

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 15, 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 and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 August 3, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 15, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The old Mintle bridge was discussed. This old bridge had been surplussed back in 2006 and was never removed by the winning bidder. The bid notice stated that the bridge was to be removed within 60 days. Now the concern is that the old bridge may cause problems in the future and needs to be removed. Lloyd will check with someone about using an excavator to remove the old bridge and pilings.

The S. Seneca project was discussed. The plan is to start on this project on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on what roads still may have damage from heavy rains. Clint Harvey is currently helping for a few weeks to help get some of these roads caught up.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-12, Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Department of Transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$1,478.82. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	883.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	2040.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1210.40
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	SERVICES	87.50
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	550.42
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	14.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	26.29
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NACO	REGISTRATION	750.00
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	130.00
MARION RHOADES	AUG LAWN CARE	1000.00
3 B'S STUDIO INC	SUPPLIES	74.90
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	5.69
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	23.43

U S BANK	FLASHLIGHTS	50.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.76
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	525.78

**ROAD FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	108.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1478.82

**VISITORS FUND-**

THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	ADVERTISING	1500.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	27.00
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	VAN	26255.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	7.65
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	5.97
KWIK STOP	FUEL	36.19

**LIBRARY FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	30.00
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
U S BANK	NORTON	142.41

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MARJORIE MANNING	MILEAGE	81.22
CHERYL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	64.19

**Office reports:**

Assessor reported that certification of valuation letters has been completed and mailed out to all political subdivisions. The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. with the Property Tax request hearing to follow and then once all is completed the regular meeting will commence.

The next week, August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Assessor will be attending continuing education in Kearney, Monday thru Thursday. Then a Register of Deeds workshop will be held on Friday in Kearney also.

Treasurer presented the July financial report and also a report on the C4K grant status.

Sheriff reported that the Thedford Rural Fire Board will be submitting their 2022-2023 payment of \$1,500 to the County to help offset some of the Region 26 assessment for calls in their fire district outside of Thomas County. For fiscal year 2023-2024 the Thedford Rural Fire Board has agreed to increase this payment to \$2,000.

Loup to Loup race report.

Future continuing education conference for the Sheriff will be the first week of October.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Marvin Planning meeting she attended in Logan County. Keith Marvin will be in the area on August 30<sup>th</sup> and the board agreed that the Clerk should try to arrange a meeting with him about future consultation work.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the residential contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC in the amount of \$27,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the By-Laws of the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-13, naming Lewis Herbaugh as the representative of Thomas County to the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-11, levy setting authority to political subdivision subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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 12:01 p.m.

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