



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020

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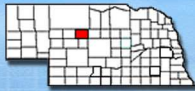
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Attest:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to elect John Seeley as Chairperson of the board for 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to elect Pam Moody as Vice Chairperson of the board for 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to set the regular board meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to set the following deadlines for meetings:

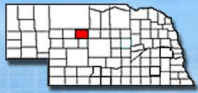
Notice in the paper – 10 days' prior to the meeting

Claims turned into the Clerk's office by the Friday before the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to set the 2020 observed holiday dates as: New Year's Day – January 1st, Martin Luther King, Jr Day – January 20th, President's Day – February 17th, Good Friday – April 10th, Arbor Day – April 24th, Memorial Day – May 25th, Independence Day – July 3rd, Labor Day – September 7th, Columbus Day – October 12th, Veteran's Day – November 11th, Thanksgiving Day and Friday after – November 26th & 27th, Christmas Day – December 25th. ** and/or any designated by the Nebraska Governor and/or President of the United States providing no court or board meetings are scheduled on said days. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint the Thomas County Herald as the official news publication for the county. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to appoint www.thomascountynebraska.us as the official county website. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-1, setting Security First Bank, Thedford as the official county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Roll call vote: Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-2, giving the Thomas County Treasurer authority to invest county funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent with a \$12/hour wage effective immediately. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint Gary Eng as the Thomas County Emergency Manager Director. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to name the following board appointments:

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – John Seeley & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Pam Moody

Region 26 – Gary Eng

Lexington Solid Waste – Jim Purdum

West Central Development District – John Seeley

Sandhills RC & D – Pam Moody

Thomas County Safety Committee – Jim Purdum

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

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Road discussion:

Missing road slope sign on N Seneca reported by the road department. Several road signs with bullet holes discussed. The road employees talked about the projects they have been working on in the shop. Future projects were also discussed.

The surplus equipment that was sold on Auction Time was discussed. The road men will check with Myers Construction and a salvage yard in Kearney to see if we could get rid of the last two trailers that were never picked up.

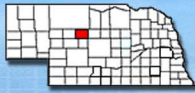
Reminder of the NIRMA workshop on January 29th here in Thedford.

Correspondence presented. Agenda and information for the Zoning workshop will be passed out to the board members at the next meeting.

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DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.59
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	75.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	CHECKS	172.61
U S BANK	FUEL	53.00



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LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	54.01
GALEN NEBEN	SERVICES	137.50
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2496.18

VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	MEMBERSHIPS	575.00
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAGS	331.12
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EXTENSION FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	NOTICE	9.40
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	65.55
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	NOTICE	6.97
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	92.00
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	28.75
SANDHILLS CORRAL	MEALS	140.63

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the Election training on January 23rd in North Platte. Lisa Eng will be watching the office so that all office staff can attend training on the new equipment.

Treasurer presented financial report and delinquent tax list. Treasurer also reported that all personal property distress warrants have been collected by the County Sheriff.

Sheriff reported on the equipment request on the Forest Contract, he requested two new bullet proof vests.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the Management Representation letter with Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Don Wilson discussed the audit he concluded for 2018-2019 Fiscal year. He reviewed the fund balances and report with the board.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-4, Hazard Mitigation Plan update prepared by the Upper Loup NRD. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-5, appointing Jim Purdum as our representative to the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to surplus the following equipment:

Library:

- Copystar copier
- 10 small resin chairs
- 10 medium resin chairs



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15 large resin chairs

Extension Office:

2 Kodak Easy Share Digital Cameras
Kodak Easy Share Printer Dock
1-3 Flip Video Cameras
Digital Photography accessory kit
4 walkie talkies (not working)
Sony Digital Camera with disks and bag
Garmen eTrex GPS – Broken
3 swivel office chairs
Green Army desk

Roads:

4 Bridgestone (14r24)

Clerk office:

Dell Precision Computer T1700 (JZL6021)- virus infected

Treasurer office:

6 drawer filing cabinet
Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to allow the Deputy Sheriff through the month of February to use the remainder of his comp time that he accrued during training. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

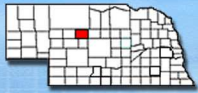
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas Count 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:

Pam Moody, Vice Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2020

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 John Seeley, Jim Purdum and Pam Moody. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Twyla Witt, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

Chairman Seeley 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 23, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the February 4, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the January 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd reported that he will have specs ready by Mid-March for the armor coat project to be advertised. The county will need to advertise this project for 3 weeks. This armor coat project will be for S. Seneca and Windmill on the millings that were laid down in 2018.

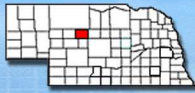
Discussion was held on the Purdum Rd and the heavy truck traffic that it receives. Lloyd will talk with NIRMA about placing speed limits on the road along with load limits to try and help save the condition of the road. He will also reach out to Thomas Livestock to see what assistance they can offer from the heavy truck traffic from their hog barn.

Discussion was held on Heritage Rd and Fuller Lane about the possibility of working with Hooker County to do some road work together on these roads. John Seeley will reach out to a Hooker County Commissioner to discuss.

Discussion was held on the status of Avey Lane. From the records on file the county had went through the process of abandoning a portion of Avey Lane back in 2008 at the request of the landowner with the idea of building a new portion of the road. The new road was never established due to the county not receiving a signed easement from the landowner. The county board took no action to reestablish the abandoned road.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to surplus the rotary seamen(without motor). Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Discussion was held on the developing procedures for disbursing the Federal Reserve Money. Sandhills Public Schools will develop documentation to be presented to the County Treasurer to provide information on student aged children living on the forest land.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-7, directing the Treasurer to disburse the Forest Reserve money to the Sandhills Public Schools. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Rich Cook talked with the board about the letter from NACO. This will be an agenda item on the February 18th meeting. No other action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to pay payroll and claims as presented, excluding claim #02200064. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2976.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
BOMGAARS	SAFETY COATS	134.98
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	57.34
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	374.00
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	113.82
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	684.12
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	474.54
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER/SUPPLIES	333.14
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	152.95
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80
MENARD'S	LIGHT BULBS	27.88
MIPS INC	SERVICES	895.98
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	26.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1172.54
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	110.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	832.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7868.96
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	15.70
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	838.75
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	280.60
U S BANK	MEALS	25.09
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		25571.54

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	698.29
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
BOMGAARS	SAFETY COATS	202.48
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	182.72
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	108.61
KELLY SUPPLY CO.	REPAIRS	4.99
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	77.08
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	360.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	22.89
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	199.74
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	93.41
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1831.40
SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SRS FUNDS	5694.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1545.57
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
WENQUIST, INC	SUPPLIES	22.99
SALARIES		6211.78



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**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	78.01
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VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	9.02
OMAHA MAGAZINE	PROMOTION	1530.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	272.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.70
AMANDA DAVIS	MILEAGE	73.60
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	137.60
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	85.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	925.25
SALARIES		3127.33

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	139.35
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.26
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE INC.	SUPPLIES	198.64
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	148.32
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	23.82
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	323.73
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	270.50
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	7.50
SALARIES		998.93

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

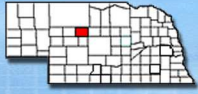
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	332.99
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.88
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	138.91
SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SRS FUNDS	22776.79
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	60.14
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	159.12
SALARIES		360.01

Office reports:

Clerk presented financial report for the month of January 2020. Election equipment has arrived and training has been completed for the Clerk's office. Reminder that incumbent filings for Primary Election deadline is February 18th.

Treasurer reported on the legislative day she attended in Lincoln on January 31st. She also provided information on additional sales tax commission that the county will receive.

Sheriff discussed the safety audit report and the progress on details listed in the report. He also visited with the Judge about security cameras for the County Court office. The decision was to place a camera in the hall facing into the office. The Sheriff also reported that Deputy Smith will be working in Hooker County part time as needed since Hooker County no longer has a Deputy. He will not be using the Thomas County vehicle to assist in Hooker County and this will not affect his patrol hours in Thomas County. Hooker County will be compensating him for hours worked in their county. The Sheriff informed the board that he has no news on the forest contract yet.



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

TL Meyer from the Central Sandhills Area Extension office presented bids for new vehicles to replace the 2013 Ford Escape. No action taken at this meeting. Tabled until February 18, 2020.

Discussion was held with the board about the Clerk and Treasurer preparing the budget for Thomas County rather than hiring McChesney Martin and Sagehorn for \$4,500. Thomas County will be a pilot county for the new MIPS system. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the Clerk and Treasurer preparing the 2020-2021 budget for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint Linda Cowdin to the Thomas County Planning Commission for the term of 2020-2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on finding replacement for Bob Childers term on the Thomas County Planning Commission. No action taken.

Mike Finney was unable to attend the board meeting today to discuss the Seneca Cemetery.

Chairman Seeley opened the public hearing for the One & Six Year Road Plan at 11:00 a.m.

Twyla Witt reviewed the map identifying road maintenance.

No other public comment at this time.

Chairman Seeley closed the public hearing at 11:12 a.m.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-6, One & Six Year Road Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Twyla Witt gave a report on the Thomas County Visitors Committee happenings. She presented minutes for the past year from the Visitors Committee meetings. She reminded that nonprofit events can be listed on the electronic sign, all you need to do is contact Twyla Witt to request it be added to the sign. She reported on the Hills to Forest Kayak event held in 2019 with 40 participants. She also reported that there is grant money available for marketing of events happening in Thomas County. The Improvement fund planned expenditures were also reviewed with the board.

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 11:32 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the regular meeting at 11:45 a.m.

No other public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



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The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Mike Finney, Rick Nelson, Jason Chaplin, Jerry Spanel, Cindy Linder, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, County Sheriff Gary Eng, and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

Chairman Seeley 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 6, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the February 18, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the February 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 14, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road grading during the warm weather was discussed. The road men have been working on cleaning up the piles at the Village dump.

Commissioner Seeley has visited with Commissioner Crisp in Hooker County about Fuller Ln and Heritage Rd work. Hooker County road department will be in touch with the Thomas County road department.

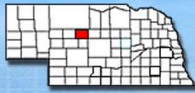
The road men will order new lights for the graders. The road men will start the sign inventory program for the county.

Commissioner Seeley asked that the road men start turning in activity reports at the April 7th meeting.

Rick Nelson with Custer Public Power District met with the board to talk about the upgrade of 38 miles of transmission line going from Dunning to Mullen. Custer Public Power will hold a public meeting on March 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion in Thedford to answer any questions.

Mike Finney met with the board to talk about the cemetery in Seneca. County Attorney Kurt Arganbright will work with Mike Finney to get everything set up for the Seneca Cemetery Association. The land for the cemetery was deeded from the Seneca Cemetery Association to the Village of Seneca in 1936. The County is looking into options of leasing the land or deeding it to the Seneca Cemetery Association in the future. No action taken at this time.

