

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:15 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman.

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 December 23, 2021.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the January 4, 2022 organizational meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to elect Pam Moody as the 2022 Chairperson of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to elect John Seeley as the 2022 Vice Chair of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays -none. Abstain – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to set the regular board meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at **8:30 a.m.** Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Notice in the paper – 10 days prior to the meeting

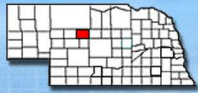
Claims turned into the County Clerk's office by the Friday before the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to set the 2022 observed holiday dates as: Martin Luther King., Jr. Day – January 17th, President's Day – February 21st, Good Friday – April 15th, Arbor Day – April 29th, Memorial Day – May 30th, Juneteenth Day – June 20th, Independence Day – July 4th, Labor Day – September 5th, Columbus Day – October 10th, Veteran's Day – November 11th, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 24th & 25th, Christmas Day – December 26th, New Year's Day – January 2, 2023. **and/or any designated holiday by the Nebraska Governor and/or President of the United States; providing no court or board meeting are scheduled on said days. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-1, naming Security First Bank, Thedford as the official county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer authority to invest county funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Motion made by Seeley to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veteran’s Service Officer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Pam Moody & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Pam Moody

Region 26 – Joseph Smith

Lexington Solid Waste – Jim Purdum

West Central Development District – John Seeley

Sandhills RC & D – John Seeley

Thomas County Safety Committee – Jim Purdum

Upper Loup NRD Drought Plan – Jim Purdum

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

No public comment.

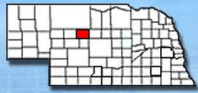
Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:27 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and County Weed Superintendent/Veteran’s Service Officer Rich Cook.

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 December 23, 2021.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the January 4, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the December 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 30, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd reported that he still needed to visit with the County Attorney about the Finney Loop west road abandonment. Commissioner Moody will talk with the mail carrier about the plans to abandon that portion of road. Clerk Hartman reported that the post office answered the question about the location of the Finney mail box, it will remain in the same location even if the road is abandoned.

Road employee Schukei reported that CAT had been up to the shop in Thedford and performed a pressure test on the CAT loader. They believe they can do the repair work here in Thedford rather than transporting the loader to North Platte.

Lloyd reported that he had talked with Roger Hartwig about the material needed for Railroad St in Seneca.

Commissioner Purdum will check with Finney’s about plugging the loader in at the Auditorium when the temperatures will be low and snow is forecasted.

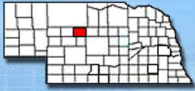
Road employee Hartman reported that the brakes on the Dump Truck need repaired. Board advised him to check on availability of parts and repair.

Correspondence presented.

Motion made by Seeley 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	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2231.93
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	700.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	70.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63



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CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	486.91
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	464.74
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	48.75
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PATRICK M. HENG LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	ATTY FEES	1090.00
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER	HEARING	300.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	32.34
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2022 DUES	60.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	818.17
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	9333.63
TANYA ROBERTS-CONNICK	ATTY FEES	50.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	322.42
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5495.14
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEE	2.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	400.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		19099.11

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	765.87
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES/REPAIR	205.13
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1762.50
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	SERVICES	672.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	6.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.91
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	455.52
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	636.40
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2907.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1680.89
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	LEASE - 2022	111.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1060.15
U S BANK	DOT/SUPPLIES	91.65
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6661.98

PRETRIAL FUND-

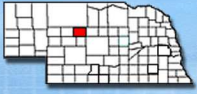
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.05
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	279.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	63.26
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	226.55
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	NOTICE	3.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	100.78
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	153.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	583.59
SALARIES		1485.67

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	102.38
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.27
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	203.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	16.02
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	27.48
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.63
ANGELA RINESTINE	POSTAGE	22.04
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	163.26
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	37.96
SALARIES		801.19



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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	58.40
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.03
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	172.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	52.70
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	218.61
SALARIES		314.08

Office reports:

Clerk reported on upcoming election filing dates and also visited with the board about the redistricting work in the county. Assessor reported that pickup work and sales studies have started. Central Plains Valuation was out in the area picking up new construction. They will back in Thedford the week of January 17th to review sales and statistics. Fee report for the month of December presented to the board.

Treasurer reported that a lot of taxpayers took advantage of paying property taxes in 2021 for the credit on Nebraska State Income Tax.

Sheriff quarterly fee report provided to the board.

Library statistic report provided to the board.

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

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-3, setting the elected official salaries for 2023-2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus 7 used Goodyear Wrangler SRA 265/70R17 tires. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried. Sealed bids will be taken at a later date once notice has been published.

Rich Cook presented the Annual Weed report to the County Board.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the Thomas County Annual Weed report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

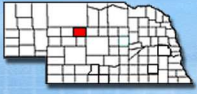
Rich Cook presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the MOU with the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Kurt Arganbright visited with the board about the status on the Seneca Cemetery Association. He still needs to compile the checklist of things the association will need to do to be in good standing with the Secretary of State's office. Commissioner Purdum will get in touch with Donna Reynolds about a plat map of the cemetery.

No public comment.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

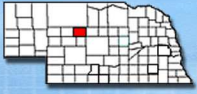
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and be available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 January 5, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the January 18, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the January 4, 2022 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January, 13, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the January 4, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 13, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Seeley reported on the leaf blower that can be used for snow removal and to clean the leaves out of the gutters, from ACE Hardware in Broken Bow. Road employee Hartman had pricing from NAPA in North Platte for a back pack unit. The board agreed to purchase the back pack leaf blower unit from NAPA in North Platte rather than purchase the gutter shields.

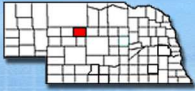
Road employee Schukei reported that the CAT loader had been repaired.

Discussion was held on future tree removal projects. Norway Ave and River Ave. Commissioner Purdum will contact the railroad about the trees along Norway Ave. Commissioner Moody recommended that some areas along River Ave needs the trees and brush removed.

Discussion was had on Finney Loop. The Board has requested that the County Attorney send out letters to the landowners and the postal service about their intent to abandon/close the portion of Finney Loop heading west from the Finney homesite. The Clerk will provide addresses to the County Attorney.

The road employees have begun work on the 1 & 6 year road plan map. The completed projects will be submitted to the Highway Superintendent.

Discussion was had on crushing the millings and concrete piled at the airport lease site. The Clerk will look back at the last company hired and report to the board and road employees.



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Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley 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	1014.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
RICHARD J DONHAUSER	LAWNCARE NOV	412.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPIER	276.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.28
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	270.78
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	77.22
PATRICK M. HENG LAW OFFICE, PC, LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	800.00
K C ELECTRIC	SERVICES	93.45
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	75.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	30.73
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	196.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	130.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	944.66
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.01
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	6800.00

ROAD FUND-

BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	104.96
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	80.76
MIKES MOTORCYCLE & ATV REPAIR	SUPPLIES	170.83
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	136.21
U S BANK	PEST TRAINING	80.00

EXTENSION FUND-

LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	17.55
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	81.90
MCI	PHONE	51.65
SANDHILLS CORRAL	MEALS	165.13
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	43.29
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	26.91

LIBRARY FUND-

VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Assessor reported that ag land will have to increase once again this year. Grass will have a 5% increase up to \$535/acre and irrigated will increase by 7% up to \$2,250/acre.

Clerk reported on search for new office assistant. Applications will be taken through Friday January 21st.

Clerk also reported on 2022 Election.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had viewed the Cherry County Comp Plan online and the information about conservation easements was included in their comp plan under the land use section.

The Thomas County Planning Commission will be meeting on February 24th at 4:30 p.m. to discuss this issue.



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Treasurer presented the financial report for December. She noted that tax collections were up due to the Nebraska State Income tax credit available in 2021.

She also reported that she had applied for a NIRMA assist grant for safety equipment for Thomas County and was awarded \$1,000 for reimbursement.

ARPA funds and grant applications were discussed. She will be putting together a checklist and manual to be used. The county will also be able to utilize the ARPA money for upgrading technology to be used in the courtroom and for future meetings.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to accept the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit report by Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried. A copy of the Audit report will be on file in the County Clerk's office.

Sheriff reported that he has submitted his accreditation material to the State. He also informed the board of upcoming training activities he will be hosting.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to appoint Alison Werner to the Thomas County Library Board and also appoint Justina Benscoter as an interim appointment to the Thomas County Library Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

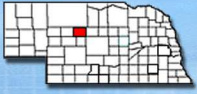
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Motion made by Moody and second by Purdum to excuse John Seeley. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 January 20, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the February 1, 2022 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 January 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 27, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The railroad still has not delivered any rock for Railroad Street in Seneca. Jim will try calling again and we will also check with Lloyd Smith to see what he was able to arrange.

The board reviewed the 1 & 6 year road plan. Commissioner Moody asked that we put Purdum West onto the plan for patching/millings.

The Triple G material price sheet was reviewed for 2022.

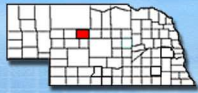
Lloyd was going to provide information on a crusher to hire for the material stockpiled at the airport lease site. Discussion tabled until February 15th meeting.

The County Clerk reported that she had visited with John Webster from Murphy Tractor about the new graders. One grader is scheduled to arrive the end of March and the other mid-April.

The dump truck is in the shop at Inland Truck in North Platte for new brakes. The appointment for repair was scheduled to be completed on January 21st. On last report they had not started repairs yet.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to surplus the rubber tire packer (located in Halsey) and sell for scrap iron. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.



