

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held on the 17th day of September, 2024 at 8:35 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on 12th day of September, 2024.

Board members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent.

Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman. No other members of the public were present.

The budget hearing was opened at 8:35 a.m. with three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public, if in attendance.

County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was opened to public comment on the proposed budget. No public present to discuss the budget.

Chair Moody closed the budget hearing at 9:05 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:06 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith 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 September 5, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 17, 2024 regular agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-11, for 1% increase for 2023-2024 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-12, adopting the 2024-2025 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes- Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The project on E. Windmill Rd is nearing completion. The county will need to shoulder the portion of road just completed. L & L Gravel will have some material that can be used for this with a cost of \$3/ton. The first part of E. Windmill that wasn't armor coated needs some material in spots due to all the truck traffic.

Discussion was held on repair work being done to the CAT loader.

Discussion was held on material to be used in the future. Millings will be hard to come by. Figgins are working with Cherry County and Department of Roads to tear up old highway material to crush and be used for other roads. Lloyd would have to contact District 11 highway department to see if this is a possibility in the future. No action taken today.

Outstanding road projects/requests were discussed.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	760.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	775.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	553.96
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.00
	INMATE	
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HOUSING	2585.00
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF	PAPER SERVICE	36.80
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	666.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
MARION RHOADES	SEPT LAWNCARE	1500.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	22.80
U S BANK	LODGING	264.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.93

ROAD FUND-

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	66.31
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SURVEYOR FEES	4352.90
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	753.35
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.45
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1275.94

EXTENSION FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	61.93
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.18
MICHELLE GARWOOD	FUEL	66.22
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	33.21

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	208.77

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the LB644 “pink postcard hearing” for the Thedford Public Schools is September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Election calendar update given to the board.

Information on upcoming trial was discussed. The October 1st regular board meeting was moved to Friday, October 4th due to numerous elected officials being selected for jury duty. The October 4th meeting will begin at the regular time of 8:30 a.m.

Treasurer presented a financial report.

Sheriff presented an activity report.

Commissioner Daly gave a West Central District Health department report. Megan Travino, Interim Executive Director was named to replace Shannon Vanderheiden who will be stepping down as the Executive Director.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-14, the Village of Thedford ARPA grant in the amount of \$1,587.44. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion of Thomas County being designated as a sanctuary county. The board wanted clarification that this designation was not agreed upon by the board and that more research would be done to dispute this designation. Lincoln County Commissioner Micaela Wuehler has been working on behalf of the 21 counties listed to correct the Center of Immigration Studies erroneous listing. More discussion will be held on the October 4th meeting.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to open the Property Tax Request hearing. No public present for the hearing.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-13, setting the 2024-2025 final tax request at \$848,242.13. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Friday, October 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:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk