

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Organizational Meeting  
January 5, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, 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 December 24, 2015.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the January 5, 2016 organizational meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to elect Stan Pettit as the Chairman of the Board for the 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to elect Lewis Herbaugh as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No visitors present.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to set the 2016 regular meeting dates on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays with the meetings to begin at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Note: The time change for the meetings will begin with the February 2, 2016 meeting.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to set the following dates as 2016 Holiday dates:

January 1, 2016 – New Year’s Day, January 18, 2016 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, February 15, 2016 – President’s Day, March 25, 2016 – Good Friday, April 29, 2016 – Arbor Day, May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day, July 4, 2016 – Independence Day, September 4, 2016 – Labor Day, October 10, 2016 – Columbus Day, November 11, 2016 – Veteran’s Day, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Thanksgiving, and December 26, 2016 – Christmas. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to name the Thomas County Herald as the official news publication for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to name the official county website at:

[www.thomascountynebraska.us](http://www.thomascountynebraska.us). Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-1, naming Security First Bank, Thedford as the county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-2, Investment of Funds for the County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Carol Conard as the Weed Superintendent for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Kevin Hood as the Thomas County Emergency Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Paul Cooper of Lincoln County as the Veteran’s Service Officer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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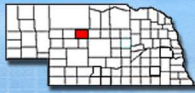
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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Regular Meeting  
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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 24, 2015.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the January 5, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the December 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes as published December 24, 2015 in the Thomas County Herald. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	FREIGHT	43.32
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2215.60
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4166.98
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	350.82
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	349.06
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	397.17
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	179.40
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	93.88
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS-KEARNEY	LODGING	999.50
LINDEMEIER & ASSOCIATES	COURT APP	1454.25
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1175.01
NE ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS	2016 DUES	75.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	33.36
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	815.06
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	136.61
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	1.00
RAMADA INN	LODGING	99.95
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	518.27
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	278.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	6922.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	178.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6980.20
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE/EXTENSION	4603.24
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	331.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		19707.66

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	628.58
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	951.55
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	42.70
LORISSA HARTMAN	BOOKS	52.75
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	575.04
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	42.14



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	152.78
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SURVEY	1262.40
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	123.16
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	111.06
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	496.62
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1409.64
TITAN MACHINERY	REPAIRS	60.75
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5453.13

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	67.83
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COPIER	350.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	208.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	109.05
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	24.78
BETHANY JOHNSTON	NT CONFERENCE	93.36
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	47.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	77.67
SUE PEARMAN	MEDICARE	5.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	16.59
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	672.46
SALARIES		2299.03

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	235.23
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	99.89
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	6.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	19.38
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	270.46
SALARIES		1236.49

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	BOOKS	45.82
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.5
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.81
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	84.72
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	17.22
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	290.74
SALARIES		103.08

## Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for December. Clerk asked the board if they would like to send both road employees to Noncommercial pesticide training. Assessor reported that Cherry, Grant, Hooker and Thomas County Assessors will be meeting in Thedford on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer reported that her office had received a considerable amount of tax money during the month of December. The Treasurer will also need to send out some 1099-Int for redeemed tax sale certificates. She also reported that she had purchased a new computer for her office.

Emergency Manager had report about the earthquake in Custer County.

Sheriff office presented their quarterly fee report.

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



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Jay Jones representing the Thomas County Historical Society reviewed with the board the lease agreement to place a memorial statute on the courthouse lawn. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the lease agreement with the Thomas County Historical Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board discussed road personnel time sheets and salaries. No action taken.

Galen and Wade Neben met with the board to review their bid for the road department shop.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to accept the bid presented by Galen and Wade Neben Construction for \$67,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Seeley stated that he would stop to visit with Mike Hodges about the tree and propane tank located on the County lot.

Road projects: The project of painting the lines on the Purdum road were discussed. Lloyd will obtain informal bids for this project to be completed in the spring.

The surplus auto gates need to be welded before they can be given to Lon Larsen and Brigham & Bobbi Scott.

The board and road men discussed with Lloyd the projects to be addressed for the 1 & 6 Year Road plan.

The Clerk presented information provided by NIRMA about the new Federal Drug testing requirements. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to follow Federal Regulations and test 25% of the county road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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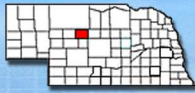
Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 19, 2016

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, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Weed Superintendent Carol Conard, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman.

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 7, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the January 19, 2016 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the January 5, 2016 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 14, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the January 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 14, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	256.80
STEVEN R BOWERS	SERVICES	561.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	347.32
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	138.46
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	58.96
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	70.74
LINDEMEIER & ASSOCIATES	SERVICES	720.20
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES/COMPUTER	1319.96
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	67.50
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATIONS	185.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	2016 DUES	200.00
SOFTMART INC.	SOFTWARE	153.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	384.96

**ROAD FUND-**

INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	5807.01
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	1207.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	3578.85
U S BANK	REGISTRATIONS	120.00

**VISITORS FUND-**

HEREFORD CROSSROADS	PROMOTION	396.00
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	SPONSORSHIP	550.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.66
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	GAS	47.97
SUE PEARMAN	LODGING	113.61

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that the County Attorney was preparing a contract between the County and Neben Construction for the road department shop. District Court reports that the Jury Trial will be held in Thomas County starting March 29<sup>th</sup>.



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Discussion was held on the NIRMA cyber liability insurance offered. The Clerk will check on the cost for additional coverage.

Treasurer reported that the new computer arrived for her office and will be installed next week. She also reported that the Semi Annual Statement is prepared and will be published in the Thomas County Herald.

Sheriff discussed the past and previous forest contract with the board.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the following board appointments for 2016. Region II – Lewis Herbaugh, West Central Health Department – John Seeley, West Central Area on Aging – Lewis Herbaugh, Region 26 – Kevin Hood, Lexington Solid Waste – Stan Pettit, West Central Development District – John Seeley, Sandhills RC & D – Stan Pettit, Thomas County Safety Committee – Lewis Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Carol Conard presented his annual weed report to the board. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Annual Weed Report for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Alma Beland of Region 26 cancelled due to the weather. She has rescheduled for the February 16, 2016 agenda.

The board reviewed the minutes from the Thomas County Visitor Committee. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to follow the recommendation of the Visitor Committee and appoint Brad Nutter to the Thomas County Visitors committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The power pole and lines were discussed at the shop location. New fuel tanks for the shop location were discussed. The board and road employees felt that there was no need to purchase a fuel tank for the yard in Thedford. The discussion was held on purchasing another tank to be used in the back of the road pickup.

The road department was only able to make one auto gate out of the surplus auto gates that the county had on hand. The auto gate was delivered to Brigham and Bobbi Scott.

Other road discussion was held on when was the best time to sell/buy the graders and get the best trade in value. The Clerk will contact NMC and Murphy Tractor.

No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at **9:30 a.m.**, in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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 2, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Lewis Herbaugh and John Seeley. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to excuse Stan Pettit. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Galen Neben, Wade Neben and road personnel Keith Hartman.

Vice Chairman Herbaugh 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 21, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the February 2, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 28, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

No visitors present at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2189.05
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4166.98
CARS	SERVICES	46.60
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	353.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	429.86
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	840.15
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	23.96
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1175.01
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	7.59
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	805.51
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	577.09
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	SUPPLIES	20.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6894.58
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	21.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	STAMPS	49.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		19314.77

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	624.64
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	784.48
CROSS-DILLON TIRE	TIRES	2002.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	67.18
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	14.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	151.92
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	183.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1400.73



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SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5426.85

#### PRE-TRIAL

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.15
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#### VISITORS FUND-

POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	ADVERTISING	250.00
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#### EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	350.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.38
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DIVISION	SUPPLIES	175.00
JUNE EMERSON	MILEAGE	48.60
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	4.99
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	61.56
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
JENNIFER HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	70.20
HOOKE COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	5.18
CR JEWELL	MILEAGE	60.48
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	59.28
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	103.89
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	77.67
SUE PEARMAN	FUEL	17.09
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	27.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	661.74
THE LONELY GRILL	MEALS	99.05
BLAKE THOMPSON	MILEAGE	27.00
ZACK WAKLEY	MILEAGE	7.56
SALARIES		2234.39

#### LIBRARY FUND-

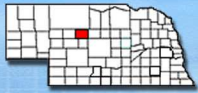
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	74.88
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.48
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	43.03
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SUPPLIES	74.76
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.02
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	304.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	247.70
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	181.50
SALARIES		1101.73

#### BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	812.75
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.43
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	48.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	51.62
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	152.37
SALARIES		309.26

#### Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for the office. The heating unit has been installed in the storage room. George Mintle inquired about the concrete bid that was advertised last October. The Auditor is here working on the 2014-2015 fiscal year audit.



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Treasurer reported that the delinquent taxes will be advertised for three weeks in February and the tax sale will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Treasurer office is currently checking into offering credit card payments in the office, the county will have no cost in offering this service the user will pay the fee for the use. The new computer has been installed in the office.

Sheriff had no report.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve all office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The Special Designated Liquor application of The Rustic was reviewed. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the NDOR agreement for the Bridge and Culvert Object Marking Project. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-3, Bridge and Culvert Object Marking Project (Project HRRR-STWD (128) Control Number 00913). Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the NDOR agreement for the Horizontal Curve Signage Project. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-4, Horizontal Curve Signage Project (Project HRRR-STWD (90) Control Number 00787). Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The board discussed surplus of the fuel tank located on the county road department lot. No action taken at this time.

The clerk will check with all other office about any equipment to be added to the surplus list.

