

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2023

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, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and road personnel Keith Hartman.

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 May 25, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 6, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 25, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 25, 2023 special meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on developing road employee job descriptions. The board will hold a work session on the June 20th meeting to develop descriptions.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to recognize the declination of full time road employee offer to Chad Andersen. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board directed the Clerk to advertise the road employee position in various locations and Facebook.

The Clerk reported a message from Lloyd Smith on June 1st stating that the crusher would be here around the 2nd week of June.

Andersen Lane discussion was held. Bryan Rodocker took a look at the road and thinks that a good grading will get the road back in shape. We will hold off putting any material on the road until the forest service develops a plan to keep the material from washing down off the burnt land. Keith will keep Pam updated if he is able to get to grading the road or Bryan will just grade when he goes in and works on other forest roads.

The flat bed trailer is done and delivered to Beaver City. Keith will need to make arrangements to go down and pick up the trailer.

Discussion was held on purchasing running boards for the county pickup. The board agreed to have Keith price and order the running boards.

Discussion was held on purchasing dirt material from L & L Gravel and have them deliver to the stock pile site. The decision was made to hold off until the crusher has completed crushing the material.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2504.01
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	871.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7463.61

BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	210.88
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	15000.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	455.02
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	775.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	381.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	139.69
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	94.46
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	165.00
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5020.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	172.92
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	492.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1095.36
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE FEES	61.50
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
REGION 26	FEES	730.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	284.44
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	6904.78
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	16.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	1611.46
THOMAS COUNTY DEPUTY ATTORNEY	FEES	715.40
THOMAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #28	36.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	27.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	326.43
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24458.83

ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	651.69
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	85.09
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	72.53
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
KAUFMAN TRAILERS, LLC	TRAILER	34980.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	307.24
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	2357.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2125.83
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1808.01
	TRANSPORT	
TRAILER DELIVERY SERVICE	FEE	1800.00
SALARIES		6182.50

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.50
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VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	DUES	590.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	326.75
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	101.22
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	244.15
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.77
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	789.39
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	6.58
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	114.64
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	108.99
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	665.65
U S BANK	DEHUMIDIFIER	215.00
SALARIES		1757.89

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.33
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.51
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	109.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	19.77
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	279.18
SALARIES		1608.03

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.07
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	22.56
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	104.14
SALARIES		135.21

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of May.

Next week the Clerk will be attending Clerk's workshop in Kearney on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. The office will be closed for a short time on Wednesday morning to allow for travel time. April Smith will be in the office to take messages on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. Kris Rasmussen is out of town with her daughter for several weeks.

Kim Cox has completed the electrical work in the courthouse for the courtroom upgrades.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager supplied a preliminary budget report for Region 26, the Clerk presented the report to the board on his behalf.

Treasurer reported that she is having trouble renewing the County's SAM account, due to numerous email changes over the years. This account is how the county receives the federal funds. The Treasurer reported receiving the Secure Rural School federal funding. The board will need to direct the County Treasurer on how these funds should be disbursed. A Resolution will be prepared for the June 20th meeting.

Melissa Holt will be retiring from the office on June 22nd.

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

Western Nebraska Bank has submitted an application to be a depository of funds for Thomas County. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-6, approving Western Nebraska Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

The written report from Seneca Historical Preservation Society was received for the previous year's funding. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the detailed written report from the Seneca Historical Society Preservation Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-7, transferring \$277,000 from County General to the Road Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL liquor application for Sandhill Oil on July 29, 2023 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Thomas County Employee Handbook with changes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 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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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk