

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2024

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, and Bryce Lamb of Healing Hearts.

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 November 21, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the December 3, 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 November 19, 2024 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh talked to the board about future oil prices, he noted that no prices are available right now unless you were completing the project right now. The county may have to create their own oil mix in the future. Figgins would have to come in with their pug mill to mix the oil/material. Topkote announced their plans to close their business at the end of this year, this will only leave Figgins to complete projects in the area, as of now.

1 & 6 year projects were discussed, Amsberry Hill needs repaired with an oil mix. The Paxton Ranch Rd/Peaceful Plains road needs work done in the spring. The current condition of the road is not terrible and there is concern that disturbing the area may cause more problems. This project will be added to the list to be completed in the spring.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2787.28
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2648.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTORNEY FEES	1498.96
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	453.45
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	202.34
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	431.64
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	780.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1336.63
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	288.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8176.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.45
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29592.17

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	894.81

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	220.85
RICHARD BURNSIDE	MATERIAL	1500.00
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.	MATERIAL/SUPPLIES	301.79
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	412.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3733.73
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2378.15
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
SALARIES		8273.44
VISITORS FUND-		
SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS	MLR SPONSORSH	1500.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	273.65
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.32
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	89.19
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1084.40
SALARIES		4241.17
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	197.45
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.01
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	111.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	72.26
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	346.82
SALARIES		1229.57
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	310.75
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.47
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	153.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	46.58
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	TRANSFER	18000.00
SALARIES		269.76

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of November.

Assessor discussion included preliminary values on AG, Residential and Commercial. Preliminary AG land value may remain the same with no increase. Preliminary Residential values are at 90% of market value, state law requires the value to be 92%-100% of market value. Commercial values are looking ok at 96% of market value. Rural Ag homes/buildings were reviewed the fall of 2024 and will show some changes.

Treasurer presented the October financial report. The Treasurer also reported that she will be refunding \$1,344.60 to Dent's on the tax roll correction completed in November.

Tax statements should be arriving the end of this week or next.

Commissioner Daly reported on West Central District Health moving locations, ARPA funds were used to assist in the down payment of the new location, making the payment less than what the rent costed at the previous location.

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

Discussion was held on the upcoming Christmas holiday. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to close the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bryce Lamb with Healing Hearts & Families met with the board and discussed the 2025 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid agreement. This is at no cost to the county tax payers; their funding is from Grants to operate.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2025 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 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, Thomas County Clerk