Galen and Wade Neben met with the board to review the construction contract for the road department shop. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the contract with Galen and Wade Neben. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Pettit. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the bid from Tyler Teahon for tree removal. No action taken at this time. This will be discussed at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Vice Chairman Herbaugh recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Vice Chairman Herbaugh reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

The board discussed purchasing salt/gravel spreader to put into the back of the pickup. No action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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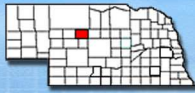
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Lewis Herbaugh, Vice Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
February 16, 2016  
Regular Meeting

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, John Webster-Murphy Tractor, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Alma Beland-Region 26, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman.

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 4, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the February 16, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes: Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the February 2, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 11, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes: Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays: none. Abstain: Pettit. Motion carried.

No visitors present at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	620.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	256.80
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	689.11
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	5.76
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	SERVICES	146.25
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	192.10
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	49.70
NACO	DUES	873.55
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	50.00
STAN PETTIT	REFUND AFLAC	59.20
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	158.50
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	18.13
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	147.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SUPPLIES	66.79

**ROAD FUND-**

HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	728.70
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2052.89

**EXTENSION FUND-**

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	59.67
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	7.05
MCI	PHONE	45.14
SUE PEARMAN	FUEL/MEALS	49.77

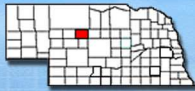
**Office reports:**

Clerk/Assessor reported that grass land values will increase by 24% to a value of \$417 per acre. Irrigated value will remain the same at \$2,100 per acre. Election filing deadlines for incumbents is today February 16<sup>th</sup> and deadline for non-incumbents will be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer gave the financial report. Reminded everyone that the tax sale will be March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sheriff reported that he has three major criminal cases underway.

Emergency Manager had no report.



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

The concrete bid was opened. No action taken at this time. The board would like George Mintle come and discuss the bid. The Clerk will contact George and see what meeting date will work for him.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Management Representation Letter with Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Audit finding letter with Lloyd Smith. In the future all claims will have an itemized billing.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to have Lloyd Smith respond to the audit findings on his procedures for future claims and to present a contract/agreement for services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Alma Beland gave the board an update on Region 26. The discussion included future trainings, grants, and new technology.

John Webster of Murphy Tractor visited with the board about motor graders. No action taken.

Chairman Pettit opened the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

The plan was reviewed by both road personnel and all board members. No public comments at this time.

Chairman Pettit closed the public hearing at 11:16 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve as presented Resolution 2016-5, 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The tree removal bid from TT Tree Service was discussed. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to accept the bid from Tyler Teahon and to have the stump ground down. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The road department lot was discussed, electrical lines, leveling the lot and removing items to prepare for construction of the new shop.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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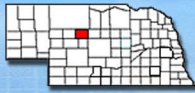
Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
March 1, 2016  
Regular Meeting

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Tyler Teahon, 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 February 18, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the March 1, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the February 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 25, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No visitors present at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

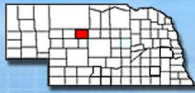
**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2207.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4166.98
COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	375.32
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	462.18
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	52.99
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	70.20
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	801.46
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	LODGING	83.00
REDFIELD & COMPANY INC	SUPPLIES	316.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE/FUEL	446.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6914.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SUPPLIES	52.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	782.25
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	90.00
SALARIES		19451.02

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	631.96
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	238.21
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	53.83
HERBAUGH, LEWIS	MILEAGE	16.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	153.54
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	328.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1417.31
MARK TEAHON	STUMP REMOVAL	375.00
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL	1325.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5475.64

**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**



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VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.15
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**VISITORS FUND-**

MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	240.00
U S BANK	WEBSITES	276.08

**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	43.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	350.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.38
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS/FUEL	20.47
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	77.67
SUE PEARMAN	MEALS/FUEL	64.91
RANCHLAND FORD	REMOTE BATTERY	22.72
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	670.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOX	28.00
SALARIES		2289.80

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	15.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.82
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	108.10
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUT, INC.	SERVICES	700.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	199.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	249.78
SALARIES		1113.99

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.08
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	109.27
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	39.24
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	175.43
SALARIES		233.80

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that today was the last day to file for non-incumbents. Assessor reported that the Abstract is due on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Office fee report presented for the month of February.

Treasurer reported that some delinquent taxes had been paid but she still has \$15,000 in delinquent taxes up for sale next week.

Emergency Manager reported that he had been elected to the NRIN Governing Board to represent the North Central area.

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

Discussion was held on the surplus of county equipment. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to surplus the following equipment:

1,000 gallon fuel containment tank with electric pump (minimum bid \$1,500)

500 gallon fuel tank

IBM Personal Wheel Writer, Tall Grey Chair, HP Printer P2015, HP Fax Officejet 5610, Panasonic Phone, Connoisseur Coffee Pot, Black Panasonic phone, White/Yellow GE phone, Dell Precision T1500 computer, 3 small APC battery backups, 1 Large APC battery backup, old brown desk chair, desk top from wooden desk, 2007 wing lux light bar, HP



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PSC750 xi printer, 3 computer speakers, (2) card catalogs 33"x52", (1) 33"x50", computer desk 28" x 56", TV, Metal Cart, Metal File drawers.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on finding someone to serve as the spirited person for the West Central Health Department. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the bid from Tyler Teahon for tree removal of the dying tree by the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Treasurer discussed with the board about offering credit card payments through her office. The county attorney has reviewed the contract with Certified Payments. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the contract with the Thomas County Treasurer and Certified Payments. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh.

Nays – none. Motion carried.

Lawn care bids. One bid was received.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the lawn care bid from Chauncey Linn. Roll vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At 10:36 a.m. the board members, road personnel, highway superintendent and clerk walked over to the county road department lot to discuss the new shop. Then returned to the courthouse at 11:01 a.m.

Discussion was held on Part of Lots 16-20; Block 12; Original Town Thedford. The County Attorney will prepare an offer to sell and email to the owner.

The board reviewed the estimate from Custer Public Power for the new shop. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Custer Public Power estimate. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the agreement between the County and Highway Superintendent. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the agreement with Lloyd Smith. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. The county attorney will respond to the auditors finding about this agreement.

Road projects discussed:

Heritage Road project with Doug Boyer of Cherry County assisting on this mile project. The concrete pulled up from the fire department lot is now the property of Thomas County, discussion followed about crushing this concrete. Lewis will get in touch with the crusher that Cherry County will be using. Road personnel Ed Schukei discussed with the board about Daly Bridge, culvert cleaning and the road edge along Purdum Road. Material is being mixed to be used in soft spots. Road signs were also discussed.

Gregg O'Brien of NMC talked with the board about graders.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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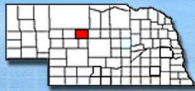
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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
March 15, 2016  
Regular Meeting

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith 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 March 3, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the March 15, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the March 1, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 10, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the purchase of parcel 860012611 in the amount of \$3,166. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	300.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	256.80
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	648.55
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	76.38
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	41.28
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1175.01
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	REGISTRATION	60.00
MARK TEAHON	SERVICES	125.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	4.65
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	14.51
TT TREE SERVICE	SERVICES	555.00
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS	2016 DUES	20.00

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	POLE	375.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	26.80
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	115.39
JOHN JONAS	LAND	3166
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	4624.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	10.99
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	42.18
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	7.37
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	44.04
SUE PEARMAN	MEALS	17.68
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	27.24
UNL PRINT AND COPY SERVICES	PRINTING	173.00

**Office reports:**

Clerk/Assessor reported that the Jury Trial scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> has been called off. The Abstract of Assessment has been filed with the Department of Revenue-Property Assessment Division.



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Treasurer gave the financial report. Tax sale and delinquent taxes were also discussed.

Emergency Manager reported that a storm spotter training would be held in Thedford on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The sirens will also be tested next week.

Sheriff reported on the status of the forest law enforcement contract. He also discussed purchasing body cameras.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to approve appointing Ronda Haumann as the spirited person for Thomas County on the West Central District Health Department. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Road personnel are hauling material to fix soft spots. Culvert on Atkins Rd was discussed. Discussion was held on preparing the lot for the road department shop. Painting lines on the Purdum Rd was discussed, approximate cost would be \$1,000 per mile. South Seneca repairs were discussed. Buy back funds were discussed.

Ed Schukei visited with the board about purchasing a different pickup. He was advised that he would need to acquire three informal bids. No action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford Ne. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
April 5, 2016  
Regular Meeting

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, John Webster-Murphy Tractor, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Sheriff Gary Eng and County 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 March 24, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the April 5, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the March 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 25, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Lloyd has received three quotes for striping the Purdum Rd. No action taken at this time.

Bridge inspections were discussed. Culvert on Atkins Rd discussed. Road material discussed.

John Webster talked with the board about road graders.

No discussion was held on the Utility permit application from Consolidated Telephone for E. Antelope Valley Rd and Hamilton Rd. No application was available at the time of the meeting. Will be discussed at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the claim to L & L Gravel for \$2,015.73. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2296.67
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4166.98
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	394.01
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	439.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	131.55
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	687.68
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	72.64
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	330.26
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.76
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1175.01
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	15.41
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	816.85
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	49.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	518.27
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	279.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	6922.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	28.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7052.16
NICOLE SPENCER	MILEAGE	92.76
TAX VALUATION INC	SERVICES	30.000
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	4505.21
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	340.50



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VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
DONALD D WILSON	2015 AUDIT	6200.00
SALARIES		20051.05

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	625.21
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	152.47
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	31.44
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	2166.40
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	903.02
L & L GRAVEL	GRAVEL	2015.73
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	152.04
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1064.16
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	654.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1401.99
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	10701.57
THOMAS CO TREASURER	FILING DEED	10.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5430.57

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.15
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## VISITORS FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	SIGN	811.67
THEDFORD SERVICE CLUB	HAWG STOP	100.00

## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COPIER LEASE	350.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	2823.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.38
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEAL/FUEL	54.89
MAILFINANCE	SERVICES	148.45
MCI	PHONE	70.45
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	54.38
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	78.02
SUE PEARMAN	MEAL/FUEL	79.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	56.74
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	713.76
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN EXT	INTERNET	600.00
SALARIES		2548.03

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
MARCY ANDERSEN	MILEAGE	93.44
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.04
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	116.08
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.38
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	253.58
SALARIES		1136.90

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.25
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	66.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	103.64
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	43.78
SALARIES		619.18



# Thomas County Board Minutes



## Office reports:

Clerk reported on upcoming meetings, Protection Order training on April 12<sup>th</sup> at NSP office, West Central Assessor meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> in North Platte. Ballots are in the office and ready to mail out to those requesting an Early ballot. The GPS unit in the 140H needs repaired. The fee report for the office was presented.