Rich Cook, Thomas County Weed Superintendent met with the board to inform the board that the letter they had received from NACO was incorrect and that he has received an apology from members of the weed board about the confusion.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to pay claim #02200064 for \$300 to SGS. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. This claim had been denied at the last meeting and has since been determined that it actually was a claim for the county.

Correspondence presented. Charron Lawn Care plan for 2020 was reviewed. The Clerk will let them know that we would like to continue with their fertilizer plan for the 2020 growing season. No other action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

BORDERS LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	1075.10
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	181.85
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	49.59
GRADUATE LINCOLN	LODGING	124.00
MIPS INC	COMPUTERS/SERVICES	6383.69
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	DUES-2020	50.00
NEBRASKA PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC	REGISTRATION	105.00
MARY NICHOLS	SEWING	15.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	58.00
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #24 COSTS	72.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	55.00

ROAD FUND-

BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGN	90.76
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	38.40
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	76.20
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT	196.04

EXTENSION FUND-

AMANDA DAVIS	POSTAGE	4.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	186.90
MCI	PHONE	48.04
SALLY SAWYER	NEWSLETTER	79.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported that a new jury pool will need to be put together. The last jury pool was set in 2015, according to statutes we are required to set a new jury pool every 5 years.

Assessor office report on the Village reappraisal work. It looks like home values will see an increase along with lot values increasing in Thedford. Values will need to be set by March 19th.

Treasurer presented the January financial report. Andrea also reported that she serves on an education task force for the Treasurer Association. This task force is working on establishing education courses for the Treasurer’s Association. The tax sale for delinquent taxes will be on Monday, March 2nd.

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

TL Meyer with the Central Sandhills Extension office presented the board with bids to trade in the 2013 Ford Escape. Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the purchase of the 2020 Chevrolet Equinox at Gateway Motors in Broken Bow, while trading in the 2013 Ford Escape. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – Purdum. Motion carried.



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The Audit report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 has been completed and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the Audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

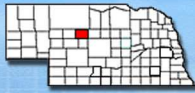
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2020

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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Absent – Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith. Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to excuse Commissioner Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley 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 20, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the March 3, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the February 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 27, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent- Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith informed the board about the Armor coat project. He has contacted 12 contractors to submit bids for the project. He will advertise in the Thomas County Herald and we will open bids at the April 7th meeting.

Lloyd will also contact Eric with Werner Construction to visit with him about the milling pile the county owns located on Frank Warren’s land.

Repairs to the 163H grader were discussed. A new alternator and belts were needed.

Commissioners discussed the option of mixing our own cold mix rather than buying in North Platte.

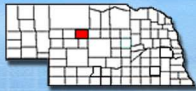
The Commissioners would like a list of roads that the road personnel plan to haul material on once the weather improves. They also reminded them to start filling out future maintenance reports starting in April.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2863.29
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	480.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	438.96



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RICHARD COOK	WEED EXPENSES	77.94
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	695.64
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	432.58
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	18.33
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	74.75
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1521.13
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1153.88
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	225.76
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	853.61
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7665.30
TAX VALUATION INC	SERVICES	4700.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	3RD QTR EXTEN	5395.17
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	6.55
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
DONALD D WILSON	SERVICES	6500.00
SALARIES		24888.97

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	629.13
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	89.57
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	77.98
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	87.40
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	10.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	169.55
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2140.24
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	542.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1399.94
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		5685.74

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	76.38
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VISITORS FUND-

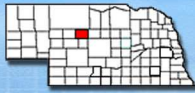
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	12.45
POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	SPONSORSHIP	250.00
U S BANK	DOMAIN RENEWAL	71.02

EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	243.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.70
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	EQUINOX	18500.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
TL MEYER	FUEL	24.35
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	122.53
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	83.33
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	872.41
SALARIES		3040.30

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	122.71
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.04
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	113.50
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.59
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	744.83
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
KIM MILLS	SUPPLIES	13.16
NEAL LUMBER CO	BLDG SUPPLIES	142.00



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	19.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	353.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	225.92
SYNCB/AMAZON	CRAFTS	26.25
SALARIES		840.31

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	129.88
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	50.62
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	271.18
SALARIES		303.99

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the office on the month of February. Assessor actions discussed included the Halsey, Seneca, Thedford reappraisal work. Values need to be set by March 19th. The lots in Thedford will see and increase in value, and homes in all towns will see an increase due to the sales of homes throughout the county. Election Commissioner reports that the Thedford School Board, Mullen School Board, Sandhills School Board, Thomas County Airport Authority and Thomas County Commissioner races will auto advance to the General Election in November. Courthouse maintenance issues include the furnace in the Extension office not working for several days last week and locking thermostat covers were installed per the request of NIRMA.

Treasurer reported that she held the delinquent tax sale on Monday, March 2, 2020 with nobody in attendance. The Treasurer will be in Lincoln on March 11th & 12th to attend an education task force meeting.

Commissioner Moody will be attending a workshop in Kearney March 4th-6th for Planning/Zoning.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Don Wilson for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2022 for \$6,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to appoint Royce Jennings to the Thomas County Planning Commission to fill the remainder of Bob Childers term expiring 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. 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, March 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept



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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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2020

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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Absent – Jim Purdum. Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to excuse Commissioner Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei and Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chairman Seeley 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 5, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the March 17, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the March 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 12, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had spoken to Eric Huntsley of Werner Construction about the material the County has stock piled at Frank Warren's land. The County will try to have the material moved out before Werner Construction moves in to set up for the summer. The road men discussed using this material for shouldering on N Seneca. They hope to start this project after the weather warms up.

Lloyd also reported that he had a sample resolution about setting load limits and restricting speed on county roads. He will share this information with the County Attorney before proceeding.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had visited with Matt Thomas of Thomas Livestock about road usage.

Road employees presented work and material plans for when the weather permits.

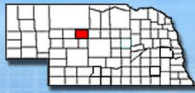
Ed Schukei reported that his grader has an oil leak, believes it could be transmission. He will contact NMC to come pick it up and take to North Platte for repair after the snow storm this week.

Keith presented a map of the Childers clay pit. The Clerk will forward the map and material agreement to the family. Commissioner Moody will talk with the family about proceeding.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-



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ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	540.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	199.90
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	424.63
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	23.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	72.59
HOOKE COUNTY TREASURER	KEYS	63.84
MIPS INC	SERVICES	229.41
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	100.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE/EXPENSES	88.16
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	7.60
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	CLAIM #32	17.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	279.45
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES 2020	100.00

ROAD FUND-

BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	83.87
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	85.81
MIKES MOTORCYCLE & ATV REPAIR	SUPPLIES	63.96
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	1423.51
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	PAINT	98.02

VISITORS FUND-

U S BANK	DOMAIN RENEWAL	75.88
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EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	281.39
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	1.98
KWIK STOP	FUEL	15.52
MCI	PHONE	47.32
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLING FEE	15.00

Office reports:

Assessor office reports include that the Abstract of Real Property was filed on March 10th. Any changes to value after this date will need to go through Board of Equalization. A report of homes sold in each town will be available to the Commissioners in May.

Jury questionnaires were mailed out last week. No jury trial is scheduled at this time, a list of potential jurors needs to be available in the event of a jury trial.

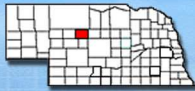
Election reports: ballot certification was received from the Secretary of State office, ballot proofs are in the process of being reviewed before going to print.

Clerk/Register of Deeds office has been receiving a lot of requests for scanned copies and title search work. We have implanted a fee of \$1 per page scanned and emailed along with a disclaimer that our work does not constitute title research.

Treasurer presented financial report for February.

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

Commissioner Seeley opened the one bid we received for lawn care.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to accept the lawn care bid from Chauncey J. Linn for \$540 per month. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on developing a pandemic plan. The board appointed Andrea Thomas as the Pandemic coordinator and named Joseph Smith and Lorissa Hartman to the Pandemic team. A plan will be developed on how to conduct meetings and business during this difficult time. Plans will be developed in the chance that board meetings will need to be held telephonically or by electronic means. The Commissioners decided at this time to close the Library to the public effectively immediately and to discontinue bookmobile services. The Courthouse will close to the public when the Thedford Public Schools close. All County employees will continue to work in their positions, unless ill.

No public comment.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote; Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

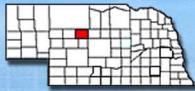
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska Executive Order No. 20-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Present by telephone was Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Gary Eng, and Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith. Others attending and participating by telephone were County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Judy Rath. Other members of the public, not identified were listening by telephone.

Chairman Seeley identified the emergency for the meeting was the COVID-19 virus.

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

Notice of the meeting was given by published online with Creative Printers website (creativeprintersonline.com), Thomas County Facebook page, Creative Printers Facebook page, posted at the Thedford Post Office, Sandhill Oil-Thedford, Security First Bank-Thedford, and Thomas County Courthouse.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the March 30, 2020 special meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Commissioner Purdum joined the meeting by telephone.

Discussion was held with the county attorney regarding the Resolution to adopt rules and regulations for the prevention of spread of communicable disease, illness, or poisoning, with the West Central District Health Department. Much discussion was held on determining what authority this resolution gave to the law enforcement and county attorney. This Resolution would give them the authority to enforce the rules set by the Governor of the State of Nebraska and West Central District Health Department if a Directed Health Measure was given for Thomas County.

Motion made by Purdum(telephonically) and second by Moody to adopt Resolution #2020-8, approving the adoption of rules and regulations for the prevention of spread of communicable disease, illness, or poisoning by the West Central Health Department District. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment.

Lloyd Smith asked if any armor coat bids had been received yet.

Judy Rath spoke by telephone thanking us for all we do to keep the community safe.

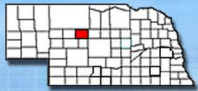
No other public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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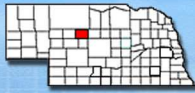


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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska’s Executive Order No. 10-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Present by telephone was Jim Purdum at 9:37 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Sheriff Gary Eng. Others attending by telephone were County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith. Other members of the public, not identified were listening by telephone.

Chairman Seeley 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 26, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the April 7, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the March 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 26, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays - none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the March 30, 2020 special meeting minutes as posted on website www.thomascountynebraska.us and to be posted April 9, 2020 in the Thomas County Herald. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road topics discussed – Childers clay pit and Chairman Seeley asked that the road men submit their 2 week work schedule at the next commissioner meeting. Commissioner Purdum asked that someone take a look at McMillan Ave auto gate and also mentioned that the hill needs some rock on that road.