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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2215.67
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	650.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	80.33
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	479.68
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1087.19
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	399.41
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER/SUPPLIES	649.95
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	9.99
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MID PLAINS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SERVICES	25.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	815.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	980.83
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5471.02
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	8.16
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		18963.03

ROAD FUND-

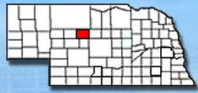
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BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	TOOLS	657.90
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	285.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.53
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	158.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	44.21
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	192.95
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1571.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	1882.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1547.31
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6283.53

VISITORS FUND-

NE TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	ADVERTISING	150.00
OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	1447.50
WESTERN NEBRASKA TOURISM COALITION	ADVERTISING	374.87

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	263.35
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.59
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.50
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	20.32
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	96.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	549.04



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SALARIES	1380.98
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LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	124.32
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.79
CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE INC.	SUPPLIES	394.48
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	44.36
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	17.37
GALEN NEBEN	SERVICES	375.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.73
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	482.69
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	167.74
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	53.94
SALARIES		821.41

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	72.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	59.24
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	168.30
SALARIES		354.44

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of January 2022.

Questions about the presentation given by Dr. Frank in North Platte in regards to the 2020 General Election were discussed. Clerk reports that for the 2020 General Election, Thomas County had 503 registered voters. The 2020 General Election had 185 early voters and 245 election day voters, with the total that voted in the 2020 General Election at 430 voters.

Frey's will be installing a cooling unit in the computer equipment room to regulate the temperature for the computer servers. The cost for the unit and installation will be \$2,630.

Sheriff asked that the board send letters of support for LB1194 for funding for dispatch centers throughout the state. He will be going to Lincoln on February 23rd to testify at the Legislature on behalf of this bill.

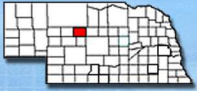
Emergency Manager report: The LEOP manual is about 95% completed. The State of Nebraska has issued an extension until December 31, 2022 to have the LEOP completed and online.

Treasurer reported on ARPA funding and the grant application process.

Delinquent tax list was presented to the board. This list will be advertised in the Thomas County Herald the first three weeks of February.

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.

No sealed bids were received for the used Goodyear tires. No action taken.



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The County Attorney discussed with the board about the next steps to be taken with the Seneca Cemetery Association. The deed to the Cemetery is still in the Village of Seneca and will need to be changed over to Thomas County. The County Attorney will work with the Seneca Cemetery Association to get them in good standings with the Nebraska Secretary of State's office. He will prepare a checklist to be given to Donna Reynolds and the County Clerk. Lloyd will need to come up with the correct legal description for the cemetery.

Discussion was had about Finney Loop, the County Attorney reported that we will need to have a legal description prepared for the easement on the portion of road from Highway 2 to the Finney home place. Once he has this information from Lloyd he will proceed with notification to the landowners.

Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. to open the public hearing for the special use permit #2022-1 from Richard Jameson.

No public present to discuss permit. The board reviewed the permit and minutes from the Planning Commission meeting.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 10:36 a.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Special Use permit #2022-1 for Richard Jameson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. 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 10:40 a.m.

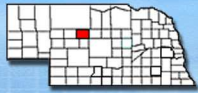
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were County Treasurer, Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 February 3, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the February 15, 2022 regular meeting agenda.

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

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

Road Discussion:

The Railroad provided 2 piles of rock for Railroad Street in Seneca. The Railroad will be contacted to request more material for South Railroad Street repairs as needed.

John will contact Triple G about the purchase of 1,000 ton of mudrock.

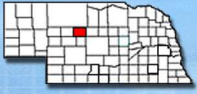
Discussion was held about crushing the material stockpiled at the airport lease site. Lloyd called Northern Plains, LLC from Winner, SD. Lloyd will follow up on costs and timeframe and the commissioners will take action at the meeting on March 1, 2022.

Correspondence presented. No action taken, tabling until March 1, 2022.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	507.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1500.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	692.10
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	231.79
	ELECTION	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	SUPPLIES	630.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	76.68
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	95.57
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	SUPPLIES	230.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	396.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	116.16
THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	311.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	COPIES	21.25



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THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	186.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.01
ROAD FUND-		
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	13.98
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	174.30
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	75.00
PRE-TRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.00
VISITORS FUND-		
FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	ADVERTISING	400.00
	POLAR	
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	BEAR/DUES	840.00
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-		
THOMAS CO AG SOCIETY	FLOOR	4500.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.19
HAMPTON INN & SUITES-SCOTTSBLUFF	LODGING	96.00
MCI	PHONE	49.47
TL MEYER	LODGING/GAS	159.18
QUADIENT LEASING	COPIER LEASE	128.01
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN EXT	COMPUTER	866.43
BOOKMBILE FUND-		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office Reports:

Treasurer presented financial report for January 2022. There is a class action lawsuit against Zoom that we may enter. Commissioners advised the Treasurer to join the lawsuit if we qualify. Sheriff reported on area activity.

Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. to open the public hearing for the One & Six Year Road Plan hearing.

No public present to discuss plan. West North Loup Road and South Railroad were added.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 10:20 a.m. and resumed regular meeting.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-4, One & Six Year Road plan as amended at hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes—Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays. None. Motion carried.

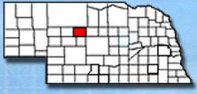
Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:30 for Board of Equalization.

Chairman Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:35 a.m.

There was no public comment.

Motion made by Purdum Second by Seeley to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes-Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays—None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



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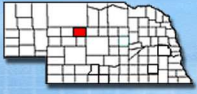
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 February 17, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the March 1, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the February 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 24, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussions:

The Clerk reported that Murphy Tractor called and reported that the estimated date of delivery on the graders is now the first and middle of April.

Commissioner Seeley reported on Big Iron commission is 10% or if over \$125,000 the commission in 9%, with Big Iron it is an Absolute Auction.

Auction Time commission is 6%, they will come up and appraise the equipment and first list with Machinery Trader and eventually will auction if not sold on Machinery Trader.

The board agreed to have Commissioner Seeley contact Auction Time to have more information by the March 15th meeting.

They also discussed other equipment that they would like to list with Auction Time: old water trailer, flatbed trailer, and Ford Tractor.

The surplussed packer in Halsey the road men will cut up and take for salvage iron.

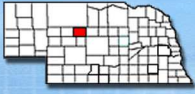
Commissioner Seeley will talk with Triple G about mudrock.

Road personnel Ed Schukei reported that Viaero left a ridge along the Purdum Rd that he fears will causing washing if we receive rains. Commissioner Moody will contact Viaero about repairing this issue.

Discussion was held on crushing the airport material. Pictures of the piles will be taken and the Clerk will email to Northern Materials to see what they think. The board discussed finding a grizzly screener to run the asphalt material through before crushing. No action taken. Tabled until March 15th meeting.

Correspondence presented. Power Washer from Jantzen equipment reviewed. Commissioner Purdum will visit with Jantzen Equipment.

Letter from Figgins Construction received. No armor coat projects planned for this summer season.



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West Central District Meeting in North Platte on March 24th. Commissioner Moody will attend.
NIRMA annual report presented.

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

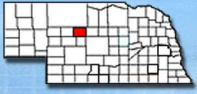
GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2209.48
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	5420.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	491.67
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	214.88
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	794.93
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	355.98
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	201.21
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	9.78
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	811.94
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	379.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5459.26
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	62.00
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	18.00
U S BANK	FUEL	65.21
VISION CARE DIRECT	FEDERAL TAXES	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES 2022	25.00
SALARIES		18897.82

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	672.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	76.48
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	95.14
L & L GRAVEL	GRAVEL	3570.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	21.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	179.70
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	7374.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2156.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1473.52
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6051.27

EXTENSION FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	250.46
MARCY ANDERSEN	TELEPHONE	18.98
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICE	18.75
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.59
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	92.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	123.07
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	542.43
SALARIES		1426.86

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	117.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.79
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	115.47
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	756.73
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	163.92
SALARIES		801.20

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.44
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	144.69
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	51.42
SALARIES		307.97

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the filings for the 2022 Primary Election. Zoning – Planning Commission has met and begun drafting language to add to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan to address Conservation Easements. The County Attorney has been sent the language to review.

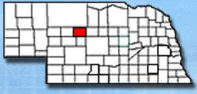
COVID tests will be delivered from West Central Health Department to the County and will be available for public use. Once they are delivered a notice will be posted on the County Facebook page.

Treasurer reported on the upcoming delinquent tax sale to be held on Monday, March 7th.

Library statistic page presented to the board.

TL Meyer, Extension reported that the University will be working on new Interlocal Agreements with the counties.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager reported on testimony for LB1194, LB920 and LB921.



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Discussion was also held on the 2022-2023 proposed assessment for Region 26. He also reported that on June 24th approximately 400 cars with the Nebraska Rod Association will be traveling through the community from Valentine to North Platte.

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

Discussion was held on the 2022 Annual Operating Plan with the Forest in the amount of \$7,800.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the 2022 Annual Operating Plan with USDA, Forest Service Nebraska National Forest. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to continue using Charron Fertilizer for the Courthouse lawn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the ARPA funds grant application received from the Village of Thedford. Tabled until a representative from the Thedford Village Board is available for questions. No action taken.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

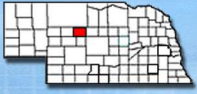
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Thomas County Board of Commissioners

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel – Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Albert Fisher and Wade Neben.

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 March 3, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the March 15, 2022 meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

Commissioner Seeley reported that Triple G had mud rock available. He suggested the road men haul some of the mud rock to the Airport site to be used later in the year. The Clerk reported that L & L Gravel would have rock available this season also.

Discussion was held on listing equipment with Auction Time on April 6th.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to list the flatbed trailer and water trailer with Auction Time. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus the flatbed trailer and water trailer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

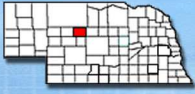
Commissioner Purdum presented information on leasing a bobcat skid steer. No action taken.

Lloyd Smith will check to see if we have a start date on the Andersen Bridge.