Treasurer reported on the Treasurer workshop in June. Financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

Emergency Manager reported that a storm spotter training will be held Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas County Library.

Sheriff reported on activity and also presented his quarterly fee report.

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

The Fiscal year 2014-2015 Audit report has been completed and available for review in the Thomas County Clerk Office.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Audit Report for 2014-2015. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

No action taken on the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan for 2016 since it was not available for review at this time. Tabled until April 19, 2016 meeting.

No public comment.

Chairman Pettit adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
April 19, 2016  
Regular Meeting

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 7, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the April 19, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the April 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 14, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Paxton Ranch Rd was discussed, hay trucks causing deep ruts after the rain. Purdum Rd shoulders were discussed. West Ave in Seneca from the church to the cemetery was discussed. No plans by the county to open/build a road from the church to the cemetery. Discussion on electricity for the Jonas building, the board will revisit this around June 1<sup>st</sup> to determine if they would like to continue with electrical service at this location.

Lloyd Smith reported that Cherry County would sell the 1,219 ton of millings north on Highway 83 for \$5 per ton. These millings would need to be removed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The discussion was held on finding someone to crush the concrete at the new fire hall site.

Discussion was held on purchasing a new pickup to replace 1995 F150. No action taken at this time.

New material rates were obtained from G3, L & L Gravel and Jeffres for the 2016 year. Rates are available in the Clerk's office.

Lloyd Smith has reviewed the Utility permit application from Consolidated Telephone and has suggested approval by the board. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Consolidated Utility permit for E. Antelope Valley Rd and Hamilton Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No visitors present.

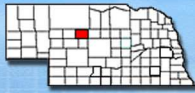
Correspondence presented. Custer Public Power application for service for the Jonas building was presented. Chairman Pettit completed the document.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$80. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Abstain –Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve all other claims presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	AD EXPENSE	625.00
AS CENTRAL SERVICES	SERVICES	256.80
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	576.12
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DIST	UTILITIES	378.10
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	79.98
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	72.36
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	142.56
MIPS INC	SERVICES	448.75
NACO	REGISTRATION	95.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	463.68
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	94.00
RAMADA INN	LODGING	70.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	6.12



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THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	22.92
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**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	49.57
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	533.01
L & L GRAVEL	EXCAVATOR 1HR	80.00
GALEN NEBEN	FIRST DRAW	20000.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68

**VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.40
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	36.11
MCI	PHONE	70.48
MIDWEST CONNECT	SUPPLIES	50.00
TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	POSTAGE	420.00

**LIBRARY FUND-**

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXP	425.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	190.50

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that Pearson's had the final request for the SBDF grant in the amount of \$974.03. Final payment should be received from the state in 10 to 15 days. The Reports and Opinion from Property Assessment Division has been filed and is available online.

Treasurer presented a financial report. She also spoke on behalf of the library and reported that the Librarian will be updating all of the Accelerated Reader books.

Sheriff reported on activities in the county. He also reported that he was unable to purchase down spout elbows from ABC seamless gutters.

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

The Sheriff presented the board the new Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan for 2016 in the amount of \$7,800. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Plan with the Forest in the amount of \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the suggested changes to the Employee Handbook. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the changes to the Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

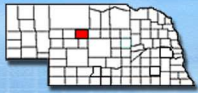
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Dr. Emily Jones appointment to the West Central District Health Department Board of Health. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.



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Stan Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 3, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Virgil Uhrmacher, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Warren Arganbright, and Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 21, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the May 3, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the April 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 28, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Crushing the concrete material at the fire hall was discussed. More material is needed to get the crusher to come set up in Thomas County. John talked with the Forest about acquiring some asphalt material. The forest agreed to give the material to the county. Lloyd Smith advised the board that Cherry County would sell the millings sitting north of Thedford for \$5/ton.

Bridge inspection were reviewed. Discussion was held on who could do the repairs.

The cut across at the fairgrounds in front of the Historical marker was discussed. Lloyd will see if we can determine if this is State right of way or the County.

Black dirt is needed on the S Seneca and N Seneca road shoulders.

Discussion was held on hiring part time road help. The decision was made that we should advertise first. Applications are only good for ninety days.

Virgil Uhrmacher visited with the board about the standing water on Windmill Rd and River Ave. Discussion was held on how to drain the water off of the roads.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

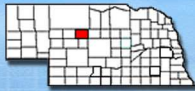
Chairman Pettit reconvened the regular meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Sally Vaughn from Region II updated the board about the services they offer.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2276.41
BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	4166.98
CARS	SERVICES	50.35
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CAROL CONARD	EXPENSES	2648.33
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	374.53
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	1972.85
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	18.19
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
HOOD, KEVIN	MILEAGE	77.76
HOOVER COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	75.00
MASS MUTUAL RETIREMENT PLAN	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC.	SERVICES	1164.51
NACO	REGISTRATION	80.00



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NEAL LUMBER CO	FERTILIZER	209.94
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	980.17
POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	136.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	47.44
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	980.44
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8137.32
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.90
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		23450.98

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	631.96
B'S ENTERPRISES INC	10 BLADES	840.00
BLUE CROSS	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	301.74
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	491.58
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	779.08
NEAL LUMBER CO	ROAD SUPPLIES	87.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	153.54
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1116.48
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	909.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1417.31
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5475.64

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.09
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## VISITORS FUND-

HAAKE DAWN	SPONSORSHIP	750.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	814.53
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	77.67
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	17.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	661.74
SALARIES		2234.39

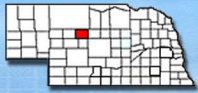
## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
ANDERSEN, MARCY	POSTAGE	5.88
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.23
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	100.04
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	18.87
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	200.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	262.54
SALARIES		1189.21

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.15
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	81.65
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	62.66
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS	451.32
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	123.14
SALARIES		376.02

Office reports:



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Clerk reported on the status of Early Votes for the Primary Election to be held May 10, 2016. Reported that the Noxious Weed department has gone over the budgeted amount for the year. We will need to prepare a Resolution to transfer from County General to cover this before the end of the fiscal year. Office fee report presented for the month of April. Treasurer gave a financial report update.

Sheriff reported that the Forest Contract was received and that Vice-Chairman Lewis Herbaugh signed the document and it has now been forwarded for the Forest signatures. He also gave an activity report for his office.

Emergency Manager presented the Region 26 budget for 2016-2017. He also advised the board that the Thedford Rural Fire Board will be having their meeting on May 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. They will be discussing how to proceed with the new fire hall. This meeting will be held at the Thomas County Library.

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

The board reviewed the 2016-2017 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates. The rates are showing a 6% increase for this next policy year. Last year the plan actually had a 3% decrease. No action was taken. Further information requested. Tabled until May 17, 2016.

The board reviewed the SDL liquor application for the Double T Bar on June 11, 2016 at the Rodocker Ranch.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL liquor application for the Double T Bar. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board discussed with the County Attorney about sending letters out to landowners that county is planning on trimming/cutting trees on various roads throughout the county. Roads to be worked on include Windmill Rd, E. Antelope Valley Rd and Werner Ave.

No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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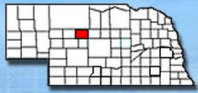
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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:29 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Warren Arganbright, and Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 5, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the May 17, 2016 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 12, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Gaylord Porath visited with the board about moving the auto gate on his property going into the cemetery off of Tioga Street.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve moving the auto gate for Gaylord Porath. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. The road personnel will contact Gaylord when they are ready to move the auto gate.

South Seneca soft spots were discussed. Ed talked about pulling up road ditches. Commissioner Seeley will visit with Josh Hall about clay material. The fairgrounds entrance was discussed. The NDOR will provide 2 truckloads of millings to use on the entrance. Discussion was held on adopting a Resolution to prohibit truck parking in the fairground entrance. Will be added to the June 7<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Lloyd Smith reported that he had sent letters out to landowners about tree removal for the county roads.

The concrete at the fire hall was discussed. The concrete needs to be moved and the county has no place to move it to so the decision was made that the County will bill the Fire Board for the time spent using the county equipment rather than giving us the material. A bill will be forwarded to the rural fire board.

Bridge discussion was held. Lloyd will get some estimates for bridge replacements.

Discussion was held on the two applicants for part time road employees. 2 applications were received. Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to hire Susan Neal and Terri Hartman for no more than 20 hours per week at the hourly rate of \$15 per hour. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the estimate provided by Brad Sawyer for security cameras at the new shop. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the estimate from Brad Sawyer in the amount of \$771.98. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

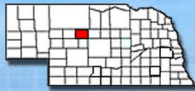
No visitors present at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSES	600.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	256.80
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	249.00
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	130.50
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	EQUIPMENT	2666.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	70.20



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ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	130.50
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	38.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	750.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	ELECTION	583.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUBSCRIPTIONS	449.95
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	58.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	130.50
NICOLE SPENCER	MILEAGE/MEALS	164.32
JUDY TAYLOR	ELECTION	20.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	6.66
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	782.25
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	885.91
ANDREA THOMAS	ELECTION	18.00
VIAERO WIRELESS	NEW PHONE	99.00
CAROLYN WARREN	ELECTION	76.50
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	130.50
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	18.00

#### ROAD FUND-

CHERRY COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT	MILLINGS	6095.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	SERVICES	525.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	1080.00

#### EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	144.91
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	28.55
MCI	PHONE	76.26

#### LIBRARY FUND-

RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	PLATE	10.16
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#### BOOKMOBILE FUND-

FOLLETT SCHOOL SA1:C41OLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	399.00
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#### Office reports:

Clerk reported that 279 voters voted for the Primary Election, a 54% turnout. She also reported that she would be attending the Blue Cross Blue Shield meeting in North Platte on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The Change of Value notices are being prepared and should be ready to mail out around the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. Grassland had a 24% increase in value, irrigated land remained the same value, and the Villages were reviewed last year will also see some changes. Discussion was held on the upcoming rural ag improved appraisal with Tax Valuation Inc. for the next fiscal year.