Correspondence presented. Bridge Inspection correspondence will be scanned and emailed to County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2909.24
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	CITATIONS	50.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	378.93
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	52.85
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	927.86
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	78.64
	ELECTION	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	COST	745.61
GARY J. ENG	POSTAGE	26.75
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.78
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	18.33
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80



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MIPS INC	SERVICES	1183.63
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1169.25
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	7797.40
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	378.93
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7768.88
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	419.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	1.75
U S BANK	EXPENSES	255.43
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	3RD QTR	394.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		25160.97

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	698.28
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	279.42
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	50.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	196.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2262.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	2960.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	927.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1543.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	10701.57
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	31.77
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	WATER/SEWER	142.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6216.68

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	76.38
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	1213.08
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	268.48
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	3063.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.70
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	135.72
QUADIENT LEASING	N8200716	134.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	145.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	920.53
SALARIES		3128.02

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	157.23
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROG	PROJECTS	41.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.83
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	109.86
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER	27.84
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	34.35
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	199.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
KIM MILLS	PRIME SUBSCR	119.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	28.71
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	299.63
SYNCB/AMAZON	CRAFT	43.93
SALARIES		1047.05

BOOKMOBILE FUND-



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BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.96
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.21
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	62.02
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	183.87
SALARIES		371.40

Office reports:

County Clerk reported that Early Voting ballots are being mailed out to those people with applications on April 6th. All registered Active voters were mailed out an application to request an Early Vote ballot by the Nebraska Secretary of States office. Poll workers for the May 12th Primary will be contacted to see if they will be comfortable working the polling location.

Fee report for the office was presented.

County Treasurer reported that March tax collections were up. Real and Personal property taxes are still due by April 30th. DMV collections are down due to the COVID-19 virus and the Governors Executive Order giving people an extension to register vehicles and pay sales tax until 30 days after the order has been lifted.

Sheriff presented his quarterly fee report. He also reported that he hasn't received the forest contract back yet.

Emergency Manager reports included the numerous conference calls on COVID-19. The Nebraska State Patrol will be investigating any restaurants not complying with the Governors Health Directive. He also reported that FEMA may be assisting the churches on lost donations due the COVID-19 virus. Once he knows more he will share the information with everyone.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve payment to employees at the courthouse due to planned power outages greater than 5 hours from work on the line by NPPD. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley asked for public comment during this time. No public comment.

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 10:12 a.m. to wait until the scheduled 11:00 a.m. armor coat bid openings.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Seeley opened two armor coat bids that were received.

Topkote bid: Alternate 1 (Windmill Rd 3.6 miles x 12 feet) \$16,473.60
 Alternate 2 (S. Seneca Rd 1.5 miles x 12 feet) \$6,864.00

Figgins bid: Alternate 1 (Windmill Rd 3.6 miles x 12 feet) \$9,377.28
 Alternate 2 (S. Seneca Rd 1.5 miles x 12 feet) \$3,907.20

The above bids do not include oil or gravel for the project.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to accept the Figgins Construction armor coat bid for both projects at .37 per unit price. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 21, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska's Executive Order No. 10-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Present by telephone was Jim Purdum at 9:32 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman and County Sheriff Gary Eng. Others attending by telephone were County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Eric Kamler representative of Adrian Smith. Other members of the public, not identified were listening by telephone.

Chairman Seeley 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 9, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the April 21, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the April 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 16, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith discussed issues that were discovered when inspecting Daly Bridge. Discussion was held on repairs to the bridge or replacing the bridge. Lloyd will reach out to contractors about estimates to repair vs. replacing. More discussion will be held at the May 5th meeting.

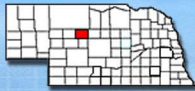
Discussion was held on previously surplussed equipment that has not been sold. The surplussed auto gate may work on McMillan Ave. Commissioner Seeley will talk with road personnel Ed Schukei. He will also talk about work to be done on the road. He will also give Ed permission to contact Monte Dickman about part time work. Keith will also need to contact Clint Harvey about part time work.

The auto gate sills(forms) were found in the trees down at the dump and need to be cleaned up. Commissioner Seeley and Purdum will take care of cleaning them up. No decision was made on what to do with the old white fuel tank.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had drove Windmill Rd, River Rd, S Seneca Ave and N Seneca Ave. Discussion was held on the shouldering project on N Seneca Ave. At this time the road men will halt this project until Werner Construction has left the Warren pit site. The board will also look into budgeting to repair N Seneca Ave with cold mix or a clay gravel mix.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had checked on the availability of millings from the N Hwy 83 project. At this time, he has been advised that the contractor will be using the millings back into the project.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported on the Agreement for Land Surveying with NDOT. This is work for the N Hwy 83 project. Once the project is complete Lloyd will replace the tie out markers and submit a bill to Thomas County. Once the County receives the bill they can request to be reimbursed according to the agreement.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Agreement for Land Surveying HN-83-3(110); Thedford North; CN 61620. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to surplus the old broken drag. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At this time the county will hold onto the drag and decide later whether to sell it or take in for scrap iron.

Correspondence presented. An email from NACO was received. The board will wait and ask Eric Kamler from Adrian Smith’s office on the COVID 19 relief package. No other correspondence presented.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	387.60
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPIER	696.17
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	VOTING SUPPLIES	691.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.99
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	189.59
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5404.37
U S BANK	FUEL	66.85

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	87.32
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	0.43

EXTENSION FUND-

MCI	PHONE	48.52
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LIBRARY FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	76.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER	425.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	WATER & SEWER	142.50

County Sheriff Gary Eng reviewed the 2020 Forest Contract with the board. The contract remained the same at \$7,800.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual 2020 Operating Plan of \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Office reports:

Clerk reported as of end of day on April 20th that 221 voters had requested ballots for the May 12th Primary. Compared to 2018 Primary with a total of 216 voters, both at the polls and early voting.

The poll workers for Election Day have been arranged.

A new Thomas County Collection box has been installed outside the front doors to the courthouse to collect any courthouse business. This box can be used at any time of the day, it is attached to the concrete and locked.

Assessor reports include: 2020 Reports and Opinion have been completed by the Property Assessment Division and posted on their website. Once our letter from TERC has been received we will mail out all change of value notices of properties that have either decreased or increased in value. A letter will also be sent with the notices showing the sales that have influenced the changes. TVI, the company that was hired to complete the Village reappraisal work would like to schedule informal reviews with anyone that has a question about their change in value, prior to anyone filing a protest. A date will be decided at a later time.



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Treasurer presented her financial report for the month of March. She has reported that tax money is coming in. She has also prepared an Inheritance tax revenue comparison over the last 10 years to show how the fund slowly grows, in case we would need to use those funds.

Sheriff reported that the state patrol would be delivering some hand sanitizer to his office. He also gave a report on criminal activity in the county over the last two weeks.

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

Eric Kamler with Adrian Smith's office called in to take any questions that the board had. The top question was on the email that was sent by NACO in regards to the COVID-19 3.5 supplemental package that will be offered to counties. He asked that the email be forwarded to him so that he could review it and have more information available to the County.

Chairman Seeley opened the meeting up to any public comment. No public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska's Executive Order No. 10-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Jim Purdum was present by telephone. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and Sheriff Gary Eng. Others attending by telephone were County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith. Other members of the public, not identified were listening by telephone.

Chairman Seeley 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 23, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the May 5, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the April 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

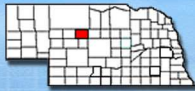
Discussion was held on Daly Bridge. Dave Masek and Bryan Rodocker met with Commissioner Purdum to look at repairs to the bridge. More information in the form of an itemized breakdown of the bids and discussion on the back walls needs discussed before the county proceeds with the project. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will contact two other contractors to look at giving the county informal bids. More discussion will be held at the May 19th meeting.

Material agreement with Dusty Paxton was discussed. Commissioner Purdum advised that the County Clerk should mail out the agreement to Dusty at his home address.

Load limits along with speed limits were discussed for Purdum Ave to help save the existing road. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will talk with Tim Baxter of NIRMA about a speed study.

N. Seneca repair options discussed. Commissioner Purdum had been in contact with a company that could come in and grind the existing asphalt along with material to be laid down. The approximate cost is \$11,404.80 per mile to grind up. Commissioner Purdum will contact the contractor to discuss the process and what the end result of material will be on the road. He will also check with the contractor to see if he knows of any other companies that offer the same service. This information will determine how the bid process will work on this project. Financial consideration was also made since the county is already committed to an Armor Coat project with the cost of this project being around \$43,000 and the cost of repair for Daly bridge. More discussion will be held at the May 19th meeting.

Other road topics discussed were the request for work on Most Lane. The decision was made that this is a private use road and the county would not do any major road work other than grading the road. Roger Licking had asked for



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assistance on building/working on a road. The commissioners advised that the county had several private businesses that could preform this type of work and that the county didn't want to compete with those companies.

Discussion was also held on railroad rock usage. There are times that the county does not have access to mud rock (\$16/ton) and the railroad rock is free, so this material is sometimes used on soft spots to help repair a road. No other action taken.

Repair on McMillan Ave was discussed. Eight loads of clay and three loads of mud rock were hauled to this road. The landowner has advised that there is clay available on his property that can be used. If this material is used, we need to get a material agreement on file with the county.

Gaston Bridge required inspection was discussed. Since discovering that the Forest Service is the owner of the bridge the county needs to have the bridge removed from the list of bridges for Thomas County. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will contact the State of Nebraska and the engineer for the Forest Service in Chadron.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

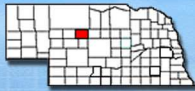
AFLAC	INSURANCE	442.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2936.03
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	512.49
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1306.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	46.98
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	1310.43
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	48.25
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80
MIPS INC	SERVICES/COMPUTERS	4104.74
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	17.79
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1175.18
PRESTO X	SERVICES	55.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	661.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7790.07
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	POSTAGE	333.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	0.60
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	128.40
U S BANK	FUEL/PROPANE	45.61
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		25173.47

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	735.96
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	229.13
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	160.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	214.78
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2860.88
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2001.84
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1674.77
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		6735.34

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	76.22
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**VISITORS FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	14.75
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	268.48
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.14
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	135.72
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	916.72
SALARIES		3104.91

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	146.42
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.89
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	25.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	264.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	258.08
SALARIES		877.04

Office reports:

Clerk reported Election numbers with 492 registered voters in Thomas County. We have 279 early vote ballots requested leaving 195 people left to vote at the polls on May 12th. The courthouse will only be open that day for people to enter into the courtroom to vote and then exit out the west door of the courthouse. Only two voters at a time will be allowed in the courtroom at a time. Masks and hand sanitizer will be handed out to voters as they enter the courthouse. Office fee report for the month of April was provided to the board.

Treasurer reported that taxes have been coming in and that people have been utilizing the drop box located outside of the courthouse.

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

The elected officials and commissioners discussed the transition to opening the courthouse to the public. At this time, it was decided to stay with the May 31st date and then see if the Governor relaxes on the ten person gathering rule. The pandemic team will also discuss what type of safety equipment the courthouse needs to have going forward.