Discussion was had on the survey's needed for Seneca Cemetery and Finney Loop. Lloyd stated that he didn't think a survey would be required for the Finney Loop project, he would be able to provide a legal description for this project. The Seneca Cemetery project should be completed within a month, he has obtained control information from the NDOT to assist with the survey.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to award the Northern Plains crushing quote on the airport material. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody will double check with the airport that all county material has been cleaned at the airport and no other material will be added to the piles at the county site.



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Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1174.90
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	950.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	565.83
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NACO	REGISTRATION	35.00
NDA REGION II	DUES	50.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	58.00
REGION 26	REGISTRATION	70.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	320.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	4TH QTR EXT	5639.62
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.05

ROAD FUND-

KELLY SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	32.18
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	243.98
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	7.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	911.86

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	115.95
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VISITORS FUND-

U S BANK	DOMAIN HOSTING	116.56
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EXTENSION FUND-

KWIK STOP	FUEL	40.82
MCI	PHONE	50.16
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	116.00
SANDHILLS MOTORS	REPAIRS	64.60

LIBRARY FUND-

FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	199.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

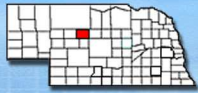
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
EAST WEST BOOKSCA3:C38	BOOKS	155.92

Office reports:

Clerk presented office fee report for February. Primary Election will be certified by the Secretary of State sometime today and ballots will be ordered by the end of the week. First day to mail out ballots will be April 4th and in office voting will begin April 11th.

Assessment actions completed; Abstract of Real Property was filed on March 10th.

Treasurer presented the February financial report and reported on the delinquent tax sale.



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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lincoln County for Inmate Housing. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Albert Fisher and Wade Neben answered questions from the board about the ARPA grant application for Interior renovation of the Village water tanks that was submitted to the county. They stated that the grant money would not decrease the tax asking for the Village residents.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-5, ARPA grant application from the Village of Thedford for \$35,000, pending completed and signed paperwork from the Village. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on full time county employee's insurance benefits. No action taken.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

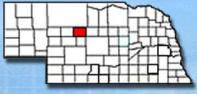
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Ed Schukei, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 March 24, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the April 5, 2022 meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the March 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 24, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The Board discussed the road abandonment of Finney Loop from the Finney homesite west to S. Seneca Ave.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to proceed with abandonment on Finney Loop from the Finney residence on west to S. Seneca Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The County Attorney will begin the process for abandonment. Commissioner Moody will call Roger Licking about the auto gates on this portion of the road.

The board discussed placing some road sand at the base of Madron Hill on S. Seneca Ave to be used when the road is icy. This will be placed next fall for the winter season.

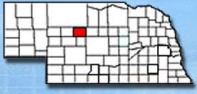
Commissioner Seeley will contact Auction Time about listing the 140H Grader. The board also had the County Treasurer check on the water trailer and flat bed trailer listed on Auction Time. The flat bed trailer will sell in 1 day and the water trailer will be listed for sale on April 14th.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that the Andersen Bridge project should begin in 2 to 3 weeks. They have requested that the REA poles be moved for this project. Commissioner Purdum will contact Custer Public Power to have them lean the poles.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith also will check into the crushing project with Northern Materials.

The NEMA-FEMA project from 2018 on S Seneca Ave still hasn't been paid out. Lloyd will check with Jodi Gibson to see if there are any updates on the payment.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.



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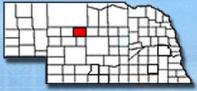
Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2390.91
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	SUPPLIES	151.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN	1800.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
	ATTORNEY	
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	REES	1010.35
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	TIRE	242.77
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	472.69
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	241.79
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES	FURNITURE	2920.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1379.08
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	449.43
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	268.89
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	1543.82
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	46.36
GWORKS	SERVICES	640.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1235.84
NACO	REGISTRATION	170.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	175.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	10.48
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	836.88
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	REGISTRATION	74.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	136.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	ELECTION	27.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	9333.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE/FUEL	1334.20
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	5734.33
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.96
THOMAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	FEES	71.00
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	FEES	19.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	79.56
U S BANK	FUEL/SUPPLIES	787.33
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	400.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20322.20

ROAD FUND-

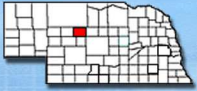
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	752.04
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	13.69
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.56
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	5927.34



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NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	11.37
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	210.49
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	89.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4634.43
EDWARD SCHUKEI	PLOW BLADE	781.99
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1649.24
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	7013.81
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6572.18
PRE-TRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.30
VISITORS FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	977.06
EXTENSION FUND-		
SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEAL/FUEL	96.82
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	280.85
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	479.49
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	3548.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	196.83
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	71.12
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	101.28
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	185.68
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	587.67
SALARIES		1497.98
LIBRARY FUND-		
AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	126.87
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	119.54
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	20.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.87
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	544.02
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	189.62
SALARIES		950.35
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.36



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SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	112.41
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	60.84
SALARIES		363.72
INHERITANCE TAX FUND-		
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIA1:C97PMENT	GRADER	271472.00

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of March.
Election dates were reviewed.

Treasurer reported on the new counter top installed in her office.

Sheriff quarterly fee report was presented.

Emergency Manager reported on the increase for the 2022-2023 assessment.

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

Board reviewed and discussed the ARPA funds parameters. The County Attorney will establish a document for the board to sign and implement for the dispersion of the funds.

No lawn care bids were received. The Clerk will contact several local individuals to see if they have interest in the lawn care for the 2022 summer.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

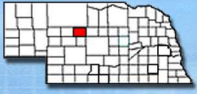
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioner will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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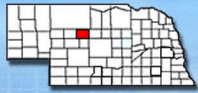
Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and John Seeley. Absent – Jim Purdum. 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, Marcy Andersen, TL Meyer and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 April 7, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to adopt the April 19, 2022 meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the April 5, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 14, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported that she had spoken to Roger Licking about the auto gates along the portion of Finney Loop that would be abandoned. The decision was to leave the auto gates for the landowner.

Heritage Rd work was discussed. The board agreed that we should wait until there is moisture in the ground before digging out the road ditches and building up the road.

Auction Time and Machinery Trader results were discussed. Commissioner Seeley will contact Auction Time to have them list the 163H grader now.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had talked with Norfolk Contracting and they expect to be in Thomas County within a couple of weeks to start on the Andersen Bridge.

Commissioner Moody reported that a curve sign was missing on Purdum Ave. The post remains so there is a possibility that the wind blew the sign off.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	524.90
CHARRON LAWN CARE	POWER RAKE	600.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	358.62
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	133.50



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ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	VOTING SUPPLIES	430.72
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE EXPENSE	50.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTORNEY FEES	72.10
U S BANK	ZOOM	299.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.01
ROAD FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	68.82
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	181.46
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	ROAD SIGNS	253.76
EXTENSION FUND-		
MCI	PHONE	10.08
LIBRARY FUND-		
U S BANK	AMAZON PRIME	139.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	43.80
INHERITANCE FUND-		
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	GRADER	299739.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported that Terry & Bonnie Elliott will do the lawn maintenance this year at the courthouse for \$550 per month.

Election equipment testing will begin this week.

Assessor reported that the Reports & Opinion for Thomas County has been completed and that Statewide Equalization began today.

Treasurer presented the March financial report. Tax season is in full swing. The Treasurer also wanted to remind everyone that she does not accept real and personal property tax payments online.

Extension: TL Meyer visited with the board about health insurance and hourly pay for the full time office assistant.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Cyber Security meeting she attended in Kearney last week.

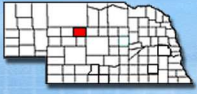
Sheriff/Emergency Manager reported on the fire ban in Thomas County.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody 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 Resolution #2022-5, ARPA funds grant with the Village of Thedford. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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



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Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

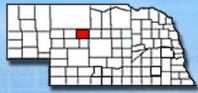
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 April 21, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the May 3, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the April 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 28, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Lloyd Smith had emailed pictures from the last bridge inspection. The road men will make the suggested repairs noted on each bridge.

The board discussed the concerns on pivots watering over county roads. The board members want to take a look at the pivots in question first before proceeding.

Commissioner Seeley reported that the 140H grader sold for \$75,000 and the 163H grader sold for \$85,000 on Machinery Trader.

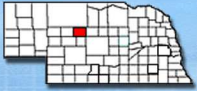
No activity has been noted on Andersen Bridge yet.

Correspondence presented. Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to have Commissioner Moody sign the disaster declaration to have on file at Region 26. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2349.76
	ADMIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	1150.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	SERVICES	1120.06
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	475.85
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	229.82



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CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1210.38
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	596.40
	ELECTION	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	COST	1982.16
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.41
LORISSA HARTMAN	OFFICE SUPP	31.23
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE	444.60
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	16.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	827.49
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	343.56
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	5646.08
CHEVAS SHAW	SERVICES	250.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	58.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	33.74
ANDREA THOMAS	NOTARY	101.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	253.71
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		19953.63

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	733.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	20.16
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	DRUG TESTING	37.50
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	16.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	201.89
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2214.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	90.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3702.82
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1605.63
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2611.58
UPPER LOUP NRD	SUPPLIES	156.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		6453.10

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.21
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	257.83
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	211.15
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	8.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	43.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	94.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	152.18
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	536.83
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	43.29
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	38.61
SALARIES		1344.04



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LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	116.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	96.93
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.43
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	160.46
SALARIES		780.64

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	169.10
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	42.04
SALARIES		251.72

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of April. The total number of requested early vote ballots as of this morning was 36, which is fewer than most years. The Election worker training will be held on Friday, May 6th. The Thomas County website has been audited by the Disability Rights Nebraska group as was found to have no issues. Only 16 of the 93 counties needed no edits to be fully accessible.

