

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 19, 2023

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held the 19th day of September, 2023 at 8:35 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on the 14th day of September, 2023.

Board Members present were: Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent.

Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and road personnel Keith Hartman. No other members of the public were present.

The budget hearing was opened at 8:35 a.m. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public, if in attendance.

County Clerk Lorissa Hartman and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was opened to public comment on the proposed budget. No public present to discuss the budget.

Chair Moody closed the budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., immediately following the completion of the Budget hearing, 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, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Doug Heavican.

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 September 7, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 19, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 14, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2023-16, 1% increase for 2022-2023 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-17, adopting the 2023-2024 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported starting work on Heritage Road hauling material to portions of the road.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Richard Jameson about clay material available at his place. The board agreed that they would pay \$3/ton for the clay material. This clay could be used to make the road mix for roads.

The board reviewed the informal quote from Topkote to crack seal a portion of N Seneca Ave. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the informal quote from Topkote of \$2,260 for 4/10 of a mile from the bridge to the top of the hill. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the patchwork project on W. Purdum. The board had received an informal quote from Topkote and Figgins Construction. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to accept the quote from Figgins Construction to complete the patchwork project on West Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on testing the crushed milling product at the stockpile site. The board directed Lloyd Smith to have the testing completed by ATG Group Services on site for \$820.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-15, Village of Halsey ARPA grant funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	883.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	2140.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	634.16
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	562.55
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	57.67
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	4095.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECTION DIV	REGISTRATION	40.00
MARION RHOADES	SEPT LAWN CARE	1000.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	PUBLISHING	83.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	88.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION/POSTAGE	6403.14
U S BANK	IPAD KEYBOARD	29.99
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.84

ROAD FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	135.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.09
RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2208.00
WARREN TRUCKING, INC.	TRUCKING	1755.00

EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS	58.15
TL MEYER	FUEL	45.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	335.62

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	90.00
ENERSPECT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	191.52
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.22

ARPA FUND-

VILLAGE OF HALSEY	ARPA GRANT	8861.79
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Office reports:

Clerk reported on the upcoming LB644 hearing for the Thedford Public Schools on September 20th. The County Auditor is scheduled to begin the 2022-2023 county audit on October 10th. The Clerk will be attending West Central District meeting on September 28th and Election workshop on October 19th-20th.

Treasurer the August financial report.

Sheriff gave an activity report and upcoming schedule report.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement with the Sandhills Weed Management Area. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second Daly directing the County Attorney to foreclose on the delinquent severed mineral right parcels. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly directing the Treasurer to take out county certificates on delinquent parcels; 860015467, 860015726 and 860013685. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody opened the Property Tax request hearing at 11:00 a.m.

No public present for hearing.

Chair Moody closed the Property Tax request hearing at 11:13 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution # 2023-18, setting the 2023-2024 final tax request at \$838,416.55. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board conducted a road personnel interview with Doug Heavican for the full time road position.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to hire Doug Heavican for the full time road position at the hourly rate of \$21/hour and health insurance benefits to begin after 60 days of employment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Doug will begin work on September 25th.

Public comment. Andrea gave a report on the daycare facility progress.

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 11:49 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 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