Treasurer provided a financial report.

Sheriff informed the board that the Forest Contract has been signed completely now. He is also checking into purchasing a body camera. He is also considering running for the NIRMA board later this fall.

Emergency Manager reported that he will be attending the State committee meetings in Grand Island. He also reported that the Region 26 budget should be finalized next week.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to accept all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the new insurance rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to choose the \$1,000 deductible w/\$30 copay plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



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The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 7, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Pam Moody, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Norma Butler, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Wade Neben and Tedd Teahon.

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 26, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the June 7, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 26, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Letters were sent to landowners regarding tree removal. Ed is to get pictures so that the trees in question can be described better.

The culvert on Purdum Rd was discussed. John and Lloyd will go out and check the culvert.

Lloyd reported that he has received a request to locate corners in the SW corner of Section 34 T22N R28W, W1/4 corner of Section 16 T22N R28W, S1/4 corner of Section 16 T22N R28W, N1/4 corner of Section 34 T23N R28W.

The object markers have been delivered. Lloyd will get a map showing the placement of these markers.

Base material needs to be hauled on E. Antelope Valley Rd.

John Seeley visited with Josh Hall about getting clay from his land, agreement was reached that the county could obtain material in exchange for keeping his road up after hauling the material out.

Peaceful Plains Rd and Ringgold Rd damage was discussed. Stan will go talk to Eldon Starr about material and the possibility of stockpiling some material for future use.

Robert Kramer of Stapleton also has clay. County may look into purchasing some.

Lloyd presented the board with estimates for the Werner Bridge and Daly Bridge. No action taken.

Wade Neben stopped by to ask a quick question about the door for the shop bathroom. The board agreed to install a 30' door rather than 36'.

Discussion was held on purchasing tools for the shop. The decision was made that Stan, Keith and Ed would go to Valentine on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June to purchase for the shop.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Lease Agreement between Thomas County and Kenny Call. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Resolution #2016-6, No parking at crossover at fairground entrance was discussed. No action taken.

Lloyd talked to the board about the request from a landowner to purchase some millings from the county. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to not sell any millings. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to pay the claim to L & L Gravel. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Abstain – Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Tedd Teahon of the Bessey National Forest visited with the board about the Bessey Woody Encroachment Project and their plan to burn Cedar trees.

No visitors present at this time to acknowledge.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.



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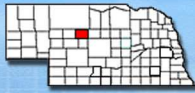
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	279.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2245.28
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SECRETARY	970.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4166.98
COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES	LODGING	249.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	387.41
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	2058.57
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	406.66
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	379.22
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	1.89
GIS WORKSHOP	SERVICES	4870.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	72.36
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	70.64
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	325.70
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	78.48
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	VETERANS SERV	2000.00
MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING LTD	SUPPLIES	761.22
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1164.51
NACO	WORKSHOP	260.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	DUES	900.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	827.55
PRESTO X	SERVICES	47.44
REDFIELD & COMPANY INC	SUPPLIES	226.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	118.02
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	2016 DUES	100.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	PRINTING	76.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7035.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SHERIFF PYMT	2873.59
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOC	UTILITIES	2000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	16.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	188.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	83.00
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	CLAIM 37	168.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	UTILITIES	2000.00
U S BANK	POSTAGE	274.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
WATCH GUARD	EQUIPMENT	910.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COST	33.38
SALARIES		19663.17

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	620.14
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1640.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	62.10
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	5.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	45.81
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	2668.64
KEITH HARTMAN	PHONE EXPENSE	120.00
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	1495.57
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	265.23
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	865.37
GALEN NEBEN	SHOP	20000.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	150.94
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	328.29
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	1536.36
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	995.25
EDWARD SCHUKEI	PHONE EXPENSE	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1390.64
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	4624.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5396.61



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**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	69.08
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**VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.40
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	168.42
CALLS GARAGE INC	SERVICES	338.30
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	14.23
JUNE EMERSON	MILEAGE	60.48
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	61.56
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
JENNIFER HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	67.50
HOOKE COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	4.84
CR JEWELL	MILEAGE	60.48
MAILFINANCE	POSTAGE METER	66.02
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	BOARD DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	77.67
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	48.60
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	58.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	670.92
THE LONELY GRILL	BOARD MEETING	129.43
BLAKE THOMPSON	MILEAGE	28.08
ZACK WAKLEY	MILEAGE	7.56
SALARIES		2289.80

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.95
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	105.43
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	17.07
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SUPPLIES	103.89
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	13.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	21.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	285.94
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS/SUMMER	327.19
SALARIES		1328.21

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	37.07

**COMMUNITY DEVELOP. GRANT FUND-**

PEARSON'S INC	GRANT	974.03
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**COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND-**

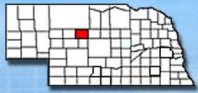
COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND-A1:C117	COURTHOUSE	29989.29
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**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that the Secretary of State has notified the county that a recount of the Public Service Commission Race for District 5 will need to be conducted on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

A rural reappraisal will start within the next two weeks. Informal hearings are scheduled with Joe Wilson on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fee report also presented for the month of May.



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Treasurer reported that she has received payment from the rural fire board on the concrete work. The office has installed and will be trained on the credit card readers on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. She is also taking applications for part time office help.

Emergency Manager visited with the board and county attorney about a tower lease for Region 26.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to accept all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays –none. Motion carried.

The contract with Tax Valuation Inc was reviewed. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the contract with Tax Valuation Inc. for the rural reappraisal. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road personnel salaries were discussed. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to give a 3% increase to the road personnel salaries effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to approve the SDL application from The Rustic on July 16, 2016 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the GIS Workshop agreements for Rowemap and Simple Signs software. Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to sign the agreements for Rowemap and Simple Signs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Interlocal agreement with Lincoln County for inmates. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Interlocal agreement with Lincoln County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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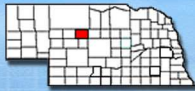
Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 21, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Pam Moody, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 9, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the June 21, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the June 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 16, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The problem with a landowner that continues to haul extreme loads of manure on Peaceful Plains Rd after we had just finished repairing. The board visited with the county attorney over the telephone. The board instructed the county attorney to send a letter to the landowner. The discussion also came up about placing a load limit on the road.

Culverts on Purdum Rd and Paxton Ranch Rd were discussed.

Tim Baxter from NIRMA will be here today to do the Shop & Sign Audit.

Plans are to start hauling clay to E. Antelope Valley Rd to build the base.

Shoulder work on North Seneca. Windmill Rd project discussed.

Tabled the request from Jim Johnston until the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to pay the L & L Gravel claim. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Board reviewed the Region II Human Services Interlocal Participation FY 2016-2017 amount. Completed the County Match form to return to them.

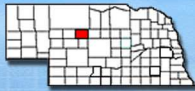
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	386.26
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	256.80
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	245.24
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	11.87
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	128.08
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	218.77
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	199.90
KEVIN HOOD	RECOUNT	40.00
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2017 DUES	50.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	174.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	CHECKS	110.50
JUDY TAYLOR	RECOUNT	40.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	5.44
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TR TO RD FUND	207500.00
ANDREA THOMAS	SUPPLIES	54.06
U S BANK	LODGING/FUEL	360.80

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	48.93
D/W MACHINE & MFG CO INC	TOOLS	8338.04
K C ELECTRIC	SERVICES	1990.42
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1057.86



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GALEN NEBEN	BUILDING	22500
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	702.50
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2643.66
U S BANK	TOOLS	400.89
WENQUIST, INC	TOOLS	162.00

#### VISITORS FUND-

BOB STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES INC	SERVICES	2121.06
LOUP 2 LOUP OPEN ROAD RACE	GRANT	1000.00

#### EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	240.93
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	34.24
MAILFINANCE	POSTAGE	148.45
MCI	PHONE	70.20
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	COMPUTER	1105.19

#### Office reports:

Clerk reported on the workshop she attended in Lincoln. LB960-Matching funds for bridges, LB325-Fire District tax authority, recommendation from State Auditor office that counties have a cash reserve equivalent to six months, LR403-new election equipment, and the state is looking for funds to pay for the new equipment, and Pam Bourne talk about new labor laws.

Treasurer presented office fee report and informed the board about her open position.

Sheriff reported low activity.

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

Discussion was held on the noxious weed office. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-7, Transfer of budget authority from County Miscellaneous General department to Noxious Weed department in the amount of \$250.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Herbaugh, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-8, Transfer of funds from County General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$207,500.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Decision was made to turn off the power in the Jonas building. Clerk will contact Custer Public Power.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 5, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employees Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Pam Moody, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Sheriff Gary Eng, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Kort Hamilton, Merrial Rhoades, Ann Warren, Marion Rhoades, Austin Horn, Twila Witt, Tom Witt, Dan Welch, Barb Welch, Lyle Rath, Judy Rath, Tyler Rath, Chase Rath, Michelle McIntosh, and Brynn Welch.

