

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 5, 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, road employee Keith Hartman, Kelly & Kat Kennedy, Candace Meredith, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, 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 24, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 5, 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 August 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 24, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Repair work on McMillian Ave was discussed. Roads with soft spots needing fixed were discussed. Commissioner Herbaugh reported that there is a site south of Stapleton with clay for sale at \$3/ton. At this time the county will just use the material on hand for repairs.

S. Seneca project of ½ mile was completed. The county obtained a water truck to rent from Hyannis to help complete this job. The cost to rent the water truck is \$150/day in use.

Discussion was held on work to Heritage Road. Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with local contractors to compete the 1 mile of road. Estimated costs came back at \$32,000 - \$36,000 for this 1 mile, this did not include seeding the sides. At this time the board decided to just lay base on the road and not try building up the road.

Commissioner Daly reported that the first three miles of Windmill Road was really rough.

Rich Cook, Logan County Highway Superintendent reported that the auto gate along Paxton Ranch Road has been moved and replaced. Thomas County worked with Logan County on a cost share project.

Auto gate on Dakota Lane was discussed. The landowner has requested to have the auto gate raised. The board discussed the issue of having to work with the railroad since the work would be done partially on railroad right of way. Commissioner Herbaugh believes if the auto gate is raised a new auto gate should be installed. This project will be done as time allows.

Kelly and Kat Kennedy, representatives of the Loup 2 Loup committee approached the board about closing Purdum Ave on August 8, 2024 for the road race. They also presented the board with a certificate of insurance for this event.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to closed Purdum Ave on August 8, 2024, once the mail runs to Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the informal quote from Topkote to crack seal eight miles on Purdum Ave. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had tried obtaining quotes from Tri State Paving and Road Guy construction but had not heard back from them.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the quote from Topkote to Rout-N-Seal cracks on 8 miles of Purdum Ave at the cost of \$36,950. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board also asked Lloyd to see about doing some cracks on the hill north of Seneca.

Discussion also followed about patching and overlay on W. Purdum. Lloyd will check with Topkote to see if this is a project they could do while here crack sealing.

Discussion was held on removal of the old Mintle Bridge, one informal quote was received. The board tabled any action until other quotes could be obtained, if practicable.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$5,191.08. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on hiring Marvin Planning Consultants for annual consultant work for the County. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to enter agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants for consulting services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Candace Meredith of NACO met with the board and reviewed services offered, upcoming meetings, legislative items and building update of the NACO West building being built in Ogallala.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2759.91
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	200.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	83.94
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	445.22
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	556.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	211.43
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LAQUINTA	LODGING	459.80
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	87.50
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	674.20
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	CONSULTING	2000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1267.34
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	487.10
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7746.12
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	37.44
U S BANK	FUEL	136.91
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27,946.47

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	660.75
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.13
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	5191.08
MASEBERG RANCH	AUTOGATE	1500.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	396.61
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	137.38
NKC TIRE GROUP	TIRES	719.36
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2420.30
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	292.87
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	896.82
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3952.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2400.66
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
SALARIES		8,522.97

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	334.33
MARCY ANDERSEN	MEALS	28.90

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	18.95
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	500.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	238.12
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.25
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	55.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	119.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	753.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE-PACIFICA	15.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	95.00
SALAIRES		2570.07

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	31.39
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	140.29
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	350.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.96
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	152.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	241.00
SALARIES		1381.39

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOK	17.19
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	10.24
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	250.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	45.26
SALARIES		265.20

Office reports:

Fee report for the month of August was presented to the board.

The Clerk reported that Thedford Public Schools will need to hold the LB644 property tax request hearing. This hearing will be held at the Thedford High School Old Gym on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

West Central District Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28th in North Platte.

Treasurer reported that the taxes were coming in really good.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office and emergency management.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Cay Ewoldt to the Thomas County Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2023-14, reauthorizing petty cash funds for the Clerk and County Court. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget was reviewed one more time before scheduling the budget hearing and property tax request hearing which are scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th.

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 11:28 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 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