Treasurer reported that tax money has been coming in.

Commissioner Moody gave a report on the 30x30 meeting she attended in Lincoln. She has some language that should be added to the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan to address stopping any federal land growth in Thomas County.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager gave a report on the last fire incident. He also reported on why Region 26 was asking for the emergency declarations to be on file at Region 26.

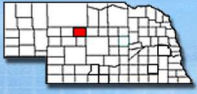
Motion made by Seeley and second Purdum to approve the office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the ARPA grant application from Anthem Coffee, LLC. This was tabled until the May 17th meeting to give the board time to review the application.

Discussion was had on the increase to Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to keep the \$1,100 deductible with the \$35 copay plan. Roll call vote; Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody opened the public hearing for Special Use permit application by Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile at 10:30 a.m.

Jeff Noseworthy explained the proposed project on each tower location. The board addressed concerns about the possible need to bore new fiber up the Purdum Road for the Halsey Tower location. The hope is to use the same fiber that was already bored. If T-Mobile doesn't use the same fiber, they will be required to fill out a utility permit for approval by the board.



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Commissioner Moody closed the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Application #1, Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile, Permit #2022-2. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Application #2, Industrial Tower West, LLC/T-Mobile, Permit #2022-3. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

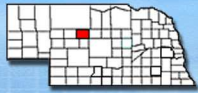
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 17, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody and John Seeley. Absent – Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, county road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Jack Johnston, and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

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 May 5, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to adopt the May 17, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the May 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 12, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had been in contact with the bridge builders for the Andersen Bridge. They are hoping to get here yet this week. They are awaiting permits to get the new crane down the highway. The new crane will be able to complete the bridge from one side.

Lloyd also reported that Northern Materials was hoping to be in the county within the next two to three weeks. They are currently working on a project in Oneida SD and we are the next project on their list.

Commissioner Moody will check with Roger Licking about proceeding with work on Heritage Rd.

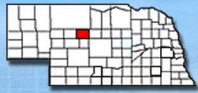
The board also discussed with the road men about grinding up old asphalt roads. Blaine County may be starting this type of project, so Commissioner Moody will check with them and see what their plans are.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	524.90
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	2349.90
CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	140.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
	MAY LAWN	
TERRY E ELLIOTT	CARE	550.00
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	859.74
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	GWORKS	4780.00
MELISSA HOLT	ELECTION	140.00



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KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	25.00
BETTY MASEBERG	ELECTION	140.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1281.73
PRESTO X	SERVICES	61.00
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES	200.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	637.22
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE DUE	1.36
BRENT THOMAS	ELECTION	15.00
CHERYL UHRMACHER	ELECTION	140.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.05
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	140.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	10.00

ROAD FUND-

MENARD'S	TOOLS #1853	52.34
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	#2104	2490.38
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	#22-0660	630.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	#202201	463.87
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EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS	37.38
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	MEETNG	
	NOTICE	9.78
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	MEETNG	
	NOTICE	5.53
TL MEYER	TIRE REPAIR	221.04
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	2022 DUES	100.00

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk/Election Commissioner reported that the 2022 Primary Election had a 49% voter turnout. 502 registered voters for the election with 196 voting at the polls and 49 early voters.

Assessor reported that TERC has completed the statewide equalization hearings and no order to show cause were filed on Thomas County. Change of value notices will be printed and mailed out to landowners by end of next week.

The Assessor also reported that an annotations layer will be added to Halsey, Seneca and Thedford showing the lot dimensions.

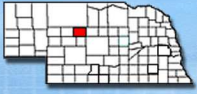
Treasurer reported that tax money did come in but will not show up until her May month end reports are completed. The April fee report was presented to the board.

Sheriff reported that most VIN inspection money has been paid directly to the County Treasurer rather than receipted into his Sheriff office books.

Emergency Manager reported that the burn ban is still in effect for Thomas County.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Budget workshop she attended in Norfolk.

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



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Motion made Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-6, approving \$2,500 from the ARPA grant fund application to Anthem Coffee, LLC. Roll call: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays -none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

ARPA Grant fund applications have been received from Sandhills Sutton's Speed & Supply and Sandhills Hair Salon. The board directed the County Attorney to prepare Resolutions for the June 7th meeting to take action then.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to select MIPS to print postcards for LB644, if needed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for Thedford Volunteer Fire Department on June 18, 2022 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Rich Cook met with the board to review the Annual weed report assessment.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve/accept the Annual Weed Report assessment by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

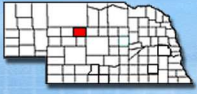
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 7, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 May 26, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the June 7, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 26, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to enter into executive session with the County Attorney and road employees one at a time to perform employee evaluations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Board entered into executive session at 8:33 a.m.

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

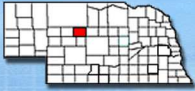
Board exited executive session at 8:59 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to increase the hourly rate for the current full time road employees and current part time employee Clint Harvey to \$18.25/hour and increase the cell phone stipend for the full time employees to \$200/year. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The Clerk reported on the request for material on Ewoldt Road. Road employee Schukei advised the board that he had hauled 3 loads and stated that a portion of the road needs built up before more material is added. The board tabled any further road improvement on Ewoldt Road until the material is crushed.

Commissioner Moody reported on the company coming to Blaine County to grind up some old asphalt. They should be in the area by mid-July for the board and road men to go check out the process to decide if it is something they would like to try here in Thomas County.



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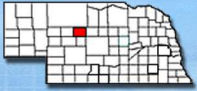
Andersen Bridge update: The concrete was poured last Friday, June 3rd. The crew stated that it would need at least 21 days to cure before any heavy use. That puts it at approximately June 24th before it could be opened. The county will need to take the loader across to do some approach work first before it can be opened.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	326.80
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2386.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2446.35
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	1100.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8384.95
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	870.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	40.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	478.75
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	85.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	419.92
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	370.47
DANA SAFETY SUPPLY	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1580.61
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	1383.96
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	188.85
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	53.58
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	REPAIRS	451.55
GALLS LLC	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1044.68
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	8500.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	78.98
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOOKER COUNTY TREASURER	MILEAGE	61.56
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	485.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1359.00
NACO	REGISTRATION/DUES	1151.58
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	827.87
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	330.00
REGION 26	DATA PROCESSING	1305.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	876.09
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER	86.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5728.75
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTORNEY FEES	60.00
CLYDE E BONESTEEL	AMMO	1094.75
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE DUE	1.96
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	166.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	MAY EXPENSES	1080.36
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	BOOKMOBILE	944.66
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	138.06
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20,252.82



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ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	965.51
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	26.19
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	SUPPLIES	260.46
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.48
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	DRUG TESTING	49.00
KEITH HARTMAN	STIPEND CELL	120.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	225.53
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	144.30
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	6282.58
EDWARD SCHUKEI	STIPEND CELL	120.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1853.91
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	11204.76
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7637.51

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.21
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VISITORS FUND-

BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS NEBRASKA	ADVERTISING	255.00
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

MARAH'S TREASURERS	DOWNPAYMENT	200.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	PRINTING	299.96

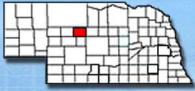
EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	276.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2004.15
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	60.27
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	96.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	211.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	141.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	100.02
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	58.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	315.58
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	587.60
SALARIES		1528.14

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	119.56
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.62
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	100.23
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	39.33
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	373.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	172.24
SYNCB/AMAZON	SUPPLIES	46.95
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
SALARIES		850.06

BOOKMOBILE FUND-



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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	7.32
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.17
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	58.26
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	82.24
SALARIES		345.43

Office reports:

Clerk presented the May fee report for her offices. Open enrollment for changes to health insurance needs to be completed. All employees will need to stop by to see Shannon Ahlstrom during this month and AFLAC will be here on Tuesday, June 21st.

The Clerk will be attending workshop next week, June 15 – 17th, in Kearney.

Sheriff reported that he has submitted his first invoice to the Forest service for law enforcement. He also reported that the wild fire in the Forest will be paid additionally to the county outside of his current law enforcement contract. The fire ban for Thomas County has been lifted.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-7, transferring \$260,000 from General to Roads. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-8, transferring \$60,000 from General to Inheritance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-9, setting ARPA fund parameters. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

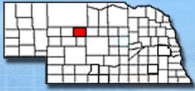
Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-10, approving \$2,500 in ARPA funds to Sandhill Speed & Supply. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-11, approving \$2,500 in ARPA funds to Sandhill Hair Salon. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the application from the Village of Halsey for the cost of purchase and installation of a new minisplit heat pump unit in the Community Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-12, distributing the Forest Reserve Funds with one-fifth (\$7,319.65) to Thomas County Road fund and four-fifths (\$29,278.62) to the county circulating library for Class III school districts within Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-13, setting limit for personal inventory statements at \$150 value. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to surplus the following items:

Desk from County court office, old counter from Treasurer's office, tall back office chair, green file cabinet, short gray file cabinet, 3 small office chairs and old shredder in county court office.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the SDL application from Sandhill Oil for July 30, 2022 at Thomas County Fairgrounds from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to reappoint Dean Figard to the Thomas County Veterans Service Board with a term expiring 2027. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting. Chairman Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

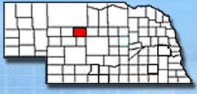
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 21, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Mark Hassett-Consolidated Telephone, and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 June 9, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and Purdum to adopt the June 21, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the June 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 16, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on Gaston Rd. Commissioner Purdum advised that he would contact Roger with Burlington Northern Railroad and talk with them about the condition of the approaches on railroad right of way. County Clerk Hartman will look back in the documents to find the agreement with the Forest Service on the road.

Discussion was held on installing auto gates at the airport. Commissioner Moody will contact Ron Masten with the Thomas County Airport Authority to discuss the project.