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 23, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the July 5, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the June 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 30, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to go into Executive session with the road department employees for evaluations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Entered into Executive Session at 9:33 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to reconvene the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Regular meeting convened at 9:47 a.m.

No action taken on Road employee evaluations.

Road projects discussed:

Washouts on S. Seneca Ave were discussed from the last rain, E. Antelope Valley Rd progress discussed, and Lloyd and Ed will go out and check the Purdum Ave for the culvert needing installed.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to purchase a water truck from Perrett Construction for \$3,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Eldon Starr was discussed. No action taken.

No visitors present at this time.

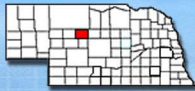
No correspondence presented.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the L & L Gravel claim. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	229.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2310.24
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4478.00
CARS	REPAIRS	83.12
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	373.47
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	50.98
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	48.70
HOOKER COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	75.00
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	873.84
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	217.46
NIRMA	INSURANCE	11913.00



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PRESTO X	SERVICES	47.44
REGION 26	1ST QTR	6631.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	223.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7380.81
TAX VALUATION INC	APPRAISAL	22000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	4524.91
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	340.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		20620.50

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	636.22
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	56.50
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	6951.28
GIS WORKSHOP	SERVICES	400.00
L & L GRAVEL	TRUCKING	1064.00
GALEN NEBEN	SHOP	2475.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	164.00
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	96.51
NIRMA	INSURANCE	15995.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	9.94
STAN PETTIT	MILEAGE	112.86
PURDUM TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2744.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1809.08
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1461.89
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
WARREN TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2464.00
SALARIES		5556.93

## PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.09
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## VISITORS FUND-

MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	240.00
NE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	DUES	200.00

## VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

BOBS SIGNS	SERVICES	110.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MILEAGE/MEALS	43.13
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	100.65
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP	SERVICES	90.00
SUE PEARMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	90.32
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	850.44
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	ENTRY TAG	73.50
SALARIES		3205.50

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.22
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.73
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	104.77
DEMCO INC	SUPPLIES	35.90
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	4.79
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	23.98
NIRMA	INSURANCE	908.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	381.08



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SALARIES 1642.03

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

CARS	TIRES/REPAIRS	519.13
MCNAUGHTON BOOK SERVICE	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	95.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	105.32
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS/SUMMER	341.04
SALARIES		634.12

**Office reports:**

Clerk/Assessor reported that the rural appraisal work has been completed for the county. Budget work session has been scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Clerk reported that she will be searching for office help soon, current employee will be moving out of the area. Time and Attendance software has been checked into, initial startup cost would be around \$1,700 with a \$50 per month fee. Fee report presented for the office.

Chairman Pettit recessed the regular meeting at 10:32 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the regular meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Treasurer reported that she had hired a new employee for her office. The Treasurer’s office is now setup to take credit cards. New plates have arrived in the office, the farm plates will have the letter R after the numbers.

Sheriff presented his quarterly fee report and an activity report.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Subgrant agreements for the Clerk of the District Court and County Attorney with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Cowpoke on July 29, 2016 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Kort Hamilton and others addressed the board about concerns on the NPPD R Transmission line and wind towers.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 19, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Pam Moody, Sheriff Gary Eng, Phil Kuenle, Jamie Taylor and Bethany 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 July 7, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the July 19, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the July 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 14, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Stan reported that south of Bob Warren’s on S. Seneca Ave that there were some washouts from the Monday night rain. The shouldering project on N. Seneca Ave will need to wait until the washouts are repaired.

The oil road on S. Seneca near Kyle Haake’s driveway is needing repaired.

NIRMA road sign audit and shop suggestions were reviewed.

The county will try and apply for the NIRMA Assist grant this fall to help cover road sign expenses.

The road men are going to return the chop saw purchased at Bomgaars in Valentine and get some required shop items, such as ladders. They will order a new chop saw from Lawson’s.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to surplus the 32 ft. stainless steel Fruehauf trailer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

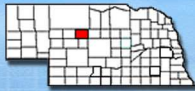
Commissioner Herbaugh will contact Meyer Salvage about other old equipment to see if they would come get for salvage price.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the L & L Gravel claim. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve all other claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	665.00
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	80.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	256.80
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	50.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	9.20
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	74.52
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	41.60
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.76
HOOKE COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICES	75.00
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	CELL PHONE COURT	35.13
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1173.19
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	1ST QTR ASSESSMENT	533.81
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	1ST QTR ASSESSMENT	285.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	13.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	94.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SERVICES	188.57
U S BANK	VACUUM	210.73
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	356.00



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## ROAD FUND-

L & L GRAVEL	TRUCKING	2242.25
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	65.89
PERRETT CONSTRUCTION, LIMITED	WATER TRUCK	3500.00
JAMES L PURDUM & TAMMY J PURDUM	TRUCKING	2632.00
SAWYER MOUNTAIN GUNS & AMMO	SECURITY CAMERAS	751.98
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
WARREN TRUCKING, INC.	TRUCKING	1960.00

## VISITORS FUND-

VADA HAUMANN	GRANT	100.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	77.13
MCI	PHONE	69.39

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for The Lonely Grill on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the engagement letter with McChesney, Martin and Sagehorn for budget services not to exceed \$4,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 10:29 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the 3 gambling petitions currently proposed were sent for signature verifications.

Planning/Zoning update, the board will be meeting shortly after the August 11<sup>th</sup> District Court hearing.

Treasurer presented the financial report. Those with delinquent taxes will be sent a reminder letter.

Sheriff reported on activity at the forest over the weekend. He also reported that he had assisted Hooker County with a search warrant.

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

Bethany Johnston presented the Central Sandhills Area Extension office 2016-2017 budget for the board to review.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the 2016-2017 budget request for the Central Sandhills Area Extension office.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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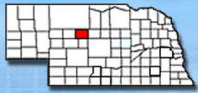
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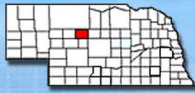
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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes





# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 2, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Pam Moody, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Sheriff Gary Eng and Dave Hamilton.

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 July 21, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the August 2, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the July 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 28, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

Lloyd will check into the possibility of purchasing the millings from the State of Nebraska project down by Tryon. He will also check into any other projects in the area for the next year.

Road personnel reported that they have been filling in washouts. Road man Schukei stated that he needed to put gravel on Rodocker, Atkins and Hamilton Rd.

Road man Schukei stated that he will be taking off on August 10<sup>th</sup> at noon and off on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.

The millings that the county purchased from Cherry County that are located on N. Hwy 83 will be moved to the L & L Gravel pit next week. The millings will then be mixed with other material and then laid on Windmill Rd.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the Annual Certification form for STP Buyback Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the property that the county uses in Seneca to park on. No action taken at this time.

Discussion was had on the storm damage in Seneca last week. The county cannot remove any downed trees on private property.

Emergency Manager Hood talked with the board about establishing a policy for the use of County equipment during a fire or emergency. No action taken at this time. More information to be acquired from NIRMA.

Acknowledged Visitors.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	229.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2283.64
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMINISTRATIVE	690.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4478.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	373.58
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	478.64
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	48.70
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	634.20
MASS MUTUAL	DEF COMP	1527.31
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1173.19
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	867.76
PRESTO X	SERVICES	47.44



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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	125.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7332.06
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DIST COURT	CLAIM #18	35.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	21.46
THOMAS CO TREASURER	SUPPLIES	194.27
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	294.77
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		20436.4

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	649.72
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	9.16
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.74
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	429.60
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	3284.40
LAWSON PRODUCTS	TOOLS	599.99
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	12.99
GALEN NEBEN	SHOP	30.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	167.09
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1133.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1492.60
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	10.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5646.91

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.09
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CALLS GARAGE INC	SERVICE	43.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	COPIER	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
JUNE EMERSON	MILEAGE	81.54
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.79
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	17.28
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
JENNIFER HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	113.40
CR JEWELL	MILEAGE	108.00
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	27.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
SUE PEARMAN	SUPPLIES	10.68
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	36.96
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	867.72
BLAKE THOMPSON	MILEAGE	17.28
UNCLE BUCK'S	MEALS	206.25
ZACK WAKLEY	MILEAGE	24.30
SALARIES		3309.94

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.52
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.95
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	147.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.10
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	34.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	18.07
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	299.57
SALARIES		1318.88

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.56



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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	79.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	21.64
SALARIES		128.99

## Office reports:

Clerk reported on Safety products needed for the new shop, Lawson products had the most competitive prices.

Nebraska Fire & Equipment will be bringing up 2 fire extinguishers for the shop.

Three applications were received for the office position in the Clerk's office.

August 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for non-incumbents to file for office.

Assessor workshop will be August 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

Fee report for July for the clerk's office presented.

Treasurer reported on new office assistant. West Central District meeting will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> in North Platte.

Sheriff reported on the emergency response to the storm in Seneca last week. Forest activity has been high. Fair – no problems were reported.

Surveyor reported that the survey work that he has been asked to do for NPPD is on hold until the hearing on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Emergency Manager reported that all replacement 911 signs that were ordered earlier this year will be put up by the end of August.

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

Discussion was had on the email received from DA Davidson to refinance the courthouse building loan. Correspondence from Security First Bank was also presented. No action taken at this time. Board would like to invite BJ Thomas from Security First Bank to attend their next meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Hamilton and Kevin Hood advised the board about the progress on the new fire hall.