Public comment was opened up to anyone attending by telephone, no public comment was heard at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 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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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 19, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., utilizing the Governor of Nebraska's Executive Order No. 10-03 allowing members to meet by videoconference, telephonic conference or by other electronic means. Members present were John Seeley and Pam Moody. Jim Purdum was present by telephone. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and road personnel Keith Hartman. Others attending by telephone were Thomas County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Chairman Seeley 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 7, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt May 19, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the May 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 14, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Daly Ln Bridge ideas were discussed. Estimates from three different contractors were reviewed. Decision was made to do an official bid with specifications so that all contractors would be on the same page as far as what work the county would like to see done. Lloyd will prepare the bridge specs and get advertised in the paper for 3 weeks.

Commissioner Purdum advised that the dirt needs drug off the deck of the bridge.

Discussion was held on the speed study for Purdum Ave. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he hadn't heard back from Tim Baxter of NIRMA yet.

Commissioner Moody reported that traffic has increased on the Purdum Rd due to R-Line work.

Discussion was held on grinding the asphalt on N Seneca Ave. Commissioner Moody traveled to Boone County to view asphalt roads that had been ground by Spud Construction. Commissioner Seeley and Moody have been in contact with several Commissioners that have had Spud Construction grind old asphalt. Both expressed concern over the thickness of the old asphalt available to grind and the base of the road after grinding the asphalt. The board agreed that they would have the road patched and then look into covering the road with five to six inches of road base and gravel.

Road personnel Keith Hartman will talk with Triple G and L & L Gravel about availability of black dirt to put into the mix. They will also use the leftover millings leftover at Frank Warren's to add into the mix.

The contract easement with Dusty Paxton for clay material was tabled until Commissioner Seeley can meet with Dusty Paxton and road employee Keith Hartman.

No correspondence presented.

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



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GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	525.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	367.37
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	151.28
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	135.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.59
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	826.27
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COST	310.50
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	135.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	45.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	MAY LAWNCARE	540.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	135.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	55.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE ELECT	1.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	10.35
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	4.40
U S BANK	FUEL	27.04
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	135.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	36.00

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	63.11
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	793.76
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	271.51
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00

EXTENSION FUND-

MCI	PHONE	48.45
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Office reports:

Clerk reported on the Primary Election, a total of 323 voters voted in the Primary Election, 54 people voted at the polls with 269 voting early. Past totals for Primary Elections: 2018-216 total voters and 2016-279 total voters.

Change of value notices will be mailed out on Friday, May 22nd.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of April. Delinquent taxes were reviewed.

A Pandemic report was given on safety measures being implemented so that the County can try and open June 1st by appointments. Plexi glass will be installed in the high traffic offices and hand sanitizing stations will be installed. Zoom commissioner board meetings will still be provided for the public during the month of June.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policy the same as last year, with \$1,000 deductible/\$30 copay. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application from Sandhill's Corral for a reception at the Thomas County fairgrounds on June 20, 2020, as long as it meets the Directed Health Measure (DHM) in force at the time. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

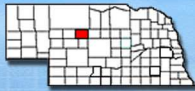
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 1:30 p.m., in the courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Sheriff Gary Eng, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas.

Chairman Seeley 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 21, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the June 2, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the May 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 28, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Purdum Rd:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had talked with Tim Baxter of NIRMA about load limits and speed limits on Purdum Rd. The commissioners asked Lloyd to see if NIRMA would help with determining the best speed limit for the Purdum Rd. Discussion was held on load limits with the County Sheriff. The Sheriff reported that a carrier enforcement patrolman will be stationed in Custer County and may assist with the patrolling the load limits on this road.

Discussion was held on armor coating the portion of Purdum Rd that was damaged last year.

N. Seneca road repair – cold mix patching is happening this week. Material for the road mix is still not available, once available the road will be covered.

The contract easement with Dusty Paxton was tabled until June 16th.

Daly Ln bridge repair was discussed. A determination has been made by County Highway Superintendent that the county needs to repair this bridge. Statute 23-3109 (2) states that the commissioners may vote, by majority vote of its members, waive the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act if such waiver is necessary to meet an emergency which threatens serious life, health, or property in the county. More discussion will be held at the June 16th meeting.

Commissioner Seeley stated that he has spoken to Richard Jameson about purchasing clay. He will sell the county clay at the price of \$1 per yard. He also spoke with Wanda Simonson about purchasing clay. No action taken.

No correspondence presented.



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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	384.33
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2770.88
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8180.74
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	110.60
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	400.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	269.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	531.34
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	12.08
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	330.74
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	100.00
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	SERVICES	961.79
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	187.83
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	46.80
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1183.63
NACO	DUES	971.42
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	125.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	WORKSHOP	75.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	BLDG SUPPLIES	162.88
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1167.90
PRESTO X	SERVICES	55.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	446.69
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	100.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7562.12
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCI	UTILITIES	2000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	165.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	UTILITIES	2000.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	92.88
SALARIES		23992.88

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	673.46
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	141.50
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1420.07
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	204.18
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1987.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1897.88
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1690.39
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	161.91
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	37.30
SALARIES		7081.91

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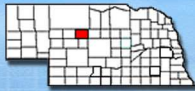
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	77.65
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	254.17
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.14
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	128.18
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	882.67
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN EXT	COMPUTER	1709.85
SALARIES		3015.22

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	138.52
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	60.61
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.59



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HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	24.09
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	248.16
SALARIES		858.10

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	4.99
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	23.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.79
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	31.67
SALARIES		168.83

Office reports:

Clerk presented Office fee report for the month of May. Assessor reported that change of value notices was mailed out on May 22nd. A contract with TVI for rural residential properties will be reviewed.

Clerk of the District Court continuing education will be done on Wednesday, June 3rd and Thursday, June 4th by WebEx.

Treasurer thanked the board for allowing the courthouse to open once all safety measures could be completed.

Sheriff discussed appointing Joseph as Chief Deputy. More information must be obtained and more discussion will be held later.

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

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 3:01 p.m. to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the regular meeting at 3:16 p.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

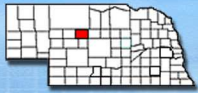
The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16th at 9:30 a.m., in the courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to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

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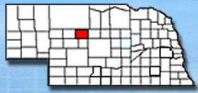
John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension.

Chairman Seeley 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 4, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the June 16, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the June 2, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 11, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to enter into executive session at 9:32 a.m. to perform road employee performance appraisals and include the County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright along with the road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to exit executive session at 10:02 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve a 2% payroll increase (.32/hour increase) for all road employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

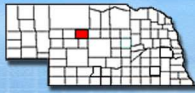
Road discussion:

Terry Higgins of the Village of Thedford had inquired about the possibility of repairing Maple St when the county had Figgins Construction here to do some armor coating, the question for the county will be to consider repairing the portion of the road south of the railroad tracks of Maple St.

Commissioner Seeley attended a Thomas County Airport Authority meeting on June 15th. The airport may need to install another gate on the portion of land the County leases for work to be done at the airport.

N. Seneca repair work discussed. The decision was made to continue repairing the road with cold mix and complete the shouldering. The board agreed to purchase up to two belly dump loads of cold mix to work on the road. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith had stated that Cherry County Roads was looking to bid the portion of road from the county line to Brownlee.

Discussion was held on the milling's leftover from Werner Construction at Frank Warren's. At this time the millings are not available but if they would be available Werner Construction is aware of our interest in purchasing them.



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Daly Ln bridge discussion:

Commissioner Purdum asked if the dirt had been removed from the deck of the bridge. Road employee Schukei reported that he had been repairing washouts.

A revised quote from Rodocker Construction has been received. The quote price for Option 2 is \$52,736. This revised quote is based on the services requested by Thomas County. Three informal quotes have now been received on the repair project.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to declare an emergency on Daly Ln bridge based on the last biennial inspection completed in April 2020, downgrading the bridge to the lowest rating before closing, and waiving bidding requirements to get the project completed quickly awarding the project to Rodocker Construction. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Material agreement with Dusty Paxton. The board would like to talk with the County Attorney about whether we need both the landowner and lessee to sign the agreement. Tabled until July 7th meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-10, transferring \$200,000 from County General to Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Letter from West Central Nebraska Development District asking to join membership was presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	50.000
AXON ENTERPRISE, LLC	SUPPLIES	234.30
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	TIRES/REPAIRS	485.44
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	363.33
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	52.88
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	354.81
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE	256.92
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	70.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	16.35
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	4.95
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	446.25
U S BANK	FUEL	38.66
VARNEY HEALTHMART	INMATE	14.20

ROAD FUND-

CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	1604.25
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	55.98
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	120.00
CLINT HARVEY	EQUIP RENTAL	100.00
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1204.72
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	960.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	605.35
EDWARD SCHUKEI	CELL PHONE	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	39081.50
FRANK AND CAROLYN WARREN	2020 LEASE	300.00

VISITORS FUND-

DAWN HAAKE	MARKETING	750.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	35.51
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	207.46
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	19.36
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	33.67
MCI	PHONE	48.45

COUNTY DEBT SERVICE FUND-

SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENTS	29022.64
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Office reports:

Clerk questioned the board if they were ok with returning to the board room for future meetings. Everyone felt comfortable with doing so. The first meeting of July will be on the 7th starting at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner meeting room.

Board of Equalization meeting will be held on July 21st.

Treasurer reported on 5 applicants for her office job. Decision will be made by the end of this week. Financial report for the month of May was presented to the board.

Deputy Sheriff reported on activity in the area.

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

TL Meyer presented the 2020-2021 budget for the Central Sandhills Area Extension budget.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the budget request of the Central Sandhills Area Extension budget for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL also reported that Thomas County will have an in person fair this year.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-9, to participate in the Region 26 Interlocal Agreement and authorize Chairman to sign Interlocal Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No Public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 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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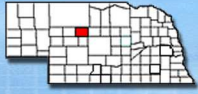


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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Gary Eng, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, John Bryant, Deputy County Attorney Warren Arganbright, and Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chairman Seeley 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 20, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the July 7, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the June 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 25, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Sheriff Gary Eng thanked Keith for installing the new road signs on Koroy Loop.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith provided the board a letter recommending signage for the Purdum Road. Discussion followed about lowering the speed limit on Purdum Road. Decision was made to leave the speed limit alone at 55 mph at this time. Road employees to get the new signs ordered if not in stock to be placed along the road at the recommended locations.

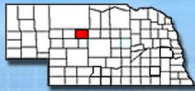
Discussion was held on the request to build a driveway off Milroy Ave. Lloyd, Keith and Jim will go out to see the proposed driveway approach and see if a culvert should be installed by the landowner.