Mark Hassett with Consolidated Telephone met with Lloyd Smith and the board to review a Utility Permit for N Maple Street.

The board tabled any action on surplus of old bridge material until the road men can complete an inventory of materials.

Cold mix will be purchased for upcoming projects in the County.

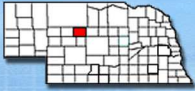
Andersen bridge will be opened by Ed on June 30th, this completes a 28 day cure. He will complete the approach work.

No correspondence to present.

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

GENERAL FUND-

BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEE	2890.96
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	382.81
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	192.17



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	JUNE	
TERRY E ELLIOTT	LAWNCARE	550.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	166.81
LAQUINTA	LODGING	229.90
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	66.00
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	LODGING	312.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	137.86
APRIL SMITH	ELECTION	30.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEE	450.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	58.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.05

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.48
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	601.05
NORFOLK CONTRACTING INC	BRIDGE	272377.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	VFD POKER RUN CUT-OUT	700.00
MARAH'S TREASURERS	FIGURE	2200.00

EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	SUPPLIES	21.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	111.85
TL MEYER	SUPPLIES	47.14

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	2487.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	113.76
ANGELA RINESTINE	CRAFT SUPPLIES	312.48
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	46.95

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

U S BANK	BOOKS	181.51
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ARPA FUND-

SANDHILL HAIR STUDIO	GRANT	2500.00
SANDHILL SUTTON'S SPEED & SUPPLY	GRANT	2500.00

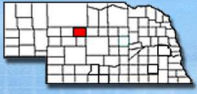
Office reports:

Clerk reported that work on the budget will need to start earlier this year. LB644 has put time constraints on completing the required paperwork, notices and hearings.

Treasurer presented the financial report for May 2022. She also gave a report on the 2022 Treasurer's workshop.

Sheriff reported that he has a preliminary budget from Region 26 and will be attending a Region 26 meeting next week to finalize the budget.

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



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-14, transferring \$480 from Miscellaneous General to Bookmobile Department within County General. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

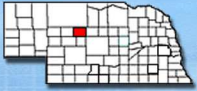
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chairman

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employees Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension Office.

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 June 23, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the July 5, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the June 21, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Ed repaired the approach on the south side of Gaston Road with a couple of loads of cold mix. Commissioner will talk with the USFS to discuss the remainder of the road.

Commissioner Moody reported on the conversation with Ron Masten and the Airport Authority in regards to the auto gates. No further action taken at this time.

Andersen Bridge (Dakota Lane Bridge) has been completed. Commissioner Purdum will contact CPPD to put the power poles back up. The Clerk will send out the Corp permit and what is required after completion of the bridge to the county board.

Lloyd Smith reported that the survey of the Seneca cemetery would be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Discussion was held on the pivot's that are watering on the roadways. Commissioner Moody and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will talk with the County Attorney on the best way to proceed with the landowners.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to surplus the old bridge materials and list them with Auction Time. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

- 8 inch H beams:
 - 4 – 16'
 - 2 – 19'
 - 2 – 20'
 - 8 – 21'
 - 1 – 22'
- Miscellaneous pilings – 13' 4"
- 2 – 10x10 ties 16'



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- 9 – 20’ bridge planks
- 10 – Stringers (18’ 9” long, 23” wide, 8 1/2” thick)
- 5 – Stringers (18’ 9” long, 14” wide, 4” thick)
- 12 – Creosol Bridge planks 16’
- 31 – Green(pressure treated) Bridge planks 16’ & 20’
- 18 – poles 8’ to 20’

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to raise the hourly rate of pay for the Veterans Service Officer and Weed Superintendent, Richard Cook to \$16/hour. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	426.12
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2390.20
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9807.86
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	2336.30
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	250.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	504.24
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	93.52
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	ENVELOPES	150.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	5.58
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	892.42
NIRMA	INSURANCE	9634.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	387.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5988.85
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	53.83
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	400.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20853.03

ROAD FUND-

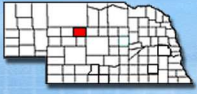
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	999.76
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	83.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	264.46
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	400.79
NIRMA	INSURANCE	9721.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	169.21
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	6547.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2030.69
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		8001.65

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.21
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VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	86.00
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SENECA WOMENS FELLOWSHIP	PORTA POTTY	284.85
4J DESIGNS	SHIRTS	237.50

EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	SUPPLIES	16.00
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	312.19
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	228.26
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	27.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	90.55
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	164.49
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	15.18
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	110.83
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	242.74
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	643.27
SALARIES		1613.90

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	120.36
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.62
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	64.37
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.79
NIRMA	INSURANCE	1604.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	202.40
SALARIES		1031.10

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	5.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	148.84
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	57.82
SALARIES		343.72

Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported that no protests had been filed for 2022.

Treasurer reported that she would be closing out the 2021-2022 fiscal year and then be able to begin work on the next budget year.

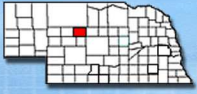
Sheriff presented the quarterly fee report for his office. He also reported on the Region 26 budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year and about the possibility of Howard County joining Region 26 in the future.

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

T.L. Meyer presented the 2022-2023 budget for the Central Sandhills Area Extension Office.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the 2022-2023 Central Sandhills Area Extension budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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

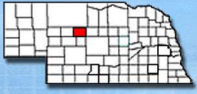
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, Jack Johnston, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 July 7, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the July 19, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the July 5, 2022 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 14, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Jack Johnston met with the board to discuss plans for installation of the auto gates at the airport. He reported that Richard Jameson will bring a backhoe to dig through the asphalt on the road. The road men will be contacted to coordinate the day next week that will work for everyone.

The utility permit filed by Consolidated Telephone was reviewed. Mark Hassett was contacted by phone for clarification of the project on Purdum Ave.

The board and road men identified the pivots that are crossing county roadways. The board directed the County Attorney to send letters to the landowners about watering the roadways.

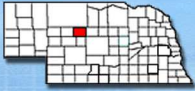
Brush along Norway Ave was discussed. Commissioner Purdum talked to a railroad representative and they gave the ok to remove any brush along the railroad right of way. Randy Andersen will be contacted to remove this brush. Discussion was also held on trees that will need to be trimmed along the roadways this winter.

Discussion was held on purchasing pallet forks for the John Deere loader. Keith will talk with John Webster about pricing and present it at the next meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	532.40
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	825.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	570.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	495.57



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CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	467.81
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	25.99
TERRY E ELLIOTT	JULY LAWN CARE	550.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	60.17
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE	222.30
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	155.81
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENTAL	168.00
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	70.20
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	1358.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	10466.94
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTORNEY FEES	155.10
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	60.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	8.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE/EXTENSION	6572.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	40.01

ROAD FUND-

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	115.50
CROELL, INC.	COLD MIX	3258.75
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	54.42
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	51.10
MASEBERG RANCH	WELDING WIRE	60.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	6134.45

VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	430.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	63.69
KWIK STOP	FUEL	47.10
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENTAL	130.00

LIBRARY FUND-

VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	142.50
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of June.
2022-2023 budget discussion will follow later in the meeting.

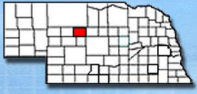
Treasurer presented a financial report.

Technology for the Commissioner's meeting room was discussed. A quote from Applied Connective was reviewed for TV monitor, sound and audio board. The ARPA funds can be used to update the technology.

Sheriff reported on the burn ban in place for Thomas County. He has contacted all five fire districts along with the Halsey National Forest to put the burn ban in place.
He also reported on the activity/accident calls he has been responding to lately.

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

Region II Human Services fiscal year 2022/2023 request was reviewed.



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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the request and make an annual payment to the Region II Human Service. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays -none. Motion carried.

The 2022-2023 Thomas County budget requests were reviewed. More in depth review will happen once centrally assessed values are reported to the County on August 10th.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

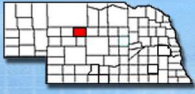
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 2, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Jack Johnston.

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 July 21, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the August 2, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the July 19, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 28, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The bridge material and water trailer are on Auction Time and bids will close on August 9th.

The board questioned if the bid received by Northern Materials for crushing would still be good. Lloyd will contact Northern Materials to check on the status of the bid and project.

Airport auto gates are installed. Jack Johnston stopped to thank the Keith and Clint for the work on installing the auto gates.

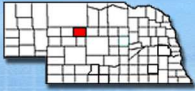
Road employee Ed Schukei reported that the forest service needs to take a look at the Gaston Bridge rip rap. He believes that more rip rap needs placed along the bank. Commissioner Seeley will try to contact someone at the Forest Service in Halsey. Lloyd will also reach out to a contact he has with the forest service.

Employee requests: Fenders for the rear tires of the John Deere graders, pallet forks for the John Deere Loader and flat bed trailer. Commissioner Purdum reached out to John Webster for pricing on the John Deere requests.

Seneca Cemetery survey has not been completed yet. Currently the survey equipment needs repaired and they are having difficulty with repairs.

Finney Loop discussion: Keith reported that he would like to exchange an auto gate on the less traveled portion of Finney Loop and put on the portion of road off of highway 2. The board also questioned Lloyd on the process of abandonment of the portion of Finney Loop. Lloyd will contact the County Attorney to see what needs done.

Correspondence presented. New Interlocal Agreement with UNL for Extension services was handed out to the board members. This will be an agenda item at the August 16th meeting.