Public comment. Twyla Witt asked when the next Planning board meeting was scheduled. Clerk reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman Pettit reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Sheriff Gary Eng, Susan Maline of McChesney, Martin, Sagehorn, and Pam Moody. The 2016-2017 budget work session was held. Revenue and expense worksheets were reviewed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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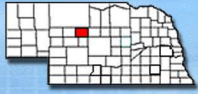
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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit and Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Pettit to excuse board member John Seeley. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays –none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei, Pam Moody, Twyla Witt, Carol Lewis, Charlene Reiser, Sheriff Gary Eng, Kort Hamilton, John Hamilton, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, BJ Thomas-Security First Bank, Judy Rath and Carl Leach. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Pettit to adopt the August 16, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Pettit to approve the August 2, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 11, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Roads discussion:

The millings have all been relocated to L & L Gravel pit. Lloyd presented a road mix combination for oil and millings. Lewis reported that we need to get some tires for the water truck we just purchased. Discussion was had on renting or purchasing a road seaman.

2,000 ton of mix is ready to be laid on Windmill Rd., this project will probably begin the first of September.

Repair on belly dump discussed.

Purchasing material from Jeffries pit by Brewster discussed.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Pettit to sell the surplus fuel tanks on the Purple Wave website. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried. Lewis will get the clerk contact information.

Correspondence presented. Stan, Lewis, Andrea and Lorissa decided to sign up for the West Central District meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in North Platte.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

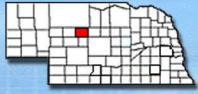
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	481.07
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
RUSS DENAEYER	SERVICES	58.00
GARY J. ENG	POSTAGE	6.47
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.79
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	193.98
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWN CARE	1560.00
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	COURT CELL	35.13

**ROAD FUND-**

LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	306.82
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULT LLC	SERVICES	3008.07
PURDUM TRUCKING	TRUCKING	728.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
U S BANK	BOMGAARS	579.63
WARREN TRUCKING, INC.	TRUCKING	728.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	25.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	25.00
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MILEAGE/MEALS	171.39
MCI	PHONE	74.91



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Two bids were received for the Fruehauf Stainless Steel Trailer, Galen Neben and Perrett Construction.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Pettit to accept the bid of \$751 from Perrett Construction for the trailer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Office reports:

Clerk reported that she had hired a new employee in the office, Sarah Horn. Assessor workshop will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

Treasurer reported that the county only received \$18,925.40 for Forest Reserve money this year, this amount is down 65% from last year. She also presented a financial report for her office. Tax money is starting to come in.

Motion made by Pettit and second by Herbaugh to approve all office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pettit and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-9 directing the Treasurer to divide the Forest Reserve money as follows: \$15,140.32 to Bookmobile Fund and \$3,785.08 to Road Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Kevin Hood arrived and gave a report, Region 26 dispatch has been having problems dispatching for Thedford lately. He also reported that he will contact Clay Mohr from the Arnold Schools to check on the installation of 911 road signs.

The board reviewed the budget papers provided by Susan Maline and the County Clerk. Some changes to the Road fund were discussed. These changes will be submitted to Susan Maline for the Budget Hearing to be held on September 6, 2016.

Commissioner Seeley arrived at 10:56 a.m.

BJ Thomas discussed with the board about refinancing options on the courthouse building loan. The current rate is 3% and the new rate offered is 2.50%. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to accept the new terms from Security First Bank with a new rate of 2.50%. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board will sign the new loan papers on the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Carol Neiman Lewis, Trustee of the Neiman Trust addressed the board about some questions she had concerning the Planning Commission. She also stated that she was not aware of who ran the Sandhills Preservation Group Facebook page. Other questions she had for the board were if the County Surveyor had been hired to do surveys for NPPD on landowner's property. The board advised her that the obligation of the County Surveyor is, by statute, to locate lost corners within the county. She also addressed concerns about access roads to the transmission lines. The board advised her that if these access roads ran on private property that it would be between the landowner and NPPD to discuss the maintenance of these roads, the county board only has control over public roads. She also speculated that the county would lose tax revenues due to property values potentially going down due to the installation of transmission lines, concern for fire departments potential overuse based on the possibility of increase of fires caused by the turbines, and she stated that the Nebraska Sandhills have been designated as a national treasure, and asked the board for help in stopping the NPPD line and wind turbines. The county board is well aware of the potential problems and concerns and asked for suggestions from her as to what she thought the board could do, but nothing was presented.

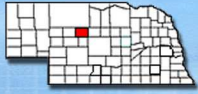
Carl Leach visited with the board about closing the Purdum Rd on August 10, 2017 starting at 7 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to close the Purdum Road on Thursday, August 10, 2017 starting at 7 a.m. for the Loup to Loup race. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Questions about Cherry County Wind contacting the board were discussed. No one has contacted the Board members or County offices from Cherry County Wind.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



# Thomas County Board Minutes



The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 6, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present throughout the morning were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Carolyn Warren, road personnel Keith Hartman, Al Atkins, Merrial Rhoades, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Pam Moody, Barb Welch, Dan Welch, Kort Hamilton, Dusty Turner, Carol Neiman Lewis, Bob Broweleit, Dale Ginkens-Vinton Feed, and BJ Thomas.

Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 6, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the August 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 25, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road projects discussion:

Stan reported that the roads down south were washed out again due to the storms over Labor Day weekend. Ed is on vacation this week, maybe Tom Licking will be available to help.

The Horizontal curve signs arrived, Lloyd suggested an inventory be taken of what signs we have and then working with NIRMA on the road sign audit.

Al Atkins offered the county clay from his clay pit at no cost.

Discussion was had that we stop bringing the material in from the side of the roads, too much sand is ending up on the roads. Before gravel and rock are added to the roads a base needs to be laid down first.

The road men need to get with Gaylord Porath about moving his auto gate.

Windmill Rd project will start on the 13<sup>th</sup> if trucks are available.

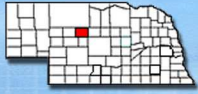
Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to pay the L & L Gravel claim. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

#### GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	172.90
ALAMAR UNIFORMS	SUPPLIES	166.74
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2398.88
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SECRETARY	665.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3592.42
CARS	SERVICE	83.35
JENNIFER CLEMENTS	SERVICE	360.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	353.38
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	497.91
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	152.75
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	160.20
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	31.30
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	254.85
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UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	141.00
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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/SERVICE	772.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7498.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	782.25
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	225.60
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		21514.62

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	636.22
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	561.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	42.64
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	6239.76
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	1324.73
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	1238.85
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3978.41
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	339.19
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.19
GALEN NEBEN	SHOP	5000.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	164.88
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	411.48
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2445.83
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1519.27
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS EXPENSE	360.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	3.02
TWIN RIVERS TESTING & ENVIROMENT	TESTING	235.25
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
WENQUIST, INC	TOOLS	17.75
SALARIES		5902.36

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.09
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## VISITORS FUND-

FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	ADVERTISING	1400.00
WATCHFIRE BY TIME-O-MATIC	SERVICE	200.00

## VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

LINDA EGLE-GIRLS LOST BRONZE	BRONZE	5000.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

KEESHA ALBRECHT	MILEAGE	54.00
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CALLS GARAGE INC	SERVICE	66.95
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICE	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	2.49
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	105.47
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MILEAGE/MEAL	70.45
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	44.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
SUE PEARMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	66.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	34.43
SALLY SAWYER	MEALS MILEAGE	43.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	826.58
SALARIES		3061.47

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	189.15
MARCY ANDERSEN	EXPENSES	94.94
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.73
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	151.08



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	28.54
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	345.39
SYNCB/AMAZON	EQUIPMENT	860.10
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	WATER SEWER	190.50
SALARIES		1386.89

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	BOOKS	85.26
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.48
PENWORTHY COMPANY	BOOKS	138.38
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	28.36
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	353.19
SALARIES		169.74

## Office reports:

Clerk reported that the ballots are close to being printed for the November election. NIRMA is holding the annual MSHA class in Valentine on October 18<sup>th</sup>, both road men will be signed up for the class and for CPR training.

August fee report presented for the office.

Treasurer reported that her office will be audited by the DMV on the heavy use tax.

Emergency manager reported that the new 911 road signs will not be installed for at least another 3 weeks.

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

Merrial Rhoades addressed the board about concerns on the transmission line. She asked if the board had been recently contacted by NPPD. Commissioner Seeley stated that he had phoned Alan Biermann to voice his concerns about the project. She also advised the board that there would be a meeting at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to listen about eminent domain.

Twyla Witt talked about banning wind turbines and stopping the transmission line.

Dan Welch voiced his concerns about no core samples or soil samples being conducted for the transmission line.

Chairman Pettit opened the public hearing at 10:34 a.m. for the Special Use Permits.

Dusty Turner explained his Master Hand milling project to the board. Bob Broweleit questioned the location in comparison to the Marquee sign. After reviewing the map it was decided that the location would be further to the east so as not to obstruct the Marquee sign. Al Atkins voiced his concern about current litigation with a former partner of Mr. Turner. Other discussion included the positive future use of the 70 ft. scale to be used for weighing trucks.

Al Atkins explained his two applications for the expansion of his feedlot on his property. A waiver signed by Dan Naber and Betty Naber was presented since they were closer than 2 miles.

Chairman Pettit closed the public hearing at 10:59 a.m.

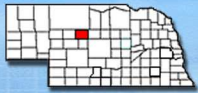
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the special use permit for Master Hand Milling-Dusty Turner in the NW1/4NE1/4 Section 10, Township 23, Range 28. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the special use permit from the AL Ranch for the NW1/4 Section 35, Township 24, Range 28. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the special use permit from the AL Ranch for the N1/2 Section 2, Township 23, Range 28. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none.

Carolyn Warren talked with the board about the Planning Commission's recommendation to impose a one year moratorium, or until zoning regulations have been completed on wind turbines, transmission lines and solar energy.

Motion made by Seeley to approve the recommendation of the Planning commission. Motion died due to no second. The commissioners would like to have the Planning Commission be more specific about their recommendation.



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Board reviewed the annual inventory statements of all county offices. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to accept all inventory statements. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to surplus the items presented by the Central Sandhills Area Extension office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Cowpoke on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hoffman Sale barn, 39237 W. Antelope Valley Rd, Thedford. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Cowpoke on November 5 at the 4-H Lodge, Nebraska National Forest, Halsey. Roll call vote: Ayes-Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays –none. Motion carried.