N. Seneca discussion was held. Road employees will go ahead with getting cold mix for the curves. Cherry County just authorized to get bids on overlaying for their portion of the road and will probably not receive them for about 1 month. Thomas County will wait until Cherry County receives bids and then at that time determine if we will go ahead on our portion of the road.

Commissioner Purdum stated he had talked with Hooker County and they had requested that we fix a hole on our side of the auto gate on Heritage Road. He will go take a look at it.

Discussion was held on the status of work on Daly Bridge. Commissioner Seeley reported that Rodocker Construction were waiting on the lumber but did have the steel.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith wanted to **THANK** Marcy Andersen for her work on the 2019-2020 Annual Road report.



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Correspondence presented. Region II Human Services 2020-2021 Annual assessment for Thomas County will be \$2,449.90, the board elected to pay this in one payment.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	329.73
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2855.28
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	CITATIONS	1000.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9772.10
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	299.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	440.60
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	100.38
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	636.18
DATASPEC INC	DATA PROCESS	449.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	101.87
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	38.17
GWORKS	DATA PROCESS	4780.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	JUNE LAWN CARE	1080.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1138.49
NIRMA	INSURANCE	9858.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	348.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	492.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7367.11
SYNCB/AMAZON	THERMOMETER	514.90
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	7.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	9.90
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	394.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		23,413.59

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	732.45
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
GWORKS	DATA PROCESS	428.40
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	720.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	15.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	211.73
NIRMA	INSURANCE	10440.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2231.97
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	ROAD SIGNS	161.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1730.32
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7,100.05

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

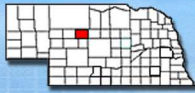
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	153.99
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VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	62.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.58
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	312.17
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	18.80



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NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	139.98
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	120.00
QUADIENT LEASING	POSTAGE	141.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	17.32
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	936.01
SALARIES		3,155.65

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.93
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.39
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	76.79
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
GALEN NEBEN	SERVICES	83.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	25.46
NIRMA	INSURANCE	1242.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	333.14
SALARIES		1,346.21

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	336.03
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	50.81
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	17.98
SALARIES		107.56

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of June. Upcoming dates to remember: July 21st – Board of Equalization with 2 protests and August 4th – Budget Work session in the afternoon.

Treasurer presented financial report and semi annual statement to the board. She also reported that at the next meeting we will be meeting with Applied Connective to discuss IT support for the County.

Sheriff presented fee report for the last quarter. Talked about fair activities and COVID-19.

Emergency Manager reports on Region 26 agreement that the board reviewed at the June 16th meeting. He also discussed the Region 26 budget for 2020-2021. Discussion came up on whether to reach out the Thedford Rural Fire Board to see if they would help cover some of the assessment for the charges that Thomas County receives for Cherry County 911 calls.

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

TVI appraisal contract was reviewed. Deputy County Attorney Warren Arganbright had some suggested changes to the language. On page 1 item 1 – remove the language “do its best” in the last sentence. On page 2 item 9 change the wording of the sentence to “Written proof of insurance from an insurance carrier shall be furnished on request to the County establishing the above coverage. On page 7 item 27 change the wording in the second sentence to read “the Contractor or agent shall be present, if requested, at the hearings to testify as witness ...

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the TVI contract for appraisal work as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to appoint Ted Taylor to the Thomas County Veterans Service Board with a term expiring in 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

At this time the County would like to **THANK** Ted Taylor for all of his work in the courthouse to help be COVID ready.

Public comment. John Bryant wanted to inform the board that he was in the process of getting quiet title on the property called Cattle Drive Lane.

No other public comment at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Jay Jones, Dusty Paxton, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Alma Beland, Ed Knott, Tanya Storer and Tim Sierks.

Chairman Seeley 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 9, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the July 21, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the July 7, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 16, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Seeley reported that Rodocker Construction will begin work on the Daly Bridge around the 2nd week of August.

Figgins Construction may be here starting August 3rd to start on the armor coat projects.

Tree down on S Maple St was pushed into the ditch for the time. Once projects slow down the road men can cut up the tree and remove it from the ditch.

The annual certification on LB98 funds was reviewed and the board directed Lloyd Smith to sign off on the report.

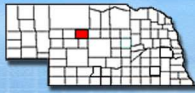
Dusty Paxton met with the board about the clay he has available on Muleskinner Ranch. The county attorney will draw up a new agreement between the county and Dusty Paxton. The county will obtain 200 loads of clay in exchange for building up a portion of Childers Lane. Any gravel or rock needed for the road will be purchased by Dusty Paxton.

Correspondence presented. No action taken at this time.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN SERVICE	400.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITES	488.03
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	545.48
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.38
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COSTS	1119.44
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	55.89



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REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2449.90
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	8066.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT SLIPS	67.45
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5680.56
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	202.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	15.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	56.19

ROAD FUND-

CROELL, INC.	MATERIALS	2826.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	58.80
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	62.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	3149.50

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	171.55
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	25.23
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	65.55
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	78.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
MCI	PHONE	47.54
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	29.90
SANDHILLS CORRAL	MEALS	107.43
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SHIPPING	179.56

LIBRARY FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	11.83
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Ed Knott with Applied Connective met with the board and other county officials to discuss IT Services. He will prepare a quote after touring the building and see what services would need offered. No action taken.

Office reports:

Clerk reported that she had received a phone call from the postmaster of Seneca about the walk bridge and its condition. Sheriff Gary Eng had repaired it once and had went up to review the complaint. The board and deputy sheriff Joseph Smith suggested contacting Thedford Public Schools, Bridger Chytka, to see if the students could make a metal grated bridge with handrails.

Treasurer had no report. Financial report was presented last meeting.

Sheriff report presented by the deputy. Fair and Prom will be this weekend. The National Guard has some people at the forest for training.

Emergency Manager report for Gary was that he had gone the Thedford Rural Fire Board to see if they would help pay a portion of the Region 26 assessment because some of the 911 calls come in from the fire district located in Cherry County. The fire board agreed to pay \$1,500 towards the Region 26 assessment.

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

Alma Beland of Region 26 met with the board to review the LEOP manual update.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-11 with the change of EMS captain name corrected. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the SDL license for Niobrara Valley Vineyards on September 22, 2020 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds, as long as the directed health measures allow. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Seeley recessed the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Seeley reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Tanya Storer met with the board to introduce herself and discuss property tax relief ideas and broadband communication issues.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2020

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 John Seeley, Jim Purdum and Pam Moody. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Gary Eng and Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chairman Seeley 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 23, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the August 4, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the July 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Rodocker Construction reports that they are still waiting on the lumber material for Daly Bridge and it should be here for them to start repairs on the bridge the week of August 10th.

Ed reported that the 140H grader has a leak on the left side differential. He also reported that he would be taking vacation days on August 5th-7th. Ed also asked about how to handle pivot's that were watering the roadways. The board suggested talking to the landowners about the problem.

Report by the road men on the road repairs they have been doing.

The Clerk presented the board with the contract easement the County Attorney prepared for Dusty Paxton. The board agreed that it was ready to mail out to Dusty for his signature.

Discussion was held on the request from Cherry County Roads to pile material on a street in Seneca for a road project on N Seneca Ave in Cherry County. The board would like some more information before agreeing to this. Tabled until August 18th meeting.

The board reviewed the permission form that the County Attorney prepared for the CDL clearinghouse.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the usage of the CDL drug & alcohol clearinghouse permission form. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported on a phone call from Janel Finney about an overgrown yard in Seneca. The County Attorney had looked into statutes. At this time no action was taken. The County Attorney was not present to answer questions.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.



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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	367.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3010.16
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	1220.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9772.10
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	299.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	396.77
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	354.10
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	526.10
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	65.47
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	420.51
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	136.72
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COSTS	1100.89
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION	942.02
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	54.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1167.31
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
QUILL	SUPPLIES	189.94
REGION 26	ID CARDS	3.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	427.68
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7609.95
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	26.80
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	9.35
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	418.30
SALARIES		24506.89

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	730.20
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	645.20
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	5030.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	241.51
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2019.30
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1954.05
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7890.38

PRETRIAL FUND-

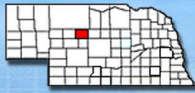
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	105.81
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VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	27.20
LOUP 2 LOUP OPEN ROAD RACE	SPONSORSHIP	500.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	287.65
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	53.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	314.48
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	SUBSCRIPTION	40.00
AMANDA DAVIS	MILEAGE	32.43
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	55.98
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	32.00
MCI	PHONE	50.36
NE ASSOC OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	145.80
ROD'S	REPAIRS	500.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.39



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SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	992.90
SALARIES		3409.65

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	117.30
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	154.06
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.75
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	173.17
DEMCO INC	SUPPLIES	45.51
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	13.77
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	30.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	17.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.79
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	239.99
SYNCB/AMAZON	OFFICE SUPPLY	47.98
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
SALARIES		961.17

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	5.80
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	22.17
SALARIES		34.48

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of July. Also discussed what the County Attorney had found out about changing Health Districts. The Clerk will contact Ronda Haumann and Shannon Vanderheiden to discuss the possibility of changing health districts.

Sheriff reported on incidents in the county.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint Michelle Hodges McIntosh to the Thomas County Library Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Applied Connective service agreement. This will be tabled until August 18th meeting.

Budget work session was held.

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

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

Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

Budget work session continued. Preliminary numbers were reviewed. Centrally Assessed value will be released from the State of Nebraska by August 10th so another review of the budget will be held at the August 18th meeting.

No public comment.



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

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

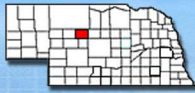
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng, JD Farrow-Sandhills Public School, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension, Alma Beland-Region 26, Shannon Vanderheiden-West Central Health Department, Ronda Haumann, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Blake Dahlberg-Thedford Public Schools.

Chairman Seeley 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 August 6, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the August 18, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the August 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 13, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes- Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Cherry County will be starting on their portion of N Seneca from September 1st to October 30th. Thomas County would like to look into overlaying their portion of the road and then armor coating. Lloyd will have someone from Figgins Construction come down to take a look at our portion of the road to see how much overlay would be required. Lloyd will also talk with the county attorney to see if we could proceed with the project even though no bids were taken, if Thomas County could show a substantial savings by waiving bidding requirements.

Previous request from Cherry County to stockpile material in Seneca for their road project is no longer needed.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EMAIL SUPPORT	245.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	525.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	OFFICE SUPPLY	1248.35
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	AUG LAWN CARE	540.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	OFFICE SUPPLY	165.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	21.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	56.19

ROAD FUND-

KEITH HARTMAN	CDL PHYSICAL	100.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1897.85
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00



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VISITORS FUND-

LISA DIBLE	REIMBURSEMENT	300.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	HELP AD	56.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	26.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	POSTAGE	210.00
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	29.90

LIBRARY FUND-

U S BANK	ANTIVIRUS	126.59
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Office reports:

Clerk reported that Marcy Andersen had taken the Office Manager position for Central Sandhills Area Extension office. Help wanted ad will be coming out in the August 20th & 27th paper.

