

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Dennis Hoffman, Miles Maseberg, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, 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 January 25, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 6, 2024 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 January 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 25, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Dennis Hoffman and Miles Maseberg visited with the board about possible options to help with the snow issues on E. Antelope Valley Road. Various ideas included placing snow fence along the problem areas of the roads, building up the road in specific areas, and removing trees from the ditch and problem areas along the road. The board will come up with a plan to remove the trees and meet back with the landowners later in the year.

Other road discussion included building up Riverside Rd and a portion of road along Peaceful Plains/Paxton Ranch Rd.

The 1 & 6 Year road plan will be held in March. Specific date to be advertised later.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$150.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2808.06
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7728.46
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	100.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	456.37
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	413.36
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	100.00
	COPIER	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER	576.98
BLAINE T. GILLETT, LLC	ATTY FEES	537.10
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1731.34
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY		
TREASURERS	DUES 2024	50.00
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	DUES 2024	75.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1245.37
NO LIMIT POWER INC	EQUIPMENT	1942.65

SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	744.26
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES 2024	200.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAX	7768.14
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	21.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	907.50
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	190.00
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	329.37
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28446.98

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
GEORGE A. ALLARD	AUTOGATE	2160.00
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.08
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2606.85
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	8.96
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	141.98
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	89.99
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	98.14
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.29
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	TESTING	47.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	150.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	TESTING	35.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	430.76
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	51.63
NEBRASKALAND TIRE CO	TIRES	3020.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2045.30
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	593.60
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3935.56
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAX	2472.60
JAMES L SEVIER	EQUIP LABOR 2024 LOT	350.00
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	LEASE	111.00
SALARIES		8457.58

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.10
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	336.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.53
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	7.92
RHONDA DAILEY	MILEAGE	46.90
SANDRA I HEAVICAN	MILEAGE	30.82
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	79.06
HIGHWAY 2 DEPOT	MEALS	136.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	7.11
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	115.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	62.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	681.88
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	80.40
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	5.36
SALARIES		2213.59

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	COPY PAPER	44.99
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	147.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.97
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	125.72
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	50.22
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	16.14
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	412.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	247.02
SALARIES		1415.80

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	4 BOOKS	140.78
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	78.39
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	79.56
SALARIES		475.23

Office reports:

Clerk presented January fee report for the office.

Reminders to the board about completing their accountability and disclosure filing before March 1st.

Reminder that Incumbent filing deadline is February 15th and non-incumbent filing deadline is March 1st.

Assessor reported preliminary increase in value for this year.

- Ag land increasing to \$650/acre up from last year of \$585/acre
- Home sites increasing to \$20,000/1st acre up from last year \$15,000/1st acre
- Building site increasing to \$4,500/acre (1-10 acres) up from last year \$2,000/acre (1-10 acres)
- Acreage 11-60 acres increasing to \$1,000/acre up from last year of \$850/acre
- Established a Middle Loup River market area, Home sites in this market area will be \$35,000/1st acre
- Lot values will be increasing in all villages
- New costing manual updated to July 2023 for Commercial properties and June 2023 for Residential properties
- New depreciation tables established based on market

Treasurer presented the delinquent property report to the board. March 4th at 8:30 a.m. is the tax sale.

Sheriff reported on the new forest contract. He reported that NIRMA had just recently completed a law enforcement review of his office and policies. Legislative items of interest were discussed that impacted his office and emergency management.

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

Public comment. Andrea Thomas gave a quick report on the daycare and said that it was progressing along quickly.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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, Thomas County Clerk