

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 21, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session 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 Andra Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Wade Neben and Marcy Andersen.

Chair Moody stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 21, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**Road discussion:**

The road department is currently working on parts of South Seneca now. The plan is to get some cold mix and fix a portion of South Seneca and then also use the cold mix on North Seneca in places along with completing the shouldering work.

Commissioner Herbaugh was approached on the possibility of using the county stock pile of millings for Most Lane. The millings would not work properly for this type of project. The county will also be using these millings on the East Windmill Road project in June.

Burlington Northern has repaired Walker Lane after using this road for the train derailment.

Road signs on Purdum Road have been vandalized. The Sheriff has requested information from the road department on the cost to replace and install new signs.

Discussion was held on locating material to be used for shouldering. The county will check with local trucking companies about back hauling magnesia from South Dakota.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	125.00
CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	195.00
BARBARA BRYANT	ELECTION	195.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	370.25
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	83.98
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	195.00
MARIAN NUTTER	ELECTION	195.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	375.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	233.26
MARION RHOADES	MAY LAWN CARE	1500.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	226.54
CHERYL UHRMACHER	ELECTION	195.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.24
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2011.70
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00

**VISITORS COMMITTEE FUND-**

THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	SPONSORSHIP	1500.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	92.45
TL MEYER	FUEL	20.00

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	CRAFTS	556.54
MARCY ANDERSEN	WHITE ROCK	83.88
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	63.04
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	58.68

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	1086.46
BRODART CO.C6A37A1:C39	BOOKS	241.50

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported receiving election grant money for reimbursement for equipment and software in the amount of \$5,150.85

Election recap: 157 voters at the polls on Election day and 42 returned early vote ballots. Thomas County has 489 registered voters.

Thomas County was randomly selected to conduct a manual hand count of 3 races. The board of four people conducted the manual recount on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The hand count matched the DS200 tape results. The canvass board will meet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to review the 2024 Primary Election. Assessor reports that change of value notices will be mailed out on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer presented the financial report for April. The treasurer has been asked to join a task force committee on inheritance tax, for an interim study.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Motion made by Daly 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 surplus the Konica Minolta Bizhub copier at the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

A notice will be placed in the Thomas County Herald announcing sealed bids will be taken for the purchase of the copier.

Wade Neben met with the board to discuss a possibility of the county giving funds to the Village of Thedford to purchase a new trash truck. Currently the Village of Thedford provides waste removal service to all Thomas County and Dunning. They also provide 92 rolling dumpsters which also serve residents in Blaine and Cherry County.

If they proceed with purchasing the new trash truck it will be at least 18 months before receiving and paying for the truck.

The commissioners asked that the Clerk check with the State Auditors office and County Attorney on the legalities of this request.

Marcy Andersen, Thomas County librarian met with the board to discuss the possibility of installing a new sidewalk leading out of the south door to the current sidewalk in front of the courthouse. The board discussed options of making repairs to the existing sidewalks around the library rather than installing a new sidewalk. Other issues discussed were additional sidewalks for snow removal and the possibility of having to move the current sprinkler system. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moody had received communication from the US Fish and Wildlife service inviting Thomas County to participate in the Section 106 consulting party.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh for Thomas County to participate in the Section 106 consulting party invitation from the US Fish and Wildlife, regarding historical sites. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody will respond with Jeff Runge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and inform them of our intent to participate.

The Clerk presented new information from the group TextMyGov to provide cell phone texts to those who sign up for the service with the County to receive reminders. The original price for the service and sign up was \$3,750, the second agreement presented the price had lowered to \$2,000. The board took no action to proceed with signing up for this service at this time.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk