

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 5, 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Miles Maseberg, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 October 24, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 5, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the October 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 24, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Doug reported that a hole is starting on Windmill Road in a portion of the road that has just been armor coated by Figgins. Commissioner Herbaugh will go out and take a look and report to County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith his findings.

Commissioner Herbaugh will also go out and take a look at Johnston Lane. Material request is tabled until the next meeting.

Miles Maseberg presented information building a water tank to fit into the back of the dump truck, he provided three different options ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to have Maseberg's make a rectangle tank to fit into the dump truck. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody advised of a discussion about snow fence for E Antelope Valley Road. The County does not have any snow fence material to install.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2024-14, annual certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$3,300. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2871.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	76.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	APPRAISAL WORK	29600.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
COMFORT INN	LODGING	344.85
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	463.49

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1405.70
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	487.02
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	185.04
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	2483.06
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	62.36
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.46
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	3300.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	51.70
MIPS INC	SERVICES	2094.71
NACO	DUES	1016.28
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1368.13
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	175.00
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	256.49
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C.	AUTOPSY COSTS	300.00
POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBRASKA	DUES	20.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	73.00
MARION RHOADES	OCT LAWN CARE	1500.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	604.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8393.08
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	41.80
THOMAS CO TREASURER	IRS	37.49
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FILING FEES	102.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	201.00
U S BANK	AMAZON	523.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICAL	33.45
SALARIES		30240.43

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1047.77
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	114.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	80.85
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3300.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	23.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	484.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2727.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2729.61
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	LADDER	54.99
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	6254.84
SALARIES		9252.87

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.32
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	300.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	282.02
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	124.95
RHONDA DAILEY	MILEAGE	80.40
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	60.85
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	33.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	46.22
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	229.19
DONNA J REYNOLDS	EXT BOARD MEAL	90.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	105.99
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	BOARD MEMBER EXPENSE	57.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1164.21
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	61.64
SALARIES		4508.14

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	249.34
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	136.43
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	79.56
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	271.02
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	446.63

SALARIES		1634.57
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	AMAZON BOOKS	297.27
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	48.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	81.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	133.94
SALARIES		780.88

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of October.

The office has received 136 applications for early vote ballots. Thomas County has 492 registered voters. Central Plains Valuation has completed the rural reappraisal inspections, they will now be working on entering the data and establishing depreciation tables.

Treasurer reported that the Distress warrants on personal property have been turned over to the Sheriff on November 1st.

The treasurer's office attended fraud training on titles last week in Grand Island.

The treasurer also reported on the balance of the library fund after paying payroll and claims today. Due to the fund balance we will need to make a transfer from bookmobile to library at the November 19th meeting.

Sheriff reported receiving the distress warrants from the Treasurer's office.

He also reported that Thomas County has been removed from the list of sanctuary counties. He will be assisting the surrounding counties on getting their counties removed also.

During correspondence an email from Scott Milliken, NDOT was presented, that the traffic study has been completed on the 3 mile section of Highway 2, a Memorandum was written, and forwarded for review.

Library usage report was presented to the board.

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

Discussion was held on the audit findings. The County Board directed the County Attorney prepare a response to the finding. The County Attorney will forward the response to the Board members for review and the County Clerk will forward to Don Wilson by November 15th.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to appoint the following library board members and terms:

Michelle McIntosh-term expiring 2025

Alison Werner-term expiring 2026

Justina Benscoter-term expiring 2027

Dixie Hoffman-term expiring 2028

Mallory Sikes-term expiring 2029

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the 10 year lease with the Seneca Historical Preservation Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-16, Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody commented that she had received a phone call from DHHS asking that the county attorney complete the Child Support subaward agreement. Kurt advised that he will double check his junk email file to see if that is why he hadn't received the email.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 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