

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**

**September 6, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Mike Baughn called the REGULAR Commissioners Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Thomas County Historical Courthouse on Tuesday, September 6, 2022; followed by the flag salute (Pledge of Allegiance) with Commissioner Brad Flipse and Commissioner Brian Luedke, County Attorney Chris Rohr, Treasurer Layn Bruggeman, Emergency Management Director David Becker, Maintenance Director Josh Faber, Road and Bridge Supervisor Clair Schrock, Register of Deeds Lora Volk, Steve Wilson and Colby Free Press reporter Sloane Enninga.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Mike Baughn explained we are starting a test period of having the Commissioners meetings on Zoom. Rules apply to people watching on zoom same as they do in person.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:** Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**NOMINATE PARTY CHAIRS FOR GENERAL 2020 ELECTION BALLOTS** – Commissioner Brian Luedke made the motion to nominate the Republican Party Chair, Josh Faber, and the Democratic Party Chair, Connie Davis, to witness the shredding of the 2020 General Election Ballots as outlined in KSA 25-2708; the motion was seconded by Chairman Mike Baughn, with no further discussion the motion carried 2 to 1 with Commissioner Brad Flipse voting NAY.

**SIGN COURTS BUDGET** – Commissioner Brad Flipse made a motion to authorize Chairman Baughn to sign the District Courts 2023 Budget; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brian Luedke, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

**LAND SALE TAX ROLL ADJUSTMENTS** – Commissioner Brian Luedke made the motion to authorize the following tax roll corrections:

2017 Real Estate Abatement for Wendi Ehlers with a net change in tax dollars of -\$1,003.74  
2018 Real Estate Abatement for Wendi Ehlers with a net change in tax dollars of -\$1022.64  
2019 Real Estate Abatement for Wendi Ehlers with a net change in tax dollars of -\$992.36  
2020 Real Estate Abatement for Wendi Ehlers with a net change in tax dollars of - \$887.78

2018 Real Estate Abatement for Karen A Weber with a net change in tax dollars of - \$765.36  
2019 Real Estate Abatement for Karen A Weber with a net change in tax dollars of -\$751.24  
2020 Real Estate Abatement for Karen A Weber with a net change in tax dollars of -\$744.44

2016 Real Estate Abatement for Mark A Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$265.24  
2018 Real Estate Abatement for Mark A Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of - \$96.68  
2017 Real Estate Abatement for Mark A Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$275.42  
2020 Real Estate Abatement for Mark A Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$92.02

2017 Real Estate Abatement for Paul Luna with a net change in tax dollars of - \$230.80  
2016 Real Estate Abatement for Paul Luna with a net change in tax dollars of -\$104.54  
2018 Real Estate Abatement for Paul Luna with a net change in tax dollars of -\$221.44  
2019 Real Estate Abatement for Paul Luna with a net change in tax dollars of -\$223.90  
2020 Real Estate Abatement for Paul Luna with a net change in tax dollars of -\$218.34

2018 Real Estate Abatement for Julie Black, John & May Randall with a net change in tax dollars of -\$33.28  
2019 Real Estate Abatement for Julie Black, John & May Randall with a net change in tax dollars of -\$32.60  
2020 Real Estate Abatement for Julie Black, John & May Randall with a net change in tax dollars of -\$31.40

2018 Special Assessment Abatement for Mark Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$3375.00  
2018 Special Assessment Abatement for Mark Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$100.00  
2018 Special Assessment Abatement for Mark Sandoval with a net change in tax dollars of -\$100.00

2020 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$20.38  
2014 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.54  
2015 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.62  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$11.02  
2017 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$11.22  
2018 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.98  
2019 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.48  
2017 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$22.24  
2018 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$22.38  
2019 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.70  
2020 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$20.50  
2015 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$20.26  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.10  
2017 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.42  
2018 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.56  
2019 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.66  
2015 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.04  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.92  
2019 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$20.90

2020 Severed Minerals Abatement for Roma Barr with a net change in tax dollars of -\$19.74

2020 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.19  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.22  
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2018 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$10.20  
2019 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$9.89  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.50  
2017 Severed Minerals Abatement for Ronald Coil with a net change in tax dollars of -\$21.72  
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2012 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$14.06  
2013 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$14.86  
2014 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$15.30  
2015 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$2.21  
2016 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$2.31  
2017 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$2.39  
2018 Severed Minerals Abatement for Earl Rudy with a net change in tax dollars of -\$2.34

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

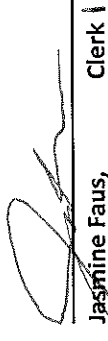
**PRAIRIE DOG ISSUE** – Steve Wilson says there is hundreds of acres of prairie dogs out by his land, and he is doing his job by buying the poison to get rid of the prairie dogs but his neighbors are not and he doesn't feel the County is not doing anything about it. It is wasting his money and time. Wilson would like the County to step in and do their job by sending the letters and then putting down poison as they are allowed to and billing the uncooperative landowners. Supervisor Clair Schrock spoke up about the landowners purposely putting animals on the land so his crew cannot put the poison down. There is a loophole where the County can corral the animals while the ground is being treated but Supervisor Schrock wants to get with the Commission and the County Attorney before doing that. County Attorney Chris Rohr suggested putting the topic back on the Agenda for October 24<sup>th</sup> which would give Supervisor Clair Schrock time to send out the letters along with time for the landowners to respond back. On October 24<sup>th</sup> they will address the ones that have not acted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** *With no further business Brian Luedke made motion to adjourn at 9:51 a.m.; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brad Flipse, with no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.*

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THOMAS COUNTY



  
Jasmine Faus, Clerk

Clerk

  
Mike Baughn, Chairman

Dated: 10-10-2022

Brad Flipse, Member

  
Brian Luedke, Member