

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 5, 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 employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer-CSA Extension office, Twyla Witt, 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 February 22, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 5, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 29, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The road employees advised the board that they have been hauling material on Riverside Road.

The CAT loader is still waiting for the mobile service truck from North Platte to come up and do work on the loader.

Triple G has mud rock available at \$20/ton and a red rock mix of material at \$24/ton.

Discussion was held on West Windmill Rd maintenance. The Clerk will look at the road plat book to determine if the county maintains an easement on the five mile portion of road that needs built up.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve 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	2770.60
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	300.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	11070.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
COMFORT INN	LODGING	134.95
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	455.46
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	331.07
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	504.82
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	210.20
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	90.67
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	129.38
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
INTAB LLC	SUPPLIES	188.99
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTIONS	131.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1229.55
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	DATA PROCESSING	66.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES	248.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7676.59
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #29	112.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	1359.18

VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	2024 DUES	25.00
SALARIES		28055.12
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	905.86
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2606.85
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	101.90
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	114.99
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	74.48
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTIONS	70.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	397.71
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	280.19
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2342.12
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	223.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2457.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2311.07
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1828.73
SALARIES		8007.56
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.10
VISITORS FUND-		
U S BANK	DOMAIN RENEWAL	135.36
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	304.32
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.34
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	104.13
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	154.05
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	598.41
SALARIES		1926.15
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	152.12
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.10
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	113.47
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTION	14.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	249.64
SALARIES		1428.60
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	AMAZON-BOOKS	139.67
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	222.81
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTION	7.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.06
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	128.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	90.52
SALARIES		540.18

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of February.

Assessor presented the board with a list of assessment actions taken to complete the Abstract. The Abstract of Assessment was filed with the State on March 1st.

The next properties to be reviewed under the 6 year cycle will be the rural residential properties.

Primary Election deadlines and filings were reported to the county board.

Treasurer reported that the delinquent tax sale was held on Monday, March 4th. Fifteen parcels were up for sale with 4 parcels being purchased at sale.

Forest Reserve money from June 2023 was discussed. The treasurer reported that those funds will need to be refunded and redistributed.

TL Meyer presented the county board with the 2023 Annual Extension report. A copy will be on file in the County Clerk's office.

The office manager has submitted a letter of resignation, the last day of work will be March 15th.

Discussion was held on pesticide training and bee protection.

Commissioner Moody reported on the US Fish & Wildlife meeting she attended in Broken Bow.

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

County Attorney Arganbright visited with the board about roads without easements and maintenance of these roads. His suggestion is that we obtain easements on all roads that we are maintaining. The County Clerk will research what roads have easements on them and report to the board.

Chair Moody opened the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 11:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the projects outlined on the plan and discussed other projects that should be added. Discussion was held on checking with Figgins construction about the 1 mile east of the Y on Windmill Road before you get to River Rd, the 1 mile west on Windmill Road towards Amsberry Hill and the first 3 mile of East Windmill. Lloyd will contact Figgins Construction and make arrangements for someone to come take a look at the material available here with the County and what can be done.

Chair Moody closed the 1 & 6 year road plan at 11:20 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-4, the 1 & 6 year plan approved as presented with the addition of the work on East Windmill. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Joseph Smith mentioned that there is a fire ban within the Thedford Rural Fire District boundaries at this time.

Twyla Witt mentioned that she was unable to locate the county agenda on the county website. The Clerk informed everyone that the old Thomas County Website domain has been taken over by another individual. This has been reported to the appropriate authorities by our current IT division, Applied Connective. The correct website for Thomas County is <https://thomascountyne.gov>.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

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