Assessor workshop will be in Kearney next Monday and Tuesday, Lisa Eng will be in the Clerk's office to answer the phone for these two days.

Treasurer presented the board with Forest Reserve payment options. This will be decided later on the agenda.

Financial report presented for the month of July to the board.

Informed the board that the NACO emails will no longer be used. Treasurer contacted Applied Connective about establishing new emails.

Reported on the budget hearings for all taxing political subdivisions in Thomas County. This will be posted on the Thomas County Facebook page.

Sheriff had no report.

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

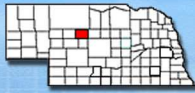
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to accept all office inventory statements. Roll call vote: Ayes - Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center for Juvenile detention services was discussed with the Thomas County Sheriff and Thomas County Attorney. Decision made at this time not to enter into this agreement.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral on September 22, 2020 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds pending current directed health measures. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Applied Connective Service agreement was reviewed again with the County Treasurer answering the questions from the last meeting. Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the Service agreement with Applied Connective for IT services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-15 directing the County Treasurer to distribute the Forest Reserve money to the Bookmobile and County Road Funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Shannon Vanderheiden from West Central District Health Department was present to answer questions about the Directed Health measures and concerns from the County Board and Superintendents about having Sandhills Public Schools in the Loup Basin Health District and the Thedford Schools in the West Central Health District. Discussion was had on activities that each school will be holding, in regards to sports, and how each school is currently in different stages of the Directed Health Measures put in place by the Governor.

Alma Beland of Region 26 also expressed concerns about Thomas County being the only county she represents for emergency management not belonging to the Loup Basin Health District. She expressed concern about obtaining PPE equipment for Law Enforcement, EMT & Fire Departments during the start of the Pandemic. She was not able to obtain PPE equipment from West Central Health District for Thomas County, but did get the equipment from Loup Basin for our first responders.

Ronda Haumann brought up the point that we need to compare services from each health district to see if they compare before we make the decision to change Health departments.

A decision needs to be looked at in the future to see what Health District is the best fit for Thomas County and the schools. No action was taken today, but a good discussion was had by those present.

Budget work session was held on the Thomas County budget. Road fund revenue receipts were adjusted to match the Highway Allocation dollars projected revenue that Lloyd Smith presented. Forest Reserve money was receipted to Road fund and Bookmobile fund. The decision was made to hold off the Budget hearing until the September 15th meeting. One more budget work session will be held on the September 1st meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

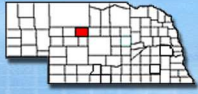
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 1, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Bryan Rodocker.

Chairman Seeley 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 August 20, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the September 1, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the August 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 27, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported that he was having problems with gophers on the Paxton Ranch Road. Keith will look into purchasing the poison and also check with the NRD about renting the gopher machine. The board felt that it would be good to drill alongside all the asphalt roads.

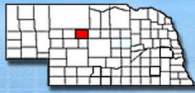
Discussion was held on the N Seneca and Figgins quote. At this time the board will not go forward with Figgins and the armor coat project. Concern was that the cold mix wouldn't be thick enough and that the cost to armor coat would be wasted if the road didn't hold up. The board discussed getting access to millings to put down on the road and then to armor coat after.

Jim Purdum will talk to Paulsen about the possibility of millings being available during the airport project. He will also talk with Werner about the material left piled at Frank Warren's pit, at one point someone from Werner's had asked Jim if the county would like the material. The board said that they would take the material if it was crushed.

The damaged portion of Purdum Rd from cattle was discussed. Lloyd recommended that they patch the bad holes with Permatex. He said that the State of Nebraska Department of Roads would be the one to contact about purchasing some Permatex. Commissioner Purdum said he would contact Lex Zimmerman.

Ed reported that he needs to get two new tires for the CAT loader. The board told him to contact Sandhill Oil about purchasing them. He also reported that the semi would need new tires, this will be a winter project.

Lloyd reported that he had a utility permit from Consolidated Telephone for S Seneca, Heritage and Windmill. He will be in contact with Kirk Jacobs for any questions or concerns.



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Dusty Paxton returned the signed contract easement. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to go forward with the project and have the county sign the easement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-16, the Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the new law requiring the county board to place the question on the General Election ballot about whether to keep the County Surveyor an elected position or an appointed position. In the past the county has had it on the ballot with no one filing to fill the position and then the county board would appoint Lloyd Smith as the County Surveyor.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to place the question on the ballot to eliminate the elected county surveyor office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The question will read:

Shall the position of elected county surveyor be eliminated, to be replaced by the position of appointed county surveyor?

_____ For election of county surveyor;

_____ Against election of county surveyor.

The county would save money by not having the county surveyor office on the ballot every four years with no one ever filing to fill the position and the board has always appointed someone to fill this position.

Correspondence presented. A non-disclosure agreement and Software agreement with Applied Connective was presented for signatures.

Bryan Rodocker, Loup to Loup representative, asked the board about closing Purdum Ave next year for the Loup2Loup race.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to allow Purdum Ave to be closed at 7 am until the race is completed on August 12, 2021. (The mail will be allowed to go before the race) Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	367.17
AMERITAS	RETIRMENT	2840.81
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9772.10
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	299.06
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN SERVICE	400.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	299.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	368.47
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES-WEED	261.24
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	470.63
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	595.08
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	144.39
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	35.01
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	46.28
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	58.72
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COSTS	1167.35
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	156.40
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	199.90
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1117.27



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UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	55.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	1249.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	436.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7320.96
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	8.60
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	220.00
U S BANK	FUEL/MEALS	72.70
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT	REGISTRATIONS	35.00
SALARIES		23,328.74

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIRMENT	688.58
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	1731.38
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	56.43
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1949.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	203.25
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2432.13
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1682.27
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7065.95

LB 98 ROAD FUND-

FIGGINS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	ARMOR COAT	36994.77
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PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	105.81
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EXTENSION FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	60.45
AMERITAS	RETIRMENT	408.40
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	314.51
AMANDA DAVIS	MILEAGE	42.55
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	29.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	160.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	60.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1188.62
SALARIES		4274.17

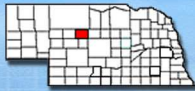
LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIRMENT	3.33
DAWN BRYANT	SUPPLIES	5.80
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.25
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	166.90
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	46.39
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.42
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	139.02
SALARIES		837.39

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	193.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5.04
SALARIES		30.30

Office reports:



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Clerk/Election commissioner reported that the Nebraska Secretary of State will once again mail out early vote applications to all registered voters in the county. People will be able to request a ballot to be mailed to them starting on September 28th if they choose not to come to the polls on November 3rd.

Assessor sent letters to the rural landowners advising them that the rural reappraisal work will begin the week of September 14th.

Treasurer reported that taxes are coming in.

Sheriff reported that the Airport Authority has allowed him to park the gator and trailer out at the airport where it could be locked up.

Emergency Manager talked to the board about COVID-19 cases and isolation issues in the county.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-12, setting final allocation of levy to all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the County Pandemic Plan. No action taken.

The assessor presented a contract from Central Plains Valuation, LLC for the rural reappraisal work. The board had previously approved a contract with Tax Valuation Inc but that company had a split of partners and the Assessor feels more comfortable with the employees of Central Plains Valuation LLC.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve the contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held for a final time. Numbers were reviewed and set. The budget hearing and tax request hearing will be held on September 15th.

No public comment.

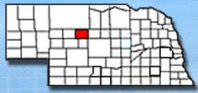
Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 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:



Thomas County Board Minutes



John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on September 3, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the September 15, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the September 1, 2020 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported that Doug Boyer of Cherry County Roads had visited with him about the possibility of Cherry County assisting Thomas County with the 3 ½ mile of N Seneca Ave. Jim Purdum will find out if there is any armor coat gravel available before we decide to move forward with this project.

Commissioner Purdum reported that he had talked with Paulson’s about the airport millings availability. The project is not scheduled to start until Spring 2021. They will let the county know if there will be any millings available to the county.

Commissioner Purdum reported that he had talked with Eric of Werner Construction about the pile of material left at Warren’s pit. Jim will check back at a later date to see what Werner Construction has decided.

The CAT loader has two new tires on the front. CAT recommends that we replace all four tires on the machine. John will take a look at the loader and report back to the board at the next meeting.

The semi-trailer also needs new tires.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith gave a report on the progress of Daly bridge. The previous concerns on the backwall that he had are no longer an issue after he talked with Bryan Rodocker.

Commissioner Moody informed the board about the West Central meeting that was held in North Platte last week. The suggestion was made to contact NACO about the FEMA/S Seneca money from 2018 that the county has not received yet.

She also informed everyone about the December NACO conference this year and how everything will be handled. Masks will be required by anyone attending.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	425.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	SERVICES	1630.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	513.52
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	249.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	73.98
GWORKS	SERVICES	3900.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	LAWNCARE	540.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	477.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2021 DUES	50.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	67.45
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	1.20
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	5680.56
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POTAGE/COSTS	14.85
U S BANK	FUEL	82.46
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	52.10

ROAD FUND-

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	68.70
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CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	58.36
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	24.32
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	316.40
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	86.23
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	524.75
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	78.44
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2264.04

EXTENSION FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	114.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIES	738.32
MCI	PHONE	50.49
	POSTAGE	
QUADIENT LEASING	METER	141.59

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August.

Secretary of State mailed out early vote applications to all registered voters, except those that already had an existing early vote request on file in the office. Ballots will be mailed out starting on September 28th. Voting in office will begin on October 5th.

Rural appraisal work is beginning today in Thomas County.

Treasurer presented financial report for the month of August. She also reported that the Library board will be having a meeting on Friday the 17th.

Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff reported on law enforcement activities in the County.

Commissioner Seeley reported on the West Central Health Department meeting. Discussion was held on how the risk dial is figured. More discussion followed on the process of joining the Loup Basin Health district.

Commissioner Moody reported on the West Central Meeting, the main discussion was on inmate medical and dental costs.

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

Discussion was held on winter snow removal for the courthouse and library. The board asked that this be advertised for bids the same way lawn care has been done in the past.

Chairman Seeley opened the budget hearing at 11:00 a.m.

No public present to review the budget.

Chairman Seeley closed the budget hearing at 11:14 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-13, for 1% increase for 2019-2020 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-18, adoption of the 2020-2021 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley opened the property tax request hearing at 11:15 a.m.

No public present.

Chairman Seeley closed the property tax request hearing at 11:27 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-14, setting the 2020-2021 final tax request at \$882,024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Commissioner Moody was asked to remind everyone about the meet and greet at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on September 16th at 7:30 p.m.