BJ Thomas met with the board to review the documents for modification of the courthouse building loan. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to sign the modification papers decreasing the interest rate from 3% to 2.5% with Security First Bank. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Seeley had the County Attorney prepare Resolution #2016-12, assigning a designee to act for the county board on all SDL applications. No action taken. The approval process will remain the same and must be presented to the county board through an agenda item.

County Court Magistrate Brenda Cochran has requested that the county board establish a petty cash fund for her office, through the suggestion of the Court Administrators office. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-13, establishing a petty cash fund for the county court office not to exceed fifty five dollars. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Twyla Witt presented the board with a letter from Hyde Kramer.

Lloyd Smith advised the board that he is having a problem with a landowner not allowing him access to a property so that he can restore the corners on the land. He will have the Sheriff go with him to talk with the landowner about allowing access. He also advised that if he is not able to complete his statutory job that himself and the county will probably have a Mandamus filed against Thomas County.

Chairman Pettit recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Herbaugh reconvened the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Members present were John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Commissioner Pettit arrived at 1:22 p.m.

Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Susan Maline, Pam Moody, Carol Neiman Lewis, Dan Welch, Barb Welch, and Stuart Scranton.

Vice-Chairman Herbaugh opened the budget hearing at 1:21 p.m.

No public comment.

Chairman Pettit closed the budget hearing at 1:34 p.m.

Chairman Pettit opened the Property Tax request hearing at 1:34 p.m.

No public comment.

Chairman Pettit closed the Property Tax request hearing at 1:41 p.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-10, for 1% increase for 2015-2016 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays –none. Motion carried.

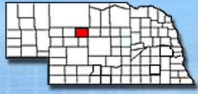
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the 2016-2017 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2016-11, setting the 2016-2017 final tax request at \$752,256. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays –none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution 2016-14, approving final allocation of levy authority to all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley.

Nays –none. Motion carried.

Public Comment.



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Dan Welch addressed the board with his concerns about the transmission line and how it will impact 180 families. He is also concerned about his property rights and that NPPD will use eminent domain to gain access to his land. Other concerns are no soil samples, erosion and access to water. He asked that the board contact NPPD and voice their concerns. He is also concerned with the requirement of purchasing Industrial insurance from having the transmission line on his land.

Stuart Scranton asked the board for help in re-routing the transmission line.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room to 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 during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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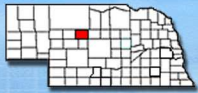
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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Carolyn Warren, Attorney Warren Arganbright, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Lori Roth and Al Davis.

Chairman Pettit stated the open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 20, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the September 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 15, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Warren Arganbright presented the board with his resignation and also asked the board to appoint the current Deputy Attorney Kurt Arganbright as the County Attorney and appoint himself as Deputy County Attorney. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Seeley to accept the resignation and to appoint Kurt Arganbright as the Thomas County Attorney and Warren Arganbright as the Deputy County Attorney. Roll call vote: Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board thanked Warren for his years of service to Thomas County.

Roads discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh talked to the board about the issues with the leaky gates on the belly dump. Any future instances will be documented and placed in the employee file.

The Windmill Rd project will begin on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Two local trucks have been hired to haul the material along with the county truck. Tom Licking will do the grader work on the road. The project will start at the highway and go back as far as possible with the material we have. Discussion was also held on building up the first portion of S. Seneca and going as far as where the pavement begins.

Commissioner Herbaugh told the board that the water trailer will be a simple fix to get it working how we need it to. Lloyd reported that he had talked with Tim Baxter about the road sign audit. We will either be able to apply through the NIRMA Assist grant or any NDOR grants to purchase and install these signs. He also mentioned that other counties are hiring part time people to assist with getting all signs installed. The county will need to have a MUTCD manual to assist with placement of the signs.

Lloyd and Commissioner Herbaugh also discussed the bidding process for the replacement of bridges. Perrett Construction would like to have a chance to bid.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he has not heard back from Purple Wave or Big Iron about selling the fuel tanks. Myers Iron Salvage came up last Friday to look at the surplus equipment that needs hauled off. The decision was made by the board to give the equipment to Myers Iron Salvage if they will take it. The county will keep the tack oil and tank. Possible future road project by Whitman may have some material available next spring.

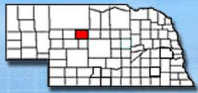
Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the NBCS Form 6, Annual Road Certification report for fiscal year 2015-2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. NIRMA will be sending an appraiser out by mid-October to appraise all property owned by Thomas County.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1435.83
DAS STATE ACCOUNTI CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64



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EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	104.75
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	72.89
LINDEMEIER & ASSOCIATES	SERVICES	670.16
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	CELL PHONE	35.13
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	REG FEE	60.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	94.00
THOMAS COUNTY CLERK	PLAT MAP	26.38
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	PETTY CASH	55.00
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATION	150.00
WYNN WIENS	SERVICES	140.63

#### ROAD FUND-

NIRMA	REGISTRATION	69.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	4624.00

#### VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.40
GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT	ADVERTISING	899.00

#### EXTENSION FUND-

MAILFINANCE	SERVICES	148.45
MCI	PHONE	71.45
SUE PEARMAN	MILEAGE	195.48

#### Office reports:

Clerk reported that the ballot proofs had been sent to the printers. Early voting requests have started to come in. Ballots will be ready to mail out by the statutory deadline of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. In office early voting will be available on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Budgets are starting to come in for the political subdivisions.

Treasurer presented financial report to the board.

Emergency Manager reported on the discussion with Region 26 and sheriffs about communication capabilities with the statewide network.

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

Carolyn Warren, Thomas County Planning Commission member discussed with the commissioners about the recommendation for the moratorium. It was decided that the Planning commission needed to identify the size of transmission line and not just classify as commercial. The Planning Commission has no scheduled meeting date as of now.

Al Davis met with the board to discuss the last year of legislation and what he sees as concerns for the upcoming legislation. Some key points discussed were overcrowding in the state prison system, local county law enforcement costs, property taxes and community college tax burden on property owners.

No public comment at this time.

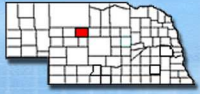
Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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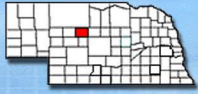


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Stanly R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 4, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:33 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Pam Moody, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, and Sheriff Gary Eng. Chairman Pettit stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested. Notice of meeting given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on September 22, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the October 4, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes –Herbaugh, Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the September 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 29, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd Smith reported on the funds that are available from the NDOR for bridge replacement. He along with Commissioner Herbaugh and Perrett Construction went out and checked Werner Bridge and Daly Bridge. The state will offer a cost share on these projects of 55% state and 45% county funds. The NDOR will send out a RFP to the commissioners/county clerk and then the application process will begin.

The project has started on Windmill Rd. Currently 2 miles have been completed. More material needs to be mixed to continue with this project.

South Seneca repair works was done on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The auto gate project on Gaylord Porath still needs completed. Western Engineering have millings available for purchase, they are located down by Tryon. Commissioner Herbaugh will talk to Western Engineering and find out a price.

Road man Ed Schukei reported he needs a set of steer tires on the grader and the Freightliner. He will check around for pricing. He also reported that Jim Purdum has some spare tires available for the belly dump. Tires and rim for \$150 and just the tire for \$100. No decision was made.

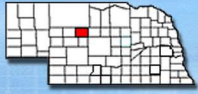
No visitors present.

Correspondence presented. Letter from Kristina Blackford, Bob Warren and Allen and Diane Andersen were read during the meeting. All other correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	172.90
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2164.24
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3592.42
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	383.82
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	454.56
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPIER	346.73
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	289.82
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	72.36
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	31.30
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.76
MCCHESNY MARTIN SAGEHORN, PC	SERVICES	4500.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1583.19
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	FIRE EXT CHECK	96.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	864.06
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	180.22
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	SUPPLIES	79.00



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PRESTO X	SERVICES	47.44
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	2ND QTR	533.81
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	285.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	6631.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/SPRINKLERS	955.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6791.01
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #19	33.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	4524.91
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	OCT NOV DEC	340.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		20781.91

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	672.97
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	386.79
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	42.48
G-3 ENTERPRISES INC	GRAVEL	436.40
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	7322.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	289.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	176.93
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	223.48
JAMES L PURDUM & TAMMY J PURDUM	TRUCKING	4928.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	905.98
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1694.72
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	13361.89
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
WARREN TRUCKING, INC.	TRUCKING	3024.00
SALARIES		6665.25

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	68.09
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## VISITORS FUND-

JUSTIN WERNER	PROMOTION	150.00
WESTERN NEBRASKA TOURISM COALITION	REGISTRATION	337.04

## EXTENSION FUND-

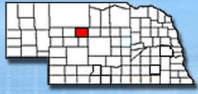
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.30
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS/EQUIPMENT	210.90
MCI	PHONE	70.28
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL/SERVICE	83.03
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	18.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	723.58
SALARIES		2439.97

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	171.43
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.95
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	146.91
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	EXTINGUISHER	30.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	24.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	299.86
SALARIES		1229.46

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.92



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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	162.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	74.44
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	129.95
SALARIES		444.54

## Office reports:

Sheriff reported on status of forest contract. He also reported that his name will be on the NIRMA Board of Directors ballot this week in Kearney. He will also be at the conference to get his continuing education hours. He also reported that the Gator has been brought back from the forest and it is currently being stored in the shop.

Clerk reported on the Jeffres bid sheet and that they would honor the \$14/ton on 3A crushed gravel rather than the billed rate of \$16/ton. Next year the rate will increase to \$16/ton. Fee report for the month of September was presented to the board. Simon Adler of Radiolab had some questions about the May 13, 2014 vote on the Village of Seneca. With the boards help the six questions were answered and the Clerk will email the response back to him.

