

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 1, 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, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Terry Higgins, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kylie Joyce-Region II, Bob Broweleit, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Wayne Rodocker.

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 July 20, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the August 1, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 27, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported on washouts on area roads and the status on projects completed.

Commissioner Herbaugh prepared an estimated cost per mile to repair roads with contract trucking. Keith will be in charge of lining up the work schedule based on availability of help. The first project will be S. Seneca Ave, the first part off of Highway 2. Three to four trucks will be needed to haul material. Hope to start this project the week of August 14th.

Discussion was held on setting wages for the part time temporary workers.

Part time experienced grader operator will be \$23/hour.

Part time with CDL will be \$18.50/hour.

Part time no CDL will be \$17.50/hour.

Lloyd has reached out to John Brockman for a quote on crack sealing on Purdum Ave.

Terry Higgins stopped to let the board know the status of work for the ARPA grants for the Village of Thedford. The County Attorney may need to prepare amended resolutions for the Village of Thedford grants due to the completion dates needing extended.

Correspondence presented. The email received from Senator Fischer’s office in regards to Hospice care was read. The board asked the Clerk to contact AseraCare out of Kearney to see if they are licensed in Thomas County and could provide services to the area, as the email states.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2626.11
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	182.65
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	3.99
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	466.34
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	278.34
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	443.21
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	923.79
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	100.87
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	378.80
CHERYL MERCER	MILEAGE	89.34
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	23-24 DUES	71.00
	ROD	
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	WORKSHOP	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1262.52
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2837.82
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	403.59
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	150.00
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7659.38
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	917.91
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	89.34
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE TRIM	250.00
U S BANK	FUEL-SPUR	147.83
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27613.93

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	563.71
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	68.31
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	6112.34
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	289.14
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2534.80
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1745.82
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1060.83
SALARIES		6165.78

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	306.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	101.07
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	227.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	106.18
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	215.20
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	651.33
SALARIES		2142.07

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	94.27
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	155.38
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	99.38
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	136.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	21.78
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	239.68
SALARIES		1362.61

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	18.41
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	483.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.51
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	34.82
SALARIES		208.65

ARPA FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	9627.43
SANDHILLS AREA CHILDCARE	GRANT	2500.00
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST-HALSEY	GRANT	2500.00

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of July. Assessor provided information on the quote from Central Plains Valuation for the residential reappraisal work set for later this fall.

Logan County has invited us to come meet and hear Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning on Thursday, August 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Treasurer reported on Title fraud training that the office went to last week in North Platte. The office will be purchasing technology to assist in detecting fraudulent titles and aiding in VIN inspections.

The second tranche of ARPA tribal funds were deposited for the County.

Sheriff reported on a Zoom call he will be sitting in on with Governor Pillen's office in regards to funding for Region 26 911 services.

The Thedford Rural Fire Board will be submitting a \$1,500 check to help defray the 911 calls from the fire district calls coming from Cherry County, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. They will also be discussing funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at their next rural fire board meeting.

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

Commissioner Moody reported receiving an email from Jay Jones, Chair of the Thomas County Planning Commission, resigning his position.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to accept the resignation of Jay Jones. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-9, ARPA grant application from UCC-Halsey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-10, ARPA grant application from Sandhills Area Daycare. Roll call vote: Ayes- Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Kylie Joyce of Region II Services presented information on services provided for the area and how county funds assist in providing these services.

Bob Broweleit, representative of the Thomas County Visitors Committee, visited with the board about placing a historical marker at the Village of Seneca park. After consulting with the board and county attorney it was decided that he would need to make arrangements with the Seneca Historical Preservation Society about placement of marker. No action required by the county board.

The board reviewed the budget forms for the road fund. A more in depth budget work session will be held at the August 15th meeting.

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 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 Count 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