board about Colonial Life insurance products. Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve Colonial Life the ability to offer their insurance products to the Thomas County employees at the employees cost. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services and Thomas County/ Clerk of the District Court office.

Motion to approve signing the Subgrant Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Services/Clerk of the District Court made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

## Roads discussion:

Lloyd Smith visited with the board about trying to purchase millings from the Nebraska Department of Roads. He will contact Gary Thayer from District 6 to see if they would sell any millings from the Seneca project to the county. He will also contact District 8 to see if they would sell any millings from the Brownlee project. The normal cost for the millings is \$10 per ton.

Lloyd also visited with the board about the request from Joe Shown and Burlington Northern to make the railroad crossing on Miller Ave a private crossing. At this time the board does not want to pursue any abandonment on Miller Ave.

Thayne visited with the board about the Mack truck and needed repairs. The board told Thayne to contact several dealerships about purchasing a different truck that best suits the needs of the county. Once it is determined what truck will better fill the needs of the county we will advertise for bids to purchase.

Next agenda item was public comment. No public comment offered.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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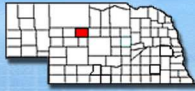


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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
November 6, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:04 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, and road personnel Keith Hartman.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the November 6, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler, second by Atkins to approve the October 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published October 25, 2012 in the Thomas County Herald. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Letter from the NACO board of directors was reviewed and Stan Pettit was selected to submit ballot for the county during the NACO convention in December and to have Judy Taylor listed as the alternate.

Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – None. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

A TO Z LAWN PRO	SERVICES	320.00
AFLAC	INSURANCE	290.94
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1782.51
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	75.40
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	77.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN & TROSHYNSKI	SERVICES	1072.66
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	372.09
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	374.52
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	889.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	452.76
LOREN EATON	SERVICES	47.95
GARY J. ENG	MEALS	14.17
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	45.33
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	85.40
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	1213.34
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HOUSING	1350.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	510.00
MCCHESNY MARTIN SAGEHORN, PC	SERVICES	5000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1059.61
NE DEPT OF REVENUE, PAD	FEE	7.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	616.35
PLATTE VALLEY FIRE & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	59.60
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	135.00
PRESTO X LLC	SERVICES	44.48
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	UTILITIES	519.29
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	274.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	4776.03
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DIST COURT	FEES	67.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.80
U S BANK	LODGING/FLAG	217.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	EMPE VISION IN	267.78
SALARIES		16006.67

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	465.23
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	28.13
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	27.50
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	577.28
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	189.82
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	1718.78
NMC	REPAIRS	137.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	3427.76
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	25.94



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SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1304.04
TOPKOTE, INC	CRACK SEALING	9686.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	EMPR VISION IN	4.44
SALARIES		5427.99

#### PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	ACCT 234633	52.79
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#### VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLIC NOTICE	10.93
NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP	TRAIL RIDE SPN	250.00
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	DUES	575.00

#### EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	240.17
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	313.62
BRAHMER'S STEAKHOUSE	EXT BOARD MTG	127.37
MELANIE CLARK	MILEAGE	24.98
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP	INSURANCE	400.00
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.70
FARMERS/RANCHERS COOP	FUEL	59.74
MIKE FRENCH	MILEAGE	46.62
HOOKE COUNTY TRIBUNE	NOTICE	12.55
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	16.52
MCI	PHONE	55.46
MODERN METHODS	SERVICE	360.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	52.86
SUE PEARMAN	MEALS/LODGING	108.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	63.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	444.31
KIMBERLY WENZEL	MILEAGE	83.25
ADAM ZUTAVERN	MILEAGE	37.74
SALARIES		1812.59

#### LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	131.07
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	301.18
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	86.70
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	126.77
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	208.95
DEMCO INC	BOOKS	14.94
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	8.48
RONDA HAUMANN	SUPPLIES	330.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	9.25
PLATTE VALLEY FIRE & EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	22.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	152.32
SALARIES		946.79

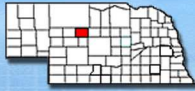
#### BOOKMOBILE FUND-

NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	17.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.02
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	93.07
SECURITY FIRST BANK	EMPE FICA	35.66
SALARIES		249.10

#### AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	312.06
DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
MIKE LUFF	SERVICES	366.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	22.55
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH PICKUP	25.00
DAN WADAS	3RD QTR HIRE	750.00
WAITE, MCWhA & HENG	SERVICES	562.50

Office reports:



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Clerk reported on talking with Security First Bank about financing for the new/used truck. More discussion will be held at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Election results will be posted to the website; [www.thomascountynebraska.us](http://www.thomascountynebraska.us) on Election night. L & L Gravel visited with the Clerk about having some material (rock, gravel & clay mix) available at \$7.00 per ton.

