

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session 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 throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, 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 April 25, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the May 7, 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 April 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 25, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported going to Logan County with the road men to look at the clay available. He has made arrangements with the landowner to buy the clay at \$3/ton. When the county decides to haul clay, they will need to make arrangements with Logan County to use a loader at the site.

Discussion was held on Heritage Rd and Connell Lane; the road employees would like to build up portions of these roads. The discussion on whether the county has a right of way easement to allow building up the road was discussed. The county attorney advised obtaining easements before any road work is completed.

Bids for laying millings and armor coating portions of East Windmill Rd were reviewed. Topkote replied to the request for this project that they would not have any time in 2024 to do the work. Figgins supplied three different estimates:

1 mile for \$107,771.84

2 miles for \$213,543.68

3.2 miles for \$321,448.72

The armor coat gravel is not included in the estimates. The millings will be provided from the county stockpile.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the 2 mile estimate on E Windmill Rd in the amount of \$213,543.68, starting at the y intersection of River Rd and Windmill Rd heading east towards highway 83. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Figgins Construction should be able to start before July on this project.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the utility permit application from Consolidated Telephone. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$700 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2854.48

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	540.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	305.73
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	87.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	451.02
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	172.86
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	979.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	802.29
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	CD2087965	2007.65
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	55.18
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5848.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	126.95
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	700.94
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1336.42
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE	180.90
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	150.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1252.48
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	204.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	311.73
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER FEDERAL	85.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7837.81
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.70
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	497.07
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	2915.89
U S BANK	SUPPLIES/FUEL	996.38
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28729.17
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	955.08
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2522.20
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	18.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	700.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	421.39
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	3766.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	2425.96
SALARIES		8404.94
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.91
VISITORS FUND-		
OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	1672.50
EXTENSION FUND-		
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	103.69
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	232.05
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	36.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEALS	120.00
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	89.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	49.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	75.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	44.08
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	49.58
SALARIES		265.96
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT CRAFT	284.05
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	169.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.55
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	108.92

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	30.13
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	95.71
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	536.84
SALARIES		1810.23

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	14.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.07
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	194.19
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	91.50
SALARIES		540.18

Office reports:

Clerk provided April office fee report to the board.

Assessor provided two estimates from Central Plains Valuation for appraisal work on the rural home sites. One estimate is for \$47,000 and the other is \$49,000 (this estimate includes inputting all information into the computer system).

Election worker training will be held Friday, May 10th. As of this morning we have had 35 early vote requests.

Clerk presented information from Text My Gov, this would be a system that citizens could sign up to receive text messages from the county on various subjects. The first year the cost would be \$3,750 to start up and \$2,500 every year after. The board at this time was not interested in this service because of the cost.

Registrations are open for the County Board Workshop and Budget Workshop in June.

Library statistic report was provided to the board.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager presented the proposed Region 26 budget as it is currently.

Treasurer reported on tax receipts and new laws for ATV's.

Commissioner Daly reported on the West Central District Health Department request to install an air monitoring system in Thomas County.

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

Discussion was held on replacing the 2018 Sharp copier at the courthouse.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the purchase of the new Sharp copier from Eakes Office equipment in the amount of \$8,868.50. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Amended Resolution #2023-8, correction of allocation of forest reserve funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody approving Resolution #2024-6, allocating forest reserve funds for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the SDL liquor application for Thedford Volunteer Fire Department for June 15, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to keep the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan with the \$1,100 deductible and \$35/office visit copay. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changing the August 20th regular board meeting due to the Clerk/Assessor being gone for continuing education class.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to move the Tuesday, August 20th meeting to Tuesday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 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