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Motion made by Seeley 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	426.12
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2375.02
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9807.86
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	77.71
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	85.50
CIOX HEALTH	REPORT	20.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	480.10
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE/REGIST	115.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	494.79
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	561.17
TERRY E ELLIOTT	LAWN CARE	200.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	DIST 11 PROBAT	1084.32
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	664.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	889.34
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	242.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2755.16
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	338.37
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	100.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5952.76
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	40.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.33
THOMAS CO TREASURER	RANGER TITLE	10.00
	SHERIFF	
U S BANK	EXPENSE	234.76
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		20743.59

ROAD FUND-

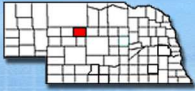
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	984.61
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	149.58
KEITH HARTMAN	CDL PHY REIMB	100.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	28.23
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	900.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	254.12
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1768.05
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4564.26
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1978.65
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	4252.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	32.64
SALARIES		7925.17

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.91
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	295.54
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25



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COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	230.67
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	19.52
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEAL	96.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	MTG NOTICE	4.70
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	100.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER EXPENSE	166.24
TL MEYER	SUPPLIES	9.55
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	103.89
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	10.00
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	15.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	193.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	642.89
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	46.25
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	30.00
SALARIES		1724.69

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	115.43
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.39
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	157.86
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	166.76
SALARIES		818.44

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	26.36
SALARIES		157.81

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for July 2022. Discussed upcoming meeting dates for budget, Budget work session on August 16th, Budget hearing for September 6th, and Adopt the budget on September 20th.

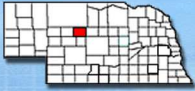
Library statistic report for the month of July presented.

Treasurer reported that she has received an ARPA application from Thedford Rescue Squad. She has requested more clarification or minutes before proceeding with the grant.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the Modification of Law Enforcement agreement with US Forest Service for law enforcement at Halsey National Forest. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried. The modification consisted of changing the name from Thomas County to County of Thomas and updating Chairman of the Board to Pamela S. Moody.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to surplus the following equipment: Dell Laptop X18-82071, Dell Laptop 5J3CN21 and Olympus Digital Camera (all not working). Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization.
Chairman Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:37 a.m.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

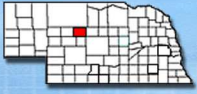
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley, and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Ed Schukei and Keith Hartman, TL Meyer and Jay Jenkins with UNL, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 August 4, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the August 16, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the August 2, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 11, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on trees along road way right of ways. Randy Andersen was hired to take out trees along Norway Ave and Llama Lane. Leslie Dickman inquired as to if the county could remove the choke cherries along the railroad crossing on Llama Lane. Commissioner Purdum will go out and check out the trees and see if they are on railroad or county right of way and will return the phone call to Dickman's.

Contact information with the US Forest Service was discussed about Gaston Bridge.

Commissioner Purdum advised that he had spoken with Rodger Licking about swapping out auto gates along Finney Loop. Once the county is ready to move auto gates around the landowners will be notified.

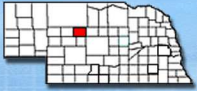
Discussion was held on purchasing forks for the John Deere Loader. Murphy Tractor provided costing on new. Commissioner Moody will check with a place in Kearney about used forks.

Rear Wheel Fenders for the John Deere graders were discussed. More discussion will be held on the September 6th meeting.

Lloyd reported that he had visited with Northern Materials about the crushing project. They will not be able to come complete the job this year. Lloyd will get an estimate from Prouty about crushing the concrete and asphalt.

Lloyd also reported that he should have the survey of the Seneca Cemetery completed by the end of this week. Once the survey is complete Kurt will be able to assist the Seneca Cemetery Association with the needed paperwork to get them started as an association in good standing with the State of Nebraska.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-15, the Annual Certification of program compliance with NBCS. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Jay Jenkins and TL Meyer, University of Nebraska Extension, met with the board to review the Interlocal Agreement with UNL Extension. No action was taken on the agreement until the portion about insurance coverage is established. Jay Jenkins will check with UNL and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman will check with NIRMA.

ARPA grant application from the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District was tabled until the September 20th meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	546.49
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	725.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	109.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	138.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	118.57
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COST	630.00
TERRY E ELLIOTT	LAWN CARE	550.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	87.50
LANCASTER COUNTY CORRECTIONS	INMATE COST	500.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	750.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	169.03
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.32
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	48.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	93.96

ROAD FUND-

INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIR	42.95
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	ROAD SIGN	145.14

LIBRARY FUND-

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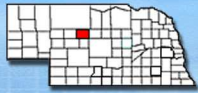
Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported on upcoming assessor workshop August 29th – September 1st in Norfolk. During this week there will be one day that Kris will not be able to cover the office due to a Volley ball game. The afternoon of August 30th the office will be closed from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. that day.

West Central District meeting will be October 5th in North Platte.

MSHA training for the road department will be October 4th in Valentine.

Treasurer presented financial report for July. She also gave a recap report on granted ARPA grants and upcoming grant applications to be considered in the future.



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Sheriff gave an activity report for his office. He also reported that he has been elected the SASA (Sandhills Area Sheriffs Association) president for the year. He also reports that he has completed the required state accreditation.

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

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve 2022 inventory statements for all county offices. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve Resolution #2022-17, setting final levy allocation for Thomas County Ag Society, Thedford Rural Fire District, Halsey Fire District and Thomas County Airport Authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the manager application change for the Sandhills Corral LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held. The budget hearing will be scheduled for September 6th at 11:00 a.m.

No public comment.

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 11:27 a.m.

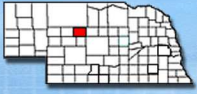
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Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2022

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on September 8, 2022.

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

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

Road discussion:

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

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

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

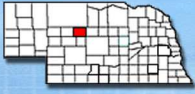
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Correspondence presented. Board reviewed the letter from a landowner about pivot watering across the road. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

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



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

ROAD FUND-

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

EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS	96.37
KWIK STOP	FUEL	37.84

LIBRARY FUND-

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

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOKS	7.49
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ARPA FUND-

THEDFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	ARPA GRANT	12153.77
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Office reports:

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

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

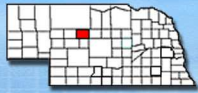
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Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

No public present for hearing.

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

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

No public comment.

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

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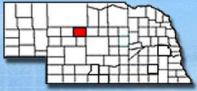
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Thomas County Board of Commissioners

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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
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SALARIES		22460.31

ROAD FUND-

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CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	69.80
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VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
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PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	81.91
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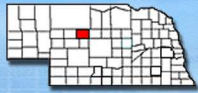
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HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
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SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	56.26
SYNCB/AMAZON	2 LAPTOPS	899.98
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ARPA FUND-		
APPLIED COA49:C77NNECTIVE		
TECHNOLOGIES	2 IPADS	901.75

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West Central District meeting will be held on October 5th in North Platte. September office fee report was presented to the board.

Sheriff office report was passed out for the quarterly fee report and distress warrant report.

Treasurer reported that any new ARPA grant applications should be stopped until the obligated applications that have been approved are completed, after those that are on the agenda for today. The county has obligated close to the \$140,000 that was received from the Federal Government.

Commissioner Moody reported that local fire chiefs for Thedford and Halsey had received compliments on how they handled the Bovee fire.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody 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 Resolution #2022-22, transfer from Bookmobile fund to Library fund in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-23, to close the Courthouse Debt fund and transfer \$18,587.51 to County General fund along with any future tax collections. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

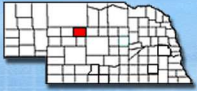
No road employee interviews were conducted. No applications were submitted.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-24, ARPA grant with the Village of Thedford application #2 in the amount up to \$29,032. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-25, ARPA grant with the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District, application #2 in the amount up to \$12,111.45. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-26, ARPA grant application with the Thedford Art Guild was tabled until the correct documentation is provided.

Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing for T-Mobile at 10:00 a.m.



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Rich Kotite, agent for T-Mobile spoke by Zoom and explained the application. The tower is already an existing tower that is co-owned by Consolidated Telephone and Custer Public Power. Verizon already has equipment located on this tower. T-Mobile proposes to put additional antenna and equipment on the tower below Verizon equipment. Additional ground equipment will be installed at the base of the tower. The T-Mobile equipment will have 5G capability and offer high speed data. Benefits of allowing T-Mobile to co-locate on the existing tower would be to offer competitive cell phone service. T-Mobile will follow safe industry standards with their equipment.

Local landowner, Norma Butler questioned if this would increase wireless radiation from the cell phone tower. Mr. Kotite answered yes, but it would still be well below the standards. Norma questioned who determines the guidelines. Mr. Kotite answered that the FCC sets the standards. Any health complaint issues would need to be directed to the FCC. The question was also asked if T-Mobile could state how much radiation emissions would be released. Mr. Kotite responded that he didn't know. Mr. Kotite advised that if anyone had questions, they could review the FCC website about details on emission standards.

No further questions from the board or public at this time.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the special use permit application from T-Mobile to co-locate on the existing 330' cell phone tower located in Pt. SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 24 North, Range 28 West. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

County Attorney Kurt Arganbright arrived in the meeting after close of County Court and reviewed the questions the board had on various issues.

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

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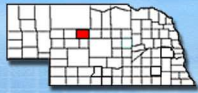
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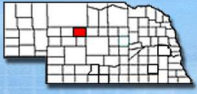
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West Central District meeting will be held on October 5th in North Platte. September office fee report was presented to the board.

Sheriff office report was passed out for the quarterly fee report and distress warrant report.

Treasurer reported that any new ARPA grant applications should be stopped until the obligated applications that have been approved are completed, after those that are on the agenda for today and the one application that was received in the office but did not make it on the agenda for today. The county has obligated close to the \$140,000 that was received from the Federal Government.

