

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 27, 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 were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Michelle McIntosh, Alison Werner, and Marcy Andersen.

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 August 15, 2024.

Motion made Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 27, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the August 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Daly. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Figgins has completed the E. Windmill Road project, there are a couple of soft spots that they may come back and take a look at. Shouldering has begun, but the road personnel are reporting that it may be best to wait until the temperatures cool down to do the shouldering so it doesn't tear up the armor coat.

The material located at the Seeley/Pokorny lot was discussed. Commissioner Moody reported on visiting with Bub Rodocker about the quality of the material. The road personnel may reach out to him, some of the material may work good on filling areas along S. Seneca.

The CAT loader is still waiting on repairs from NMC. They have been up and diagnosed the problem but we are now waiting on gaskets and core to be replaced.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported on the request from Joe Buechler for a load of gravel on Hanna Lane. The board reviewed the Interlocal agreement with Blaine County for this road, the agreement only covers snow removal policies.

Commissioner Moody reported that a road sign was hit during the road race on Purdum Ave.

Discussion was held on N. Ringgold Road and the material needing hauled to this portion of road.

No action taken on Randy Andersen request at this time. Not present to discuss request.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1290.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	112.50
CHARRON LAWN CARE	3RD APPLICATION	435.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	6370.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	878.42
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	DATA PROCESSING	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	61.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	54.17
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	ZONING TAB	4095.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	182.24
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	110.00

MIPS INC	JURY LIST	55.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	315.50
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	26.26
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.66
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	324.28
U S BANK	BLINDS/SUPPLIES	255.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.90
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	83.88
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2660.34
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	630.00
<b>VISITORS FUND-</b>		
FM 92.3 KBEAR COUNTRY	FAIR ADS	450.00
KCNI-AM/KBBN-FM	ADS	199.30
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	35.95
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.17
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	25.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	115.00
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	4.92
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	285.80
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	203.71
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	375.43
MARCY ANDERSEN	BOOKS	67.57
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.01

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported sending out jury questionnaires for a Trial scheduled September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several schools (Thedford and Sandhills) believe they will be hosting a LB644, pink postcard hearing for their budgets in September.

Treasurer presented a financial report.

Sheriff gave an activity report and trial preparation report.

Commissioner Moody reported on a meeting scheduled with Deb Fischer’s office in Valentine on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2024-10, levy setting authority to political subdivisions subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the NACO Benefit Services COBRA administrative agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral on October 5, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral on October 13, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to prepare a ten year lease for the Seneca Auditorium and Park with the Seneca Preservation Historical Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk will contact the County Attorney to draft a new lease.

Budget work session began at 10:15 a.m. with members of the Thomas County Library board and librarian and other elected offices.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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