Discussion was had on the condition of the microfilmed records in Lincoln. After review 41 rolls of film the suggestion from MIPS Microfilming was to either rescan the books at an approximate cost of \$14,305.05 or the other option is to duplicate and brown tone the rolls at a cost of \$2,665.00. The Clerk will contact surrounding counties to see if they have had this similar problem.

Treasurer reported that she had mailed out reminders to landowners that had delinquent taxes.

Emergency Manager reported that the Arnold school had come up and replaced the road signs that needed repair or replaced that had been reported to him.

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

Meeting recessed at 10:32 a.m. for Board of Equalization meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

No public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Stan Pettit, John Seeley, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Pam Moody, Sheriff Gary Eng 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 October 6, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the October 18, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the October 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 13, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Herbaugh, Pettit. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Porath auto gate was discussed. Mixing material to finish parts of Windmill Rd was discussed. The NDOR Bridge Match program was reviewed, Lloyd will get the necessary paperwork ready for the November 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. Ayres Ln was discussed, Lewis will go out and take a look at the road. The Clerk reported that she had ordered the MUTCD book for putting up the road signs.

Road men were attending MSHA and CPR training by NIRMA in Valentine today.

Discussion was held on hiring an additional road employee. The Clerk will advertise in the Thomas County Herald, website and Facebook.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	940.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	956.85
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	126.44
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	23.92
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	145.80
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	298.04
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	199.90
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWNCARE	520.00
NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SERVICES	501.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER	74.98
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	35.50
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	214.92
U S BANK	LODGING	89.00

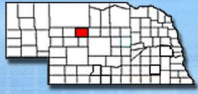
**ROAD FUND-**

HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	1693.27
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1581.12
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	1963.68
U S BANK	BOOK	72.80

**EXTENSION FUND-**

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	175.43
HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	56.30
BETHANY JOHNSTON	FUEL	17.61
SUE PEARMAN	MEAL	26.87

Office reports:



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Clerk reported that voting is off to a good start, as of last night 60 early vote ballots had been given out so far. The county will need to advertise for snow removal at the courthouse.

Treasurer reported on the Legislative conference she attended in York. A financial report was also presented to the board.

Sheriff reported on the NIRMA workshop he attended for continuing education hours, he also brought the county dividend check back for \$2,580. He also reported that he will have a sheriff sale on a wrecked pickup on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The quarterly fee report was also presented to the board.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve office and fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Concrete work at the courthouse and library was discussed. Clerk is to send out letters to contractors asking for bids on the work to be done.

SDL application from The Lonely Grill was reviewed.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to approve the November 19, 2016 SDL application from The Lonely Grill at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried. No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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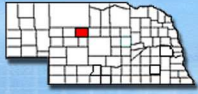
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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 6, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:34 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Stanley Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Pam Moody, Twyla Witt, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Sheriff Gary Eng.

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 November 24, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the December 6, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the November 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 24, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Pettit, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had looked at the manhole cover at Lee Ray's. He has visited with Terry Higgins about replacing. Herbaugh reported that he will talk to the NDOR and see if they have any covers available.

Auto gate discussion was held on what size is required by the insurance carrier. Minimum size on public roads will be 18'. The road men will work on making three sets of auto gates, two to go on Peaceful Plains Rd and one extra. Object markers will need to be placed on the auto gates on public roads.

Suggested signage throughout the county was discussed.

Lloyd presented the board with paperwork to start preparing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. More discussion to be held on the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

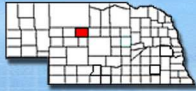
Discussion was held on the flat-bed trailer listed on Big Iron. No action taken.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

#### GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	229.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2336.79
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	4471.50
BRIDGE OF HOPE	MILEAGE	75.60
CARS	REPAIRS	48.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	148.57
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	372.54
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICES	876.12
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	418.90
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	201.38
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.87
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	71.28
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	48.70
KEVIN HOOD	MILEAGE	77.76
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1245.25
NACO	DUES	900.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	955.21
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	83.47
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	47.00
QUILL	SUPPLIES	289.79
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES/FUEL	589.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7367.50
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	897.25



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ANDREA THOMAS	SUPPLIES	42.80
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	411.22
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	127.92
SALARIES		22379.98

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	651.07
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1764.66
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	763.24
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICES	13.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	38.96
METROPOLITAN COMPOUNDS, INC	SUPPLIES	978.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	46.02
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	174.66
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	41.42
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	307.21
POWERPLAN	SERVICES	600.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/TIRE	4456.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1660.42
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	360.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6605.31

## PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	67.98
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## VISITORS FUND-

SOWDERS	ADVERTISING	245.00
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## EXTENSION FUND-

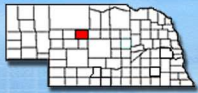
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	173.53
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SERVICES	379.85
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	209.12
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	39.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.90
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	28.00
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEALS	29.11
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	FUEL	82.44
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	85.04
SUE PEARMAN	MEALS	11.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	727.42
TOTALFUNDS BY HASLER	METER POSTAGE	791.71
U S BANK	OFFICE CHAIR	69.99
SALARIES		2463.05

## LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	146.18
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	49.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.47
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	106.07
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	18.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.66
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES	126.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	251.87
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	200.88
SALARIES		1107.30

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	295.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	154.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	82.96
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	116.41



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SALARIES

494.72

## Office reports:

Clerk reported that the General Election costs were \$5,015.53, and that the county had submitted bills to those political subdivisions that can be billed for \$1,854.44. The cost per voter during the General Election was \$12.60 per voter.

Snow removal for the courthouse and parking lot is still needed.

Questions on Village of Halsey residents not paying a tax for fire protection was discussed.

Fee report for the Clerk's office was presented.

Treasurer reported that tax statements were mailed out on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. She also discussed the road fund balance with the board.

Emergency Manager gave a Region 26 report.

Sheriff reported that activity has been high in the county. He also reported that the forest contract has been fulfilled.

The last billing will go out this week to the Forest service. The Sheriff also answered questions about the manhunt in November. The county did not have to reimburse any law enforcement that helped in the search. The surrounding counties have a mutual aid agreement to handle situations like this.

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

Discussion was held on the first meeting in January 2017. The constitution states that the newly elected board member will take office on the first Thursday following the first Tuesday of the month. This year that date will be Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to move the first meeting of January to Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Twyla Witt presented the board with some information on Power lines, wind turbines and Fish & Wildlife reports.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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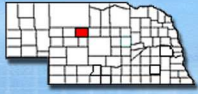
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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2016

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:34 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. Members present were Stanley Pettit, John Seeley and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Pam Moody, Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Twyla Witt, Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Emergency Manager Kevin Hood, Sheriff Gary Eng, and Bethany 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 December 8, 2016.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to adopt the December 20, 2016 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the December 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 15, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on purchasing iron for the road personnel to build auto gates. Board decided to go ahead and have the road men order the square tubing to build two twenty foot auto gates. Commissioner Herbaugh also asked the road department to build a handrail to be installed at the Library.

The semi will need new batteries, the decision was to wait until the weather warms up before purchasing.

The board and road men reviewed the 2016 One and Six year road plan. Lloyd will get cost estimates for the Halsey/Purdum road.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve all claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

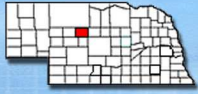
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SECRETARY	830.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	443.38
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	180.44
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE/MEAL	154.22
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	17.49
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	145.80
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	50.00
LITTREL, KYLENE	SERVICES	69.00
MARILYN MASEBERG	RETIREMENT	60.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	2767.47
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	EXPENSE	36.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	3RD QTR EXT	4524.90
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	102.42
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	PAPER SERVICE	19.50
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	145.80

**ROAD FUND-**

BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	148.03
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	138.00
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2016	300.00
NEBRASKALAND TIRE TRUCK STOP	TIRES	760.30
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	3680.82
U S BANK	SUPPLIES/SHOP	28.69

**EXTENSION FUND-**

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	24.75
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HODGES CENEX INC	FUEL	59.04
BETHANY JOHNSTON	MEAL	26.06
MAILFINANCE	SERVICES	148.45
MCI	PHONE	71.38
SUE PEARMAN	FUEL/MEALS	76.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SERVICES	28.00

<b>DEBT SERVICE FUND-</b>		
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	29022.64

## Office reports:

Clerk reported on the request from the Thedford Rural Fire District to run grant funds from Burlington Northern through the county.

The interior walls within the courthouse will be getting a new layer of paint in the coming weeks.

Time card machines were discussed.

Treasurer presented her financial report to the board. She also reported that she will be inquiring into offering Nebraska Game and Parks permit for sale in the office.

Sheriff reported that all funds have been received from the forest contract.

Emergency Manager reported that Custer County has decided at this time not to join Region 26 for dispatch services.

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

Bethany Johnston talked with the board about purchasing a new vehicle for the Extension Office. After discussion with the County Attorney this item will be tabled until the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The board reviewed the recommendation from the Thomas County Planning Commission about a one year moratorium, or until zoning regulations are finished, on Commercial Wind Energy and Commercial Solar Energy.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to approve the recommendation of the Thomas County Planning Commission and place a one year moratorium, or until zoning regulations are updated on commercial wind energy and commercial solar energy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Herbaugh to appoint Larry Haake, Miles Maseberg and Jim Purdum to the Thomas County Planning Commission for a three year term. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the resignation of George Mintle from the Thomas County Planning Commission. A replacement to the board has been tabled until the January 5, 2017 meeting.

Public comment. Twyla Witt read the statement from the Cherry County Commissioners vote on the special use permit application for wind turbines.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Pettit to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Pettit, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Stanley R. Pettit, Chairman

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