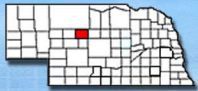
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 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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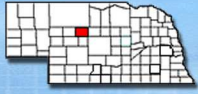


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John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
September 23, 2020

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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Absent- Purdum. Also present was board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman.

Chairman Seeley identified the reason for the special meeting was the offer from Cherry County road department to assist the Thomas County road department in repairing N. Seneca Ave at a lower cost for the cold mix and the need to armor coat over the cold mix.

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

Notice of meeting was given by published online with Creative Printers website (creativeprintersonline.com), Creative Printers Facebook page, Thomas County Facebook page, Thomas County website, Thedford Post Office, Sandhills Sutton Supply-Halsey, Security First Bank-Thedford, Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford Post Office.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the September 23, 2020 special meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners had previously inquired about repairing the N Seneca Ave with cold mix and armor coat. An informal quote was received from Figgins Construction at the first of September estimating the work to cost around \$84,013.20. At this time the Thomas County Board of Commissioners decided not to pursue this project due to the cost.

Cherry County road department later contacted Thomas County offering to lay the cold mix aggregate down for an estimated cost of \$5,000 on the portion of road that lays in Thomas County with the Thomas County road department helping and also providing fuel for the equipment used. This work had been previously estimated to cost \$52,650.

The board then decided to reach out for informal quotes from companies to do the armor coat over the cold mix. Due to the length of days remaining in the season it was decided to have a special meeting to review these quotes.

Three informal quotes were received to armor coat the 3.5 miles of N Seneca Ave.

Figgins Construction – \$25,822.72 (\$1.05 square yard plus county supply rock)

Tri-State Paving - \$1.48 square yard plus county supply rock

Topkote - \$49,763.32 with county supplying the rock

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to accept the bid from Figgins Construction to armor coat N Seneca Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Commissioner Purdum arrived at 9:40 a.m.

No public comment.

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



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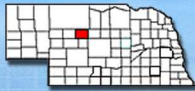
Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 6, 2020

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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Commissioner Purdum arrived at 9:31 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng and County Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on September 24, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the October 6, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Absent- Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the September 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 24, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the September 23, 2020 special meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The Clerk advised the road personnel that they needed to register with the Federal Clearinghouse for their CDL's. She also reported that they would be having the MSHA training on October 22nd by Zoom here at the courthouse.

The availability of road gravel was discussed. Commissioner Purdum will talk with Triple G about getting 1,000 – 1,500 ton of road gravel that we can stockpile on our site.

Commissioner Purdum also talked with BNSF about getting them to purchase some rock for the roads that they use heavily.

The armor coat project on N Seneca was discussed. Figgins Construction advised the Thomas County road personnel that they should put more oil down on the road, based on the condition of the road prior to armor coating. The estimated price increase for this would cost approximately \$1,200 more than what was quoted. The bid was for completion of 3 ½ miles of armor coat and they actually only did about 3 miles so the figures should be around the same as the quote in the beginning.

Commissioner Purdum and Commissioner Seeley looked at the loader tires and decided that no additional new tires needed to be purchased at this time.

Road employee Hartman advised the board that he would pick up some perma-patch when he was in Omaha on Monday. They can use this to patch the damaged portions of the Purdum Road.



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County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that the Daly Bridge has been completed. He will check with Husker Steel or Miller Engineering to see if they could come up and set the load rating for the bridge.

Discussion was had on the Interlocal Agreement with Blaine County for road maintenance. Commissioner Seeley would like to visit with Blaine County again on this agreement. More discussion will be held on October 20th meeting.

Correspondence presented. The NIRMA dividend check has been received and the breakdown reported to the County Treasurer.

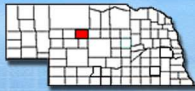
Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	367.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2937.71
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	IT SERVICES	2131.01
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	980.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7831.60
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS	57.36
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	13250
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	203.15
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	584.98
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES WEED	164.71
RODNEY PETRIE	ANIMAL CONTR	60.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1075.89
DUGAN PRINTING & PROMOTIONS, LLC	ENVELOPES	84.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	39.07
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	334.25
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.56
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	128.51
GRANT COUNTY CLERK	INMATE COSTS	962.36
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	OCT LAWNCARE	540.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1132.61
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	54.38
POSTER COMPLIANCE CENTER	SUPPLIES	67.95
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	235.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	8066.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	579.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7444.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SHERIFF CHECKS	127.50
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	57.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SEP POSTAGE	6.95
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	944.66
ANDREA THOMAS	LAPTOP BAGS	28.10
U S BANK	FUEL	43.81
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	394.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24416.41

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	718.66
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	177.50
CHERRY COUNTY TREASURER	N SENECA	5850.00
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2478.85
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1540.95
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	40.81
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	34.63
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	232.81



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NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	14.68
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	7233.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1939.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SHOP PAYMENT	10701.57
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7989.18

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	105.81
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	259.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	600.68
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	314.51
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
TL MEYER	CONVENTION	45.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.38
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	46.03
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	95.04
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	450.15
SALARIES		1505.94

LIBRARY FUND-

CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.32
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	131.33
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	9.78
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	15.35
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.18
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	239.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	207.54
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	189.39
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
SALARIES		1251.65

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	483.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.18
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	25.58
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	97.68
SALARIES		153.35

Office reports:

Clerk reported that 105 early vote ballots had been requested as of this morning.

Assessor reported that the physical inspections of all rural homes and buildings has been completed. The West Central District Assessor's meeting will be held Friday, October 9th in North Platte.

The Clerk fee report for the month of September was presented to the board.

Treasurer reported that the Thedford Rural Fire District had paid Thomas County \$1,500 toward the Region 26 bill for the year. This will help defray the costs of calls that come in from the Thedford Fire District that is outside of Thomas County.

Sheriff presented his quarterly fee report for his office. The Sheriff and Deputy gave an activity report to the board. The Thedford High School shop class is in the process of building a new walk bridge to be installed in Seneca by the Post Office.



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

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2020-19. Transferring \$15,000 from Bookmobile Fund to the Library Fund. Roll call vote; Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Clerk presented one item to surplus – HP Office Jet Pro 8500 Laser Printer (broken).

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to surplus the HP Office Jet Pro 8500 laser printer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve additional compensation of \$1,000 each for the Clerk and Treasurer for taking over preparing the 2020-2021 budget. Roll call vote; Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for the Sandhills Corral on Saturday, October 31, 2020 for an outside beer garden on the west side of the restaurant. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Seeley recessed the regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting.

Chairman Seeley reconvened the regular meeting at 11:20 a.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:31 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to excuse Commissioner Seeley from the October 20, 2020 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on October 8, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the October 20, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the October 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 15, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Road projects:

The road employees will be doing their MSHA training on October 22nd here at the courthouse via Zoom. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he drove N Seneca Ave after the armor coat project and thinks it all looks good. He also reported that he is working on getting the load rating set for the Daly bridge.

Commissioner Moody stated that the livestock damage to the Purdum Ave has been repaired with the Permapatch.

The Interlocal Agreement with Blaine County for road maintenance was tabled until the November 3rd meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

The Board and other elected officials participated in a Zoom call with Adrian Smith, Josh Jackson, and Eric Handler to discuss issues from COVID-19. Some topics of discussion included: two different health departments with directed health measures and how it causes problems with Thedford Schools and Sandhills Schools sports co-op, concerns about how to handle issues in Thomas County compared to Lincoln County, within the West Central Health Department (one size does not fit all issues), and the concern that the County Board can not conduct meetings via Zoom to constitute a quorum in the event the board cannot meet in person due to quarantine or illness, in the event that a quorum is not present the business and bills cannot be conducted.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	400.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	406.46



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DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER	418.61
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	2749.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.19
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	75.90
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	80.40
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	58.00
U S BANK	ELECTION	41.67

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	61.47
FIGGINS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	ARMOR COAT	23373.60
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.	SUPPLIES	113.00
L & L GRAVEL	DIRT	350.00
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	14.68
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	3058.47
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	36.31
BRYAN RODOCKER CONSTRUCTION, LLC	DALY BRIDGE	52736
U S BANK	DOT FEES	3.75

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	22.15
AMY GOODRICH	MILEAGE	131.10
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	27.60
MCI	PHONE	46.69
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	69.00
DONNA J REYNOLDS	MEALS	230.00
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	56.00
BLAKE THOMPSON	MILEAGE	100.50

Office reports:

Clerk reported that approximately 150 requests for early vote ballots have been received, as of this morning Thomas County had 503 registered voters. The last day to register to vote in person is Friday, October 23rd.

Assessor reported that the \$10,000 exemption for personal property was eliminated when the legislature passed LB1107 on August 17, 2020. So, all personal property returns filed in 2020 will have a personal property tax determined on the full value of the personal property reported on the return. A message will be sent with all personal property tax statements later this year.

Treasurer presented financial report for the month of September. Distress warrants have been turned over to the Sheriff office. Treasurer also reported on delinquent property's eligible for county tax certificates.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2020-20, NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to appoint County Clerk Lorissa Hartman and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas as the delegates to vote at the NACO convention in December. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays - none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Snow removal bids. One bid was received from Richard Donhauser.



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the bid from Richard Donahuser at \$40 per hour using his equipment and gasoline to clear the sidewalks, parking lots, and entrances to the courthouse and library, Thomas County will provide the deicer and use of county snowblower. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

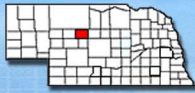
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the Thomas County Library, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pam Moody, Vice Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 3, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:30 a.m., in the Thomas County Library, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Jim Purdum and John Seeley via Zoom by the Governor of Nebraska Executive Order #20-34. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Gary Eng, also attending by Zoom were County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on October 22, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the November 3, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent due to technical difficulties – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the October 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 29, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent due to technical difficulties – Seeley. Motion carried.

Road projects:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he has an engineer to set the load ratings for the Daly Bridge. At this time, he is waiting on Rodocker Construction to provide some information so that we can proceed with determining a load rating on the bridge.

N Seneca Ave cost for repair was \$33,003. The last major project done in 2013 on N Seneca Ave cost \$57,906.19.

Discussion was had on the Interlocal Agreement with Blaine County for road maintenance. The board felt at this time they would like to amend the Interlocal Agreement to be for snow removal only and no grading or maintenance. The County Clerk will get the information to the County Attorney for him to draw up a new agreement to be presented to Blaine County.

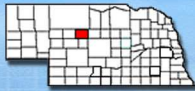
The board would like to set up goals for future road projects and establish a priority list. They will also look at setting up goals on replacing road equipment.