Commissioner Moody reported that local fire chiefs for Thedford and Halsey had received compliments on how they handled the Bovee fire.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody 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 Resolution #2022-22, transfer from Bookmobile fund to Library fund in the amount of \$15,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

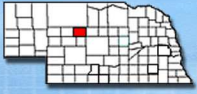
Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-23, to close the Courthouse Debt fund and transfer \$18,587.51 to County General fund along with any future tax collections. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No road employee interviews were conducted. No applications were submitted.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-24, ARPA grant with the Village of Thedford application #2 in the amount up to \$29,032. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-25, ARPA grant with the Thedford Rural Fire Protection District, application #2 in the amount up to \$12,111.45. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

Resolution #2022-26, ARPA grant application with the Thedford Art Guild was tabled until the correct documentation is provided.



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Chairman Moody recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing for T-Mobile at 10:00 a.m.

Rich Kotite, agent for T-Mobile spoke by Zoom and explained the application. The tower is already an existing tower that is co-owned by Consolidated Telephone and Custer Public Power. Verizon already has equipment located on this tower. T-Mobile proposes to put additional antenna and equipment on the tower below Verizon equipment. Additional ground equipment will be installed at the base of the tower. The T-Mobile equipment will have 5G capability and offer high speed data. Benefits of allowing T-Mobile to co-locate on the existing tower would be to offer competitive cell phone service. T-Mobile will follow safe industry standards with their equipment.

Local landowner, Norma Butler questioned if this would increase wireless radiation from the cell phone tower. Mr. Kotite answered yes, but it would still be well below the standards. Norma questioned who determines the guidelines. Mr. Kotite answered that the FCC sets the standards. Any health complaint issues would need to be directed to the FCC. The question was also asked if T-Mobile could state how much radiation emissions would be released. Mr. Kotite responded that he didn't know. Mr. Kotite advised that if anyone had questions, they could review the FCC website about details on emission standards.

No further questions from the board or public at this time.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the special use permit application from T-Mobile to co-locate on the existing 330' cell phone tower located in Pt. SE1/4 of Section 33, Township 24 North, Range 28 West. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Purdum. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

County Attorney Kurt Arganbright arrived in the meeting after close of County Court and reviewed the questions the board had on various issues.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

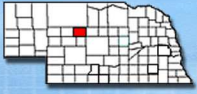
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 18, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Theedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road employee Keith Hartman, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Jay Jones, Brent & Janet Steffen, Dave Sands-Ne Land Trust, Twyla Witt and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 6, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the October 18, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to approve the October 4, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 13, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion on road projects:

The board reviewed the existing road maintenance policy and discussed changes.

Pink road definition should be changed to periodic routine maintenance.

Add a yellow road classification – single use road with multiple landowners. Definition should be periodic road maintenance with material provided. The new/existing roads will need to meet minimum standards defined by the State of Nebraska, before the county will begin maintenance on the road.

Some roads may need to have an agreement with the landowner about what type of maintenance or material will be provided in the future.

More discussion will be held at the November 1st meeting. Once everything is ready the board will hold a public hearing to discuss the changes with the public.

The auto gate policy will be adopted after the road maintenance classification has been adopted.

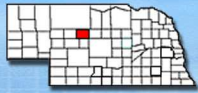
Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to set the temporary part time road maintenance hourly rate of pay at \$18.25/hour. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The quote from Kaufman trailers for a flatbed trailer was reviewed. The updated quote was just provided this morning. The board asked Commissioner Purdum to check on the warranty that comes with the trailer and a decision will be made at the November 1st meeting. No action taken today.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

The board opened the floor to Brent Steffen and Dave Sands to discuss the proposed conservation easement. Brent advised the board that he believes this to be a property right concern and as long as it didn't infringe upon his neighbors it shouldn't be a problem. He is concerned that the land remains as AG use and not be developed in the future.

Dave Sands of Ne Land Trust addressed the board and gave a report on what the Ne Land Trust is about and who serves on the board.



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The main objective is to keep this land from being subdivided and developed in future years.

The board had concerns about losing future valuation and taxes if this property were to be taken off the tax rolls. Dave Sands assured the board that this would not be an issue.

Commissioner Moody had questions about the definition of ALE and why it is not included into the easement, concerns were also addressed on the perpetuity clause and future federal government control of the property. She also asked about the Baseline Documentation report that was addressed in the easement and how the board could make an informed decision when not all of the information was provided to the county board. Commissioner Moody also asked about future road/bridge work and who would need to give approval to the county before work could be completed. Dave Sands advised the board that the county would need to provide information to the NE Land Trust about any future projects before proceeding with the work.

The funding of the conservation easement will be paid from the NRCS and the Ne Land Trust board.

Dave Sands advised the board that the legislature and developed the law and gave the three reasons that a board could deny the permit. He stated that he felt this easement did not meet any reason that the county could reject the permit.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the conservation easement with Nebraska Land Trust and Brent L & Janet L Steffen Trust. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley. Nays – Moody. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:01 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:10 a.m.

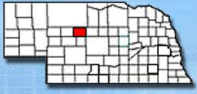
Motion made by Seeley and second by Moody to pay claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1965.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWNCARE	435.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	342.84
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	377.36
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	2446.24
TERRY E ELLIOTT	OCT LAWNCARE	550.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	83.05
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	85.00
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	1820.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	INMATE COST	330.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	LB644 EXPENSE	725.49
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	MEAL	25.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	40.76
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	120.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	148.90
SYNCB/AMAZON	HALLOWEEN SUP	12.89
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	62.40
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	SHERIFF FEES	39.96
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	85.00
U S BANK	SHERIFF FUEL	70.41
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	322.78

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	ADVERTISING	134.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	60.29
VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS	ADVERTISING	24.30



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EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	108.61
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	4.70
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	104.95
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	37.55

ARPA FUND-

THEDFORD ART GUILD	ARPA GRANT	2500.00
THEDFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT	ARPA GRANT	12111.25

Office reports:

The Clerk reported that she had received the bill for the LB644 postcards in the amount of \$725.49 and since the only political subdivision that was required to host the public hearing was Mid Plains Community College, they would receive a bill to reimburse the county the full amount.

Early Voting has begun, as of this morning 26 applications for ballots had been received.

The Clerk also reported of the lawsuit filed against the County Clerk. The County Attorney and NIRMA have been contacted.

Treasurer office presented a financial report for September. The final ARPA funds application was submitted to the Treasurer’s office and will be submitted to the board on November 1st. At this time any future applications will be put on hold until all obligated money has been disbursed.

The board reviewed the paperwork about future federal funding available to the county and directed the Count Treasurer to complete any necessary paperwork to make Thomas County eligible to receive the funding.

Sheriff gave a report on the Bovee Fire and following events. He reported that he has billed NEMA for additional costs related to the fire. He also presented an activity report and inmate report.

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

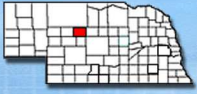
Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve corrected Resolution #2022-25, Thedford Fire Protection District, application #2. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-26, ARPA grant application with Thedford Art Guild. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve SDL liquor application for the Thedford Volunteer Fire Department on November 11th at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral on November 19th at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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



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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 10:44 a.m.

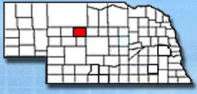
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 1, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on November 1, 2022, in the meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employee Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Chad Sutton, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Jay Jones.

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 20, 2022.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to adopt the November 1, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve the October 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 27, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Seeley, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chad Sutton, representative from the Loup to Loup committee addressed the board about closing Purdum Ave on August 10, 2023.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to allow the Loup to Loup race to close Purdum Ave after mail has been delivered to Purdum on August 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on the update to the road maintenance classification map. Lloyd will talk with the County Attorney to draw up a generic agreement for those roads that the county has an agreement with the landowner on how it is maintained. The Clerk will make sure the Notice for the public hearing gets to the paper.

Lloyd reported that he hasn't heard anything from Western for any extra material that they might need to get rid of.

Keith advised the board that he needed to order new tires for the John Deere loader and the dump truck. The board approved the order for both sets of tires and also advised Keith to order chains for the John Deere loader.

Discussion was held on the fact that no applications have been received for road maintenance. The board asked the Clerk to advertise again and to remove the CDL requirement.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the quote and purchase of the flat bed trailer from Kaufman trailers for \$34,980. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-29, Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Moody and second by Seeley to approve the purchase of mud rock from L & L Gravel at \$18 per ton, delivered. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody, Seeley. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	426.12
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2415.91
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9807.86
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	470.02
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	209.06
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER/SUPPLIES	860.51
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION EXPENSE	2559.35
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	900.11
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP	175.00
POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBRASKA	HANDBOOKS	24.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	327.74
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6020.25
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	SUPPLIES	86.75
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTORNEY FEES	360.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		21035.24

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	451.90
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	618.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	203.07
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1607.50
NIRMA	MANUALS	17.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/TIRE REPAIR	2442.16
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1355.96
SALARIES		4926.45

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

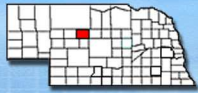
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	128.10
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	297.62
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	10.20
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	692.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	220.29
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEALS	112.50
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	83.75
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	104.76
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	15.63
DONNA J REYNOLDS	MEALS	85.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/MEALS	909.58
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	642.28
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	46.25
SALARIES		1706.92

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	99.86
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.15
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	100.60
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	3.49
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	11.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.94
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	197.24
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	148.50
SALARIES		1005.08

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.37
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	153.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	63.30
SYNCB/AMAZON	BOOK	16.99
SALARIES		379.68

ARPA FUND-

THEDFORD GOLF ASSOCIATION	ARPA GRANT	2500.00
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Office reports:

Clerk reported on request from extension office to have the office checked to see if it has mold in it.

Testing of the Election equipment has been completed along with Mock Elections with the Secretary of State office.

Election worker training will be held on November 2nd.

NIRMA has hired a lawyer to defend against the Rick Hill lawsuit.

Discussed the 1st meeting of January 2023.

Reviewed preliminary statistics for residential, commercial and ag properties.

October fee report for the office presented.

Treasurer provided copies of the personal property distress warrants for the county.

