

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 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 road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Brooke Seachord-JEO Consulting and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

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 21, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 3, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the September 19, 2023 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 28, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 28, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road report was given by Keith Hartman. Report was received that Peaceful Plains Rd and Ringgold Rd needed some attention. Heritage Rd material has been hauled.

MSHA training in Valentine on October 10th, presented by NIRMA. New miner training needs given for Doug but he is welcome to come along to the refresher training.

Drug testing for new employees with CDL's is required. The County Clerk just received the new forms and will send the employees to Great Plains Urgent Care in North Platte for testing.

Figgins Construction is looking for a site to stock pile material for the patch job on West Purdum. Commissioner Moody will contact Figgins Construction with a site idea.

Topkote is planning to start crack sealing on Purdum Ave the week of October 30th.

Three informal quotes were received for the removal of the old Mintle Bridge. Norfolk Contracting, Rodocker Construction and Ed Hoevett all submitted quotes. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by

Daly to accept the quote from Ed Hoevert of \$11,500 and with him keeping the salvage and leaving both abutments, reducing the total cost to \$9,240. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the claim from L & L Gravel in the amount of \$7,971.13. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2953.66
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS	28.73
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	466.31
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	98.25
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	527.81
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	90.39
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NACO	REGISTRATION	175.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1389.84
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	66.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	11497.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	110.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	8209.92
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	14.48
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	15.55
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	90.39
U S BANK	FUEL	76.91
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED TAXES	17.19
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		29072.45

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	631.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	192.31
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	81.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	7971.13
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	AUTOGATE	2703.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	303.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1855.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	2046.66
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		7725.76

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS	SPONSORSHIP	1000.00
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00

EXTENSION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	EXPENSES	154.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	296.82
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	232.43
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.18
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
TL MEYER	DRY CLEAN	13.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	102.83
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	180.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	644.32
SALARIES		2164.52

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	129.68
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.57
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	157.44
	COPIER	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER	62.39
ENERSPECT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	32.09
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	12.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	217.14
SALARIES		1246.30

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.55
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	193.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	81.36
SALARIES		477.55

Office/fee reports:

Clerk presented office fee report for the month of September.

Election workshop scheduled for next week in Kearney on Thursday and Friday.

Appraisal work will begin in the Villages the week of October 23rd. Letters will be mailed out to landowners of record next week advising them of the process.

The county audit that was scheduled to begin next week will now start the week of November 6th.

A quick report of the Thedford Public Schools LB644 hearing was presented.

Sheriff office/fee report was passed out to the board in his absence.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Cay & Stephanie Ewoldt to the Thomas County Visitors Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the maintenance contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Brooke Seachord-JEO Consulting reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the board and updated new information and plans for Thomas County. The Upper Loup NRD has received a grant to assist the counties and communities within their jurisdiction to update the Plan. The last update to the plan was in 2019.

Rich Cook, Thomas County Weed Superintendent & Veterans Service Officer gave reports on his office. He reported on infestations within the county and how they are being treated. He received a \$10,000 grant to do an aerial survey of the Dismal River in Thomas County. He was able to fly the river in a small helicopter to check infestations.

He also reported on the possibility of training a younger veteran to eventually replace him as Veterans Service Officer. The Logan County Attorney is drawing up an Interlocal Agreement with Logan, McPherson and Thomas Counties to share in the expense in training him.

Public comment. Andrea Thomas gave a report on the daycare survey results. Commissioner Moody also mentioned that while attending West Central District meetings last week the discussion was held on counties and road maintenance policies. It looks like more counties are trying to develop policies on maintaining roads.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 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