Correspondence presented. The Thomas County Patron log and the NIRMA recommitment dividend check were presented to the board. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	367.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3198.9
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	485.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1150.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7831.60



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CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	TIRES	364.94
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	203.15
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	446.34
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	175.70
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1262.72
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	103.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1213.70
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1348.84
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	24.50
REDFIELD DIRECT LLC	PAPER	113.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	343.97
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER	82.69
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8287.18
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	4.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	7.70
VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	49.95
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27,548.34

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	743.31
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	105.51
MASEBERG RANCH	SUPPLIES	180.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.38
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	212.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2300.44
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1741.92
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	9292.23
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7100.38

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	105.87
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	257.97
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	520.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	321.41
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	8.11
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	22.36
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	34.84
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	45.56
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	35.38
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	455.48
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	EQUIPMENT	139.99
SALARIES		1549.78

LIBRARY FUND-

DAWN BRYANT	SUPPLIES	10.70
CENTRAL I.T. INC.	COMPUTER	976.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.47
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	114.22
DEMCO INC	SUPPLIES	54.82
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	49.71
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	EQUIPMENT	291.39
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	5.69
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.35
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	241.84
SALARIES		1458.35



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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.25
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	109.79
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	65.04
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	169.71
SALARIES		389.45

Office reports:

County Clerk presented fee report for the month of October.

Report on the General Election and number of voters was given.

Treasurer reported on the delinquent taxes. The board directed the Treasurer to obtain county certificates on those properties.

Sheriff reported that he will continue to park the gator and trailer at the airport with the blessing of the Airport Authority and the County Commissioners. He also reported that the Sheriff and Deputy will be attending training in Broken Bow this Thursday, a new requirement set by the State Legislature. He is also checking in to a complaint of an electric fence close to the road in Seneca, he will contact the landowner and let them know that they need to move it. He will also present information at the next meeting on new running boards for his pickup.

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

Vice Chairman Moody recessed the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization.

Vice Chairman Moody reconvened the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

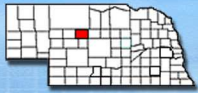
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of 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:

Pam Moody, Vice Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 17, 2020

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 John Seeley and Pam Moody. Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to excuse Commissioner Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Lewis Herbaugh, Lynn Holt and County Sheriff Gary Eng.

Chairman Seeley 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 5, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to adopt the November 17, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the November 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 12, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road employees discussed repairs needed on Windmill Rd.

Once deer season is over each road employee wants to get the roads graded up good before the weather changes.

Lynn Holt and Lewis Herbaugh were present to talk about the new road that L & L Gravel is building for access into the Heavican property. Discussion was held on removing the brush along the side of the road and installing a ditch with a culvert to help divert any water on the east side of Milroy Ave. Both road employees will take a loader out to get the brush cleared.

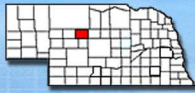
Ed reported that he would like to have his pickup aligned. He also reported that the older loader tires are 9/16 and the new loader tires are 1 1/8.

The board directed the road employees to visit with Randy Andersen about hiring him to shred some trees in the road ditches. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Lloyd Smith handed out the 2020 One and Six Year Road Plan for the board to begin reviewing for the next plan.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2020-21, Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the amended Interlocal Agreement with Blaine County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.



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Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	13.005
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	407.83
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
GARY J. ENG	MILEAGE	78.20
MARILYN ESSMAN	ELECTION	135.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	52.33
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	135.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	45.00
CHAUNCEY J. LINN	NOV20 LAWN	270.00
SHARON K. PAXTON	ELECTION	135.00
REDFIELD DIRECT LLC	SUPPLIES	52.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	ELECTION MEAL	67.43
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.50
THOMAS CO TREASURER	DEPOSIT BOOKS	237.05
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	135.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	45.00

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	84.66
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	456.41
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	115.15
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	FEES	937.50
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	69.35

EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	7.52
MCI	PHONE	50.16

Office reports:

Clerk reported that at the General Election in Thomas County had an 85.49% voter turnout. The voters of Thomas County chose to keep the position of County Surveyor as an elected position. This will mean that if anyone files to run for this position the board will need to set a salary and benefits.

The Clerk’s office will be in search of a new employee after the first of the year.

Assessor reports that the tax list is complete and has been certified with the County Treasurer on November 16th.

Treasurer presented the financial report for October 2020.

Sheriff reported the forest is busy with deer hunters. The sheriff will also lead the Knights football team to Dunning and then lead all players out of Dunning on the trip to the State Championship Football game on Friday.

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

No public comment.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2020

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 John Seeley, Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, Randy Andersen, Deputy County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Sheriff Gary Eng and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

Chairman Seeley 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 19, 2020.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to adopt the December 1, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the November 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 26, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Connie Broweleit of Seneca popped in to thank the Commissioners for having the Thedford shop class build the new walk bridge into the Seneca Post Office.

Commissioner Purdum asked about work remaining on Windmill Rd and S Seneca.

Commissioner Seeley told the road men that Milroy Ave where the brush was removed looked good. The road personnel reported that the new culvert into the Heavican place was installed by L & L Gravel.

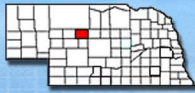
Logan County has reported that they own a culvert cleaner and would work with Thomas County in the future, if we needed to use it.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith requested some material for the driveway at the courthouse onto Hwy 2.

Commissioner Purdum expressed that he would like to see the county patch and armor coat of portion of S Seneca (by hill south of Royce Jennings) in the 2021 year. The board was reminded that preliminary one and six year plans will be discussed at the December 15th meeting.

Randy Andersen visited with the board about building up a portion of the road off Hwy 2 up to Gary Cooper's place. He will furnish the material needed to build up the road. He also reported that he has a couple of bridge planks that need repaired.

The board also visited with Randy about getting some pricing for tree shredding work for the county. Randy will present a quote.



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The board also discussed reviewing the road maintenance classification map and seeing if any changes needed made. We will check with the County Highway Superintendent to see what needs done to make any changes.

The board visited with County Attorney Kurt Arganbright about Daly Bridge issues. Commissioner Seeley and County Attorney Arganbright will visit with County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	INSURANCE	367.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2865.84
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7831.60
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	8.93
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	203.15
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	449.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	31.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	7.89
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	112.25
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	81.60
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	DUES	971.42
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	28.05
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1111.31
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	DUES	125.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	323.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	7323.97
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		23,867.05

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	668.69
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	762.65
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	7.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	183.64
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1472.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	1466.98
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		5,967.27

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	108.79
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VISITORS FUND-

BOB STEPHENS & ASSOCIATES INC	SUPPLIES	2589.47
MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	240.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	248.48
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1940.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	223.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	178.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	42.96
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	67.43
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	425.34
SALARIES		1,430.88

LIBRARY FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	123.22
DAWN BRYANT	SUPPLIES	7.40
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	121.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	113.86
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	7.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	180.48
SALARIES		1039.93

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

THE CREATIVE COMPANY	BOOKS	177.44
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	483.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
KNOWBUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	27.99
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	83.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	95.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	31.62
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	368.15
SALARIES		189.23

Office reports:

County Clerk presented the fee report for the month of November.

General Election costs totaled \$5,888.41 of which the county could bill out to political subdivisions \$3,177.98 to help cover the costs.

District Court in Thomas County will not be held in person for the month of December. Civil cases that can be heard telephonically will be scheduled. Criminal cases will be continued. This is an Order that came down from the District #11 Judges.

Treasurer reported that tax statements will be mailed out at the end of this week.

Sheriff reported on the review of the remaining balance with the Forest contract. All 2020 mandatory training for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff has been completed.

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

Discussion was held on COVID procedures at the courthouse. Those entering the courthouse to conduct business are encouraged to wear masks. At this time the courthouse will remain open to the public. If cases continue to increase in the county, the board has agreed to let the officials that work in the courthouse make any decisions regarding by appointment only or about closure to keep the employees healthy and available to work.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 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:

John B. Seeley, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2020

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:33 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Member present were John Seeley and Jim Purdum, present by phone (Zoom) was Pam Moody. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Smith, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Sheriff Gary Eng, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, CSA Extension Agent TL Meyer, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright by telephone.

Chairman Seeley 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 3, 2020.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the December 15, 2020 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the December 1, 2020 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 10, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The board discussed needing to update the road maintenance classification map. The next meeting, they will discuss what roads need to be reclassified. Once they are done with the changes the board will need to hold a public hearing.

The board then reviewed the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan from 2020 and discussed which projects they would like to identify for the new road plan in 2021 and which projects were completed. Priority projects were established for starting in the spring 2021. A public hearing will be held once the plan has been set.

Discussion was had on the request for reimbursement on 20 feet of culvert for a private drive off of Milroy Ave. Motion made by Purdum to not reimburse for the extra 20 feet of culvert. Moody seconded the motion. Motion made by Purdum to amend the motion previously made to change the motion to the county will reimburse \$560 to Marilyn Heavican for the additional 20 feet of culvert used on Milroy Ave. Moody seconded the motion by Purdum to amend the motion. Roll call vote on the motion to amend the previous motion. Roll call vote: Ayes Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Motion to amend carried.

Roll call vote on the amended motion. Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to establish a permit application for construction of poles, anchors, and cables on county road right of ways. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. The Upper Loup has asked for a county commissioner to serve as a stakeholder to develop a Drought Mitigation Plan. The commissioners will appoint this position at their organizational meeting on January 5th.



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A letter from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) was received stating that the Disaster DR 4387 has been closed out with the remaining balance of \$2,247.32 being paid in November 2020.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	485.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1940.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	332.60
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	317.25
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.16
KOROY CONSTRUCTION	SHERRIFF DOOR	60.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1480.14
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	21.18
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	73.35
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	70.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5887.46
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	POSTAGE	9.35
U S BANK	FUEL-SMITH	32.60

ROAD FUND-

BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	SIGNS	912.68
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT	300.00

VISITORS FUND-

FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	ADVERTISING	400.00
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	KAYAK RACE	1000.00

EXTENSION FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	44.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	188.56
MCI	PHONE	49.88
QUADIENT LEASING	POSTAGE	134.85

DEBT SERVICE FUND-

SECURITY FIRST BANK	PAYMENT	29022.64
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Office/Fee reports:

Clerk reported on NACO virtual meetings that were held last week since the NACO convention was canceled.

The courthouse will be closed on Christmas Eve day and Christmas Day. The President and Governor of Nebraska have declared Christmas Eve as a holiday.

Reminder: The next meeting is January 5th with the Organizational meeting to begin at 9:15 a.m. and the regular meeting to follow.

Treasurer presented the financial report for November 2020. She also informed the board that she will be switching over to laser checks rather than handwritten checks.

A report on COVID-19 information was also provided based on Thomas County data only. Data shows that based on our population and number of positive cases that the county is showing a 24% positivity rate.

Sheriff reported that the forest contract has been fulfilled and the last bill will be submitted today.

TL – CSA extension gave a report on the Nebraska Extension DHM guidance and how activities, programs and meetings will be conducted based on the State DHM or Local COVID-19 risk dial.

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



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No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

The next Organizational meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. with the regular board meeting to follow, 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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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk