

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 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 Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Terri Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kris Rasmussen, Carla Jensen-Aflac, Richard Jameson, and Dave Masek.

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 June 4, 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 May 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Richard Jameson visited with the board about concerns to the property tax valuation increases. He encouraged the board to be fiscally responsible with spending in the county, especially with the Thedford Public Schools special election coming up. He asked that the board control the levy throughout the county and taxing entities. Questions were brought up about conducting studies on road usage to determine how to complete road projects based on the usage. Another suggestion was to utilize co-usage of equipment through out the county or access state surplus equipment, when possible.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Dave Arnold, Valentine about hauling crushed magnesias. He will have more information at the June 18th meeting.

Figgins Construction is planning to be here to set up on June 15th, weather permitting, to start the East Windmill Road project.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$900 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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	2802.04
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	814.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	484.50
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	137.35
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1499.75
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	1410.57
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION COSTS	52.00
TL MEYER	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1336.42
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	REGISTRATION	300.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1235.18

REGION 26	DATA PROCESSING	730.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	150.13
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7737.00
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCI	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	5.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	96.50
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
ANDREA THOMAS	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
U S BANK	TRAINING	333.37
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION COSTS	32.50
SALARIES		28391.05

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.98
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2522.20
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	24.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	CELL PHONE FY 23-24	150.03
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE FY 23-24	200.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	900.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	429.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4466.12
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2467.68
SALARIES		8528.62

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.25
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	181.69
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	220.47
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	25.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	108.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	247.10
SALARIES		1393.32

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SHELF/BEAN BAG	163.39
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	284.55
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	252.06
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	2907.35
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	122.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	114.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	96.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	539.23
SALARIES		1812.15

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	698.64
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	18.28
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	35.52
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	74.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	49.76
SALARIES		290.48

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for May.

Special Election ballots will be mailed out starting June 17th. The new copier from Eakes will be installed this week.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

Treasurer reported on upcoming workshops that she will be attending.

Sheriff reported on the possibility of obtaining deputy assistance. Emergency Manager report was given on the upcoming Region 26 budget for 2024-2025.

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

Bob Broweleit cancelled his visit this morning due to illness. He will reschedule for the June 18th meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept possession and responsibility of the state purchased courtroom equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC was reviewed. The increased cost was reviewed and the board asked to see if the price could be lowered and to check with other vendors. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to surplus the following library computer equipment: Dell Desktop Computer Service Tag #HOBC921 and Dell Monitor Serial #CN-012MWY-6480-39E-2B8L. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the NIRMA 2024-2025 insurance renewal with the same deductibles. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 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