

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 18, 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 Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Carolyn Warren.

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 June 4, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the June 18, 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 June 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on Jun 13, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. No comment at this time.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly reported receiving a phone call about a road that leads west out of Seneca along the railroad tracks having heavy rain damage. Road personnel examined the road earlier in the day and upon returning the road had been barricaded. After further review, using Gworks satellite imagery it appeared the portion of the road in question actually was in Hooker County. No further action will be taken by Thomas County.

The work on E. Windmill, as of date, has not begun. Lloyd will try to get a better date of beginning construction so that the landowners that use the road can be notified of possible delays.

Discussion was held on material for shouldering E. Windmill after the Figgins project is complete. The thought was to see if the county could obtain clay from Richard Jameson along Golf Course Lane.

New road signs have been ordered for Purdum Ave. Discussion was also had on the retro reflectivity tool from NIRMA.

Beginner MSHA training for road employee Heavican was discussed. The Clerk will check into available training locations and dates.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1050.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	100.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	389.85
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	839.70
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	444.60
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	479.18
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	157.80
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.89
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	588.92

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	295.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	211.84
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	75.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SERVICES	498.95
NACO	DUES 24-25	1016.28
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES 24-25	125.00
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	ENVELOPES	133.46
PRINTELECT	SUPPLIES	254.02
MARION RHOADES	JUNE LAWN CARE	1500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SUPPLIES	127.50
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	AMMO	769.40
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	15.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	ROADS/POSTAGE	200345.85
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	220.43
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	483.68
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	24.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	75.71
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1137.10
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	67.50
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	40.64
U S BANK	18" PAPERTRIMER	109.53
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	583.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	27.92
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	71.75
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	285.43

Office reports:

The Clerk reported mailing out 405 special election ballots for the Thedford Public School on June 17<sup>th</sup>, these ballots will need to be returned by 5 p.m. on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Assessor discussed possible upcoming property protests. The next date scheduled for the Board of Equalization is July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer presented the May financial report to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office once he returned from an accident.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to reappoint Jerry Linn to the Thomas County Veterans Service Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral LLC at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on July 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC for the rural residential appraisals. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to surplus the following sheriff equipment:

Apple iPad, serial #DMPMQ06LF182 and Nobilis I370R2 computer, serial #1449788

Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bob Browleit with the Thomas County Visitors Committee met with the board about placing an Historical Marker about Thomas County on the lawn by the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bob also asked the board for assistance on hauling fill onto the trail in the mini park outside of the fairgrounds. The visitors committee will be placing new picnic tables in the park and wanted to get the road in better shape. Commissioner Herbaugh graciously donated the material to be used for this project.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:01 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Discussion was held on the road employee hourly rate. Hourly rates from the surrounding counties were reviewed, Thomas County was found to be in the middle range of the surrounding counties. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to give the road employees a 3% cost of living increase. Carolyn Warren stated that the board needs to cut spending due to Thedford Public Schools proposed increase in tax asking.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public Comment. Andrea Thomas gave a report on the daycare facility.  
No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 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, Thomas County Clerk