Treasurer reported that she has turned over 3 distress warrants to the sheriff for collection.

Sheriff reported on a pursuit and traffic stop on October 19<sup>th</sup> in which the vehicle from Texas was carrying drugs and a concealed weapon. The County Attorney has filed paperwork to seize this vehicle.

Emergency Manager visited with the board about burn permits.

Motion to approve all fee and office reports as presented made by Butler, second by Atkins. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the removal of trees along East Antelope Valley Road. Tabled until the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Roads discussion:

The board advised the clerk to contact L & L Gravel and let him know that they will take the material he has for sale. Lloyd Smith reported to the board that he had talked with the Nebraska Department of Roads about purchasing the millings from the Seneca road project. He was told that there was a good possibility that we can purchase these millings.

The board also discussed the Interlocal agreement with Logan County for road maintenance on their portion of Paxton Ranch Road. No action taken at this time.

Commissioner Pettit will visit with the Logan County Commissioners first.

Discussion was held on surplus equipment. A list will be made of any surplus equipment and a date will be set for a sale of this surplus property.

No public comment.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 10:00 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 at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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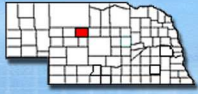
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
November 20, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford Ne. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, John Webster-Murphy Tractor, Josh Hall, road personnel Keith Hartman, and Bethany Johnston.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the November 20, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve the November 6, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 15, 2012. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AMERICAN MADE ELECTION EQUIP	SUPPLIES	39.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	148.75
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	77.48
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION	25.00
JEMMA DENAEYER	ELECTION	94.25
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	101.50
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	27.67
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	80.67
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	LODGING	154.00
BETTY MASEBERG	ELECTION	101.50
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	600.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	101.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	29.87
SALLY SAWYER	ELECTION	29.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	FEE	7.45
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEEES	333.57
BRENT THOMAS	ELECTION	16.31
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	101.50
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	16.31

## ROAD FUND-

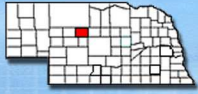
CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	REPAIRS	170.00
NMC	REPAIRS	209.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	NOTICE	12.22
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	86.82

## Office reports:

Clerk reported that Thomas County had a 79.66% voter turnout for the General Election. This was the second best turnout for the State of Nebraska. She also informed the board that the Thedford Economic Development Group would like to place a tree at the courthouse outside and then light it on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>



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during the Christmas Walk-About at 7:30 p.m. Assessor reports: The CTL has been completed and filed with the State. The tax list has been prepared and given to the Treasurer.

Sheriff reported that all distress warrants have been collected.

Emergency Manager had no report.

Motion to approve all office reports made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – None. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the letter presented to them by Bethany Johnston, Central Sandhills Area Extension for the recommendation to fill the vacancy on the Central Sandhills Area Extension Board.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to appoint Dixie Hoffman for three two year terms on the Central Sandhills Area Extension board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

No bids were received for the County to purchase a used truck. It was decided to have one commissioner go with the road personnel to look at used trucks.

Discussion was also held on looking into Federal Surplus property in Lincoln and see if they would have any trucks that would work for us.

Herb & Josh Hall have graciously offered to let the county use their truck and trailer for the county employee to use for the CDL test on Wednesday.

Josh Hall visited with the board about Windmill Road. Discussion was held on ways to haul water onto the clay that was laid on Windmill Road. Josh volunteered using his watering equipment to help haul water. After other discussions the county will lease the 1980 International from the Thedford Rural Fire District so that they can haul water onto Windmill Road also. Once the clay is packed then the county can cover with rock. Bethany Johnston also visited with the board about what was being done on Windmill Road.

The board also reviewed all the other road projects that need completion. The board has received a letter from FEMA allowing us to change the Scope of Work on Daly Lane. The previous project required culverts at four sites and included adding geo-textile fabric and rip rap. The proposed change includes building a ridge and installing and eight inch culvert to the site.

The board discussed the Interlocal Agreement with Logan County for road maintenance. Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to remove the language of periodic grading from the agreement and to only offer snow removal on the Logan County part of Paxton Ranch Road. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pettit will attend the Logan County Commissioners meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss with their board the changes to the Interlocal Agreement. No public comment.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 10:00 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 at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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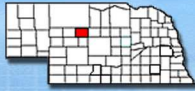
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:01 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Sheriff Gary Eng, Ron Nealeigh of Legal Shield, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Keith Hartman.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt December 4, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve the November 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 29, 2012. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. An invoice from K.C. Electric for tree removal was reviewed. This invoice was tabled until the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	290.94
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1759.41
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	131.97
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3155.89
CALLS GARAGE INC	CAR WASH	3.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	184.89
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	347.01
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	417.84
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	66.35
HARTFORD LIFE INSURANCE CO	DEF COMP	1527.31
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	176.00
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	79.92
MARILYN MASEBERG	REITREMENT	60.00
LOUISE MILLER	RETIREMENT	96.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	989.30
NACO	DUES	860.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	613.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	320.58
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	4695.60
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	267.78
SALARIES		15582.21

## ROAD FUND-

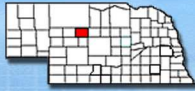
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	596.96
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	902.61
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	33.35
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	805.78
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	31.52
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	247.76
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	FEES	352.15
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	231.08
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1618.39
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.44
SALARIES		6263.61

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	52.79
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	229.73
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	201.70
FARMERS/RANCHERS COOP	FUEL	109.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	37.00
HODGES CONOCO INC	FUEL	67.88
MODERN METHODS	SERVICES	360.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	48.41
SUE PEARMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	170.08
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	422.42
SALARIES		1743.19



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## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	106.32
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	7.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	86.70
CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	23.66
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	302.55
GARDNER PUBLISHING	BOOKS	143.64
MCNAUGHTON BOOK SERVICE	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.10
PUMPKIN BOOKS	BOOKS	74.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	123.06
SALARIES		752.27

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

HODGES CONOCO INC	SUPPLIES	2.44
KNOWBUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	616.34
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	16.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.63
OLLIS BOOK CORPORATION	BOOKS	221.25
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY	FUEL	74.12
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	58.81
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS	859.89
SALARIES		410.64

## AIRPORT FUND-

CONSOLIDATED	PHONE	102.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	390.28
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	44.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	TRASH	25.00

### Office reports:

Clerk reported on request for Christmas lights on courthouse and tree trunks. Assessor reported that Dave Young and Ted Taylor will begin doing pickup work this month.

Sheriff reported that the forest contract has been fulfilled. The county has also been reimbursed for the July fire at the forest.

Treasurer reported that she is ready to send out the tax statements by the end of this week or beginning of next week. She also reported that she has \$71,181.38 in unpaid taxes.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve all office and fee reports as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Ron Nealeigh with Legal Shield presented information to the commissioners about the products he sells.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to allow Ron Nealeigh to sell Legal Shield to the county employees at their own expense with the employee paying the bill directly and not to come out of their payroll check. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Discussion was held on additional payments for the Sandhills District Health Department to pay off an existing note.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to pay \$100.00 per month for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2013, and to pay this additional money directly to the bank. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the request by Thedford Fire Chief Russ Reiser to lift the burn ban in Thomas County.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve Resolution #2012-15, removing the burn ban in Thomas County, but reminding people that they must still receive a burn permit from their local fire chief to burn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

### Roads discussion:

Discussion was held on the various trucks seen by the road personnel and commissioners. Motion made by Atkins and seconded by Butler to authorize Stan Pettit to purchase a used truck for the county with a trade in of the 97 Mack truck, with the requirement that it not exceed \$50,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

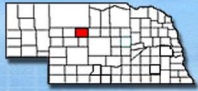
Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve the certify Lloyd Smith as the county's highway superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Members present were Alan Atkins, Norma Butler and Stan Pettit. Also present throughout the afternoon were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Keith Hartman, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Sheriff Gary Eng, Brad Slaughter-Ameritas, and Brent Thomas-Security First Bank.

### Road projects:



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A review of the 1 & 6 Year Road plan was held and discussion was held on what road projects they would like to see completed in the future. Lloyd Smith advised the board that he has not heard back from the State of Nebraska Department of Roads yet on the millings from the Seneca road project. He advised the board that he will check with Gary Thayer – NDOR and see if the millings are available. The board discussed with the road personnel on the progress on Windmill Road and N. Seneca Ave.

The board also discussed with the road personnel about which roads and projects take top priority. The main arterial roads will take top priority and secondary roads as time allows.

The board listened to a presentation by Brad Slaughter of Ameritas about refinancing the courthouse building loan with the option of using bonds. The board took all information and will have an agenda item on the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Public comment. Brent Thomas of Security First Bank asked the board to consider refinancing with Security First Bank.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 10:00 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 at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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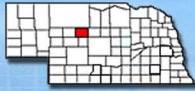
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 18, 2012

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, road personnel Keith Hartman and Thayne Rodocker, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Kyle Arganbright - Sandhills State Bank, Monty Neiffer - Sandhills State Bank, Dennis Wright – Sandhills State Bank, Karol Young – Security First Bank and Tim Baxter of NIRMA.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion to adopt the December 18, 2012 regular meeting agenda made by Atkins, second by Butler. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to approve the December 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 13, 2012. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to approve the claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	148.75
ALAN ATKINS	MILEAGE	283.05
B & D OFFICE CITY	SUPPLIES	88.04
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLICATION	342.99
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	444.09
EWOLDTS GROCERY	SUPPLIES	16.23
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	181.45
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATES	450.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	TAX	71.57
PINNACLE BANK	PAYMENT	460.00
SANDHILLS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT	ASSESSMENT	274.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	2305.64
STAMP FULFILLMENT CENTER	POSTAGE	261.95
JUDY TAYLOR	MEALS	52.08
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	5.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	4124.78
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	252.60
U S BANK	LODGING	102.03

## ROAD FUND-

CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL	PAYMENT	2086.62
G-3 ENTERPRISES	GRAVEL	325.00
KRIS GANOUNG	LEASE	300.00
NMC	REPAIRS	796.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1717.14

## EXTENSION FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICES	14.61
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	37.00
FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	SERVICES	128.85
MCI	PHONE	70.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEES	25.00

## AIRPORT FUND-

DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS	PAYMENT	541.33
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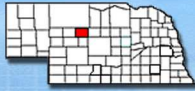
## Office reports:

Clerk reported that the General Election cost the county \$4,566.20 and was able to bill the political subdivisions \$2,646.38. The Secretary of State's office also had grant paperwork for those counties to fill out if the cost per voter was over \$3.00. Depending on how many counties could apply the county may be able to get another \$900. The clerk also reported the information she learned at the NACO convention in Kearney last week. Assessor reported that preliminary reports show grass land value remaining the same but there may be a change in irrigated land value.

Treasurer reported on delinquent taxes. She also reported that at convention the talk in the Treasurer's meeting was that China was interested in buying any delinquent taxes.

Emergency Manager reported on the Unemployment claim from Rock County for their employee for the North Central Region PET. Under the advice of Alma Beland from Region 26 the county should not pay this claim.

Motion made Butler and second by Atkins to approve all office reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Karol Young of Security First Bank – Thedford presented the board with their quote for refinancing the courthouse loan.

Monty Neiffer of Sandhills State Bank – Valentine presented the board with their quote for refinancing the courthouse loan.

Brad Slaughter of Ameritas has emailed his quote to the Clerk for her to present for their quote for refinancing the courthouse loan.

Motion made by Butler and second by Atkins to keep the loan locally with Security First Bank – Thedford and accept the rate of 3.00% for 14 years. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Atkins, Butler. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board would like to thank all who presented quotes for refinancing the courthouse loan.

Roads discussion:

Tim Baxter of NIRMA discussed with the board about developing a Tree & Brush Policy and also a Utility Policy. He discussed what options the county had on both policies. The County Attorney and Highway Superintendent will work together to establish these policies. Motion made by Pettit to table this until the February 5, 2013 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Atkins, Butler, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, Alan Atkins, and Norma Butler. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Judy Taylor, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Thayne Rodocker and Keith Hartman, and Tim Baxter – NIRMA.

Tim Baxter gave a presentation on grading against traffic.

Public comment. None.

Motion made by Atkins and second by Butler to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Butler, Pettit, Atkins. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 9:00 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 at the office of the Thomas County Clerk. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk