

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 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 employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, and Village of Thedford Chairman on the board Wade Neben.

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 February 8, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 20, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh talked about the clay available on Richard Jameson's property. He also noted that Richard no longer owns the dozer, that Giles owns the dozer now.

Discussion was held on Riverside Road, the plan is to build up the road in areas and put base and gravel on the road.

Discussion was held on Heritage Road work. The board asked the Clerk to prepare a letter to the landowner of record and also a copy to the manager, on the plans to improve the road that will require bringing material in from the roadside. The Clerk will prepare the letter and provide copies to the County Attorney, County Highway Superintendent, and board members before sending out.

Commissioner Herbaugh discussed issues of obtaining a water tank for road projects.

Discussion was held on repairing the old Jonas/Mercer building. Commissioner Herbaugh has been trying to locate contractors to re-stucco the building. Other discussion included tearing down the old building and possibly replacing it with a storage container.

Discussion was held on the road maintenance classification map. The board would like to have the county attorney present during the discussion. No action taken.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

	ADMIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	765.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	688.41
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	58.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	29.79
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	104.90
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	125.00
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	78.25
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	50.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	139.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.70
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	94.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
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VISITORS FUND-

POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	2024 RACE	250.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	31.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES-LINC	LODGING	107.00
TL MEYER	FUEL	74.21

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	36.64
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
CONNIE BROWLEIT	COOKIES	12.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	847.89

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk reported that not all incumbents had filed at the close of business on February 15th. The two incumbents for the Airport Authority and one incumbent for the Thedford Public School Board didn't file for re-election.

Assessor reported that she is finalizing values on all properties.

Treasurer presented the January financial report.

Some delinquent taxes have been collected the sale for delinquent taxes will be held March 4th.

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

Wade Neben visited with the board about the cost of solid waste removal and the increasing costs to the Village. The village would like to increase the fee for solid waste removal and according to the Interlocal agreement with the County they must seek approval from the County Board for any rural rate increases. The village would like to increase the fee by \$4.00 per month.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the \$4.00 per month rate increase for solid waste. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment, none.

Chair Moody adjourned the regular board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 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