

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 20, 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, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek, TL Meyer, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Bob Broweleit.

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 June 8, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 20, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the June 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 15, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL Meyer presented the 2023-2024 Central Sandhills Area Extension budget for the board to review.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the 2023-2024 Central Sandhills Area Extension Office budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL also presented the Interlocal Agreement of Cooperative Extension Services with the Board of Regents of University of Nebraska. This Interlocal agreement was approved at the September 2022 regular board meeting but the signature page has just been completed, Chair Moody signed the Interlocal agreement at today's meeting.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that the crusher should be here next week. Commissioner Herbaugh asked that Lloyd confirm that they make sure to crush the material to an inch or less.

The new flatbed trailer has been picked up. The dump truck and freightliner have both been repaired and back here in Thedford.

Current projects on the schedule for the road department include fixing soft spots on various roads and then grading if we get rain.

No new road applications have been received.

Correspondence presented. The letter from Custer Public Power about EV charging stations was presented to the board. The Zoning Administrator, Chairman of the Planning Board and County Attorney are reviewing the information to determine whether a permit will be required.

Letter from District 11 Judges was reviewed, setting fees for court appointed lawyers.

No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	2463.80
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	910.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	119.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	117.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	97.35
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	788.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	200.41
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	50.00
MONUMENT INN & SUITES	LODGING	315.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	135.00
	JUNE	
MARION RHOADES	LAWNCARE	1000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	47.55
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	ADMIN EXPENSE	1125.00
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	CLAIM#49	526.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	233.18
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	4227.83
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06

**ROAD FUND-**

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.79
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	703.53
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	33.98

**VISITORS FUND-**

MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	810.00
OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	2085.00

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	59.79
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	162.88

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	145.40

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the County Clerk Workshop held in Kearney. Starting with the Primary Election in May 2024 all voters will be required to present a photo id before voting. If the voter forgets their photo id on

the day of Election the voter will vote provisionally, and will need to return to the County Clerk's office and show id within 7 days of the election before their vote will count.

Treasurer reported on the County Treasurer Workshop. One major topic was the discussion of title fraud. Lincoln County Sheriff and Treasurer's office will be holding a title training course on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The financial report for the month of May was presented to the board. The Treasurer also reported that the PILT money has been receipted into the General fund.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office. The patrol vehicle will be getting warranty work done Wednesday through Friday of this week. Discussion was also held on how to get hospice/home health offered to all residents in Thomas County. The board will reach out to their respective boards (Area of Aging and West Central District Health Department) and Senator Jacobsen to see what can be done.

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

Chairman Moody opened the public hearing for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Adams representative for Verizon reviewed the application for the Dismal Tower site, via Zoom. At this tower site all equipment will fit into the existing building compound site. Verizon will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> carrier located on this tower. Verizon's equipment will be located at 295' on the tower.

Rick then reviewed the application for the Seneca Tower site. AT this tower site the building site compound will need to be expanded an additional 10 feet on one side. Verizon's equipment will be located at 288' on the tower.

Rahn Bek questioned if Verizon could give him a week's notice when they would be on site so that he could make sure there were no cattle in this pasture. Rick Adams asked that when the Clerk sends the permit approval that she could note that request with the information from the county.

Bob Broweleit commented that he hoped this would increase coverage in Seneca. He currently has camping sites that do have service with T-Mobile, AT&T and Viaero.

No other public comment at this time or by mail.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Application #1 for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon, Tract of land located in W1/2 Section 26, Township 21 North, Range 28 West (Dismal). Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve Application #2 for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon, Tract of land located in NW1/4 Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 30 West (Seneca). Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing on the VAD district at 10:20 a.m. Rahn Bek, representative from the Planning Board was available for questions on the process of developing the VAD District.

No public comment was received for the VAD District.

After review of the proposed regulations, Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve and adopt the VAD District regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization at 10:45 a.m.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Discussion was held on developing a road employee job description. A previous description was provided to the board along with information from NIRMA. No action taken. Tabled until July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-8, distribution of forest reserve funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Wednesday, July 5, 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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