Sheriff report given by Commissioner Moody, involved the discussion of the loose cattle on Purdum Rd. The cattle have been moved to a different pasture and the fence will be repaired around the Village of Halsey property.

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

Commissioner Moody recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

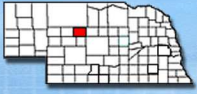
No public present to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Regulations for Conservation Easements and Cell phone towers.

Commissioner Moody closed the public hearing at 10:21 a.m.

Motion made by Seeley and second by Purdum to approve the changes the Thomas County Zoning Regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Seeley, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to approve Resolution #2022-28, ARPA grant application for the Thedford Golf Course. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.



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Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

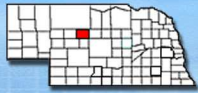
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioner will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas Count Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas county Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody, John Seeley and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road employee Keith Hartman, Lewis Herbaugh, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Pat Thompson, Xavier & Connie Garza, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Jessica Fenske-Healing Hearts Diversion.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on November 3, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Seeley to adopt the November 15, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Seeley, Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Road discussion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	549.95
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	2230.00



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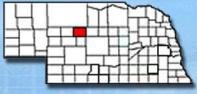


BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTORNEY FEES	468.50
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	1280.00
CONNIE BROWELEIT	GN22 ELECTION	145.00
BARBARA BRYANT	GN22 ELECTION	140.00
NORMA BUTLER	GN22 ELECTION	25.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1836.84
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	327.04
DAS STATE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

Office reports:

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

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



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

Treasurer presented the October fee report.

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

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

No snow removal bids were received.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jessica Fenske with Healing Hearts talked about the Diversion services.

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

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

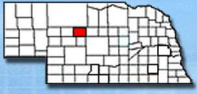
No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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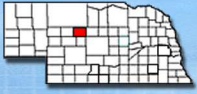


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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 6, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Absent – John Seeley. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Rahn Bek, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Wayne Licking, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on November 24, 2022.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to adopt the December 6, 2022 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the November 15, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 24, 2022. Roll call vote; Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Absent – Seeley. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to accept the resignation of Thomas County Commissioner John Seeley, effective November 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The County Clerk will run an ad asking for interested parties to submit a letter of interest for the vacant County Commissioner position. The County Attorney, County Clerk and County Treasurer will then interview and select the person to complete the vacant term of County Commissioner. Letters of interest will be accepted through December 23, 2022.

Road discussion:

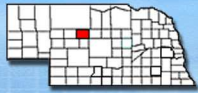
The fenders for the new road graders arrived, only one complete set can be installed, incorrect fenders were sent by John Deere.

Lloyd reported that he had no report on the grinding project. He also reported that Nebraska Department of Roads will be assisting with speed limit signs approaching Seneca.

Commissioner Moody opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the road maintenance classification map. Rahn Bek had questions about Finney Loop and other roads with the color classification of pink road/individual use road. Wayne Licking addressed questions about Diamond E. Lane.

The board explained that the idea was to add a classification to those roads that are described as pink/individual use roads. There are several of these roads that have multiple landowners that own the land on which the road crosses. The idea was to provide more services to that portion of land.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 9:47 a.m.



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The County Attorney was asked how to proceed with updating the maintenance plan. The recommendation was that the county obtain easements for all roads in the county. The County Clerk would need to provide the landowner name, address and legal description to the County Attorney and County Highway Superintendent so that the easements can be prepared. This project will be completed at a later date.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	426.12
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2274.18
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	767.95
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1610.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9807.86
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTORNEY FEES	750.00
NORMA BUTLER	ELECTION	25.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	472.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	535.43
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	10.60
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	42.07
LORISSA HARTMAN	SUPP/MILEAGE	126.19
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	25.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	826.96
RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	CLOCK	116.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	976.31
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	5384.95
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTORNEY FEES	505.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES	837.50
THOMAS CO AG SOCIETY	BOVEE FIRE	3001.67
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	32.58
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	74.85
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		18216.29

ROAD FUND-

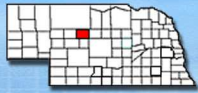
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	447.78
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	122.97
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	161.15
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	30.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	8613.60
	GRADER	
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT	FENDERS	11650.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	202.42
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1812.50
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1382.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	3181.62
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1364.35
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	113.40
SALARIES		5008.75

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.12
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	303.87
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	69.00



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COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	222.18
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	44.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	80.57
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	107.36
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	161.98
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	631.82
SALARIES		1601.28

LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	107.83
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.28
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	150.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	90.17
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.70
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	209.65
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	161.12
SALARIES		787.93

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	227.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	69.36
SALARIES		415.95

Office reports:

The County Clerk presented the fee report for November 2022. All political subdivisions have been billed for the General Election. The cost of the election ran the county \$8,134.60, the billable portion for reimbursement is \$4,619.19. The courtroom technology upgrade proposal was discussed. This upgrade is required by the Judicial Branch.

Treasurer reported that tax statements would be mailed out this Friday or Monday. The auditor reported to the Treasurer that out of the counties that he performs audits for, that so far Thomas County was the only county disbursing ARPA funds to community organizations/businesses and not using the funds totally for county expenses.

Commissioner Moody reported that she attended a meeting about the R-Line status.

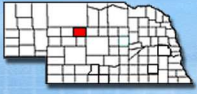
Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the proposal from Applied Connective to provide Iron Scales email security for county emails. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-31, transferring the land from Thomas County to the Seneca Cemetery Association for the Seneca Cemetery. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to onboard with One Source Background Check Company to preform background checks on new hires. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to complete that Management Discussion letter with Don Wilson for audit purposes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. 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 – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

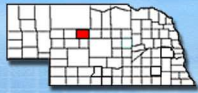
The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Thomas County Clerk's office during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 20, 2022

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Jim Purdum. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Albert Fisher and Phil Kuenle-Village of Thedford, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, TL Meyer-CSA Extension Office, Josh Call, Roger Licking and via Zoom County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

Chair 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 December 8, 2022.

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

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

Albert Fisher and Phil Kuenle visited with the board about the increased cost for waste removal services.

Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the new waste removal rates as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The County Clerk and Village Clerk will get together to get updated information into a new Interlocal agreement.

An update on the ARPA applications for the water tanks was given by Village board members Albert Fisher and Phil Kuenle.

Road discussion:

The Clerk presented the National Functional Classification System Review map for the board to review. Updates to the map need completed by March 12, 2023. More discussion will follow at another meeting.

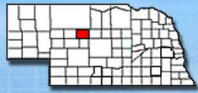
The 2018 disaster on S. Seneca Ave has still not been reimbursed to the county. Emergency Manager Alma Beland has been advised of all correspondence to date. She will be trying to see what needs done so that the county can be reimbursed for this disaster.

The board discussed the issue of snow removal on county roads. Snow removal will not begin on county roads until the wind goes down. If in an emergency the equipment will be used to assist with rendering aid.

The new John Deere graders need to be equipped with storage to carry chains for the equipment.

Two part time applications were received. Both individuals will be used in assisting as needed. The Clerk will contact the applicants to get the appropriate paperwork completed for employment.

TL Meyer of Central Sandhills Area Extension office presented the application from Sandy Heavican, to serve as a representative from Thomas County to the Extension Board.



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Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve the appointment of Sandy Heavican to the Central Sandhills Area Extension board as a representative for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Purdum, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Thomas County Sheriff Joseph Smith gave an online presentation to the board about the Thomas County LEOP manual. Motion made by Purdum and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2022-32, stating that the Thomas County LEOP manual has been updated and complete. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Purdum. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Josh Call and Roger Licking met with the board about concerns for snow removal during winter storms. The board understood their concerns but advised that with the last storm the equipment/personnel wouldn't go out until the wind had died down. This is the current policy the board will be following. The board stated that if in an emergency the equipment would be used to help in the assistance of rendering aid.

Roger Licking requested that material be placed at the bottom of Madron hill to be used to sprinkle on the road, if necessary.

The board also visited with Roger Licking about Heritage Road and the hopeful work to be completed in the Spring. Roger requested that a new auto gate be installed coming off of S. Seneca onto Heritage.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to open the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody opened the regular meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	461.28
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	351.91
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	178.57
K C ELECTRIC	SERVICES	1000.56
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	3380.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	INMATE COST	330.00
GALEN NEBEN	SERVICES	1960.00
STOP STICK, LTD.	SUPPLIES	515.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6368.57
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	157.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	81.84
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COST	202.34

ROAD FUND-

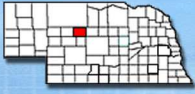
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	66.03
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2022	300.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	200.54

EXTENSION FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	99.22
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	3.76

LIBRARY FUND-

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	23.17
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HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	35.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND- BRODART CO.C11A3A1:C32	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk gave a report on the NACO conference and the presentation on the Comprehensive Plan. Suggestions were given on what should be included in the Comp plan, liaisons from the County Board to attend the Planning board meetings, and the spring planning meeting to be held in Kearney on March 8-10, 2023.

Treasurer report: Congratulations were given to Andrea for receiving the Outstanding Treasurer of the Year Award at the NACO conference.

November financial report presented to the board by the treasurer. The Treasurer also reported on the new license plates for 2023, the software will not allow for the office to reserve trailer plates. There was also a shortage on aluminum to make license plates, so this may cause issues with numbering.

Sheriff presented a weather report for the remainder of the week. He also reported that all required training has been completed for this year. The sheriff reported on the Bovee fire reimbursement from NEMA to the County, this is additional payment for work on the forest lands separate from the Forest contracted amount.

Inmate report was also given to the board. The two individuals housed in Lincoln County Jail will be back in court on February 9th for sentencing, so the additional expense will be paid out at least until that date.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The organizational meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. The regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will begin immediately following the organizational meeting. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Thomas County Clerk's office during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

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