

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025

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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas.

Chair Moody stated open meeting guidelines are posted as required by law and copies are available, if requested.

Notice of meeting was given by in the Thomas County Herald on January 9, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 21, 2025 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 January 7, 2025 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 16, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had went out with road man Keith Hartman to look at N Seneca Ave. This upcoming road season we will need to do some patching and then look into a possible armor coat project. Along with the portion of Amsberry Hill.

Discussed whether there is any federal money available to apply for on the Purdum Road or look into whether the county could set up a sinking fund for future Purdum Road projects.

Discussion was had on the Freightliner and whether it was time to replace. The board directed the road men to look into locating options for replacement.

The board conducted a road maintenance classification work session. There are some new roads and roads that need reclassified within the plan. The Clerk will check with the County Attorney to see if public hearings need to be held for these changes.

Correspondence presented. The NDOT letter advised about the suggested speed limit change on Highway 2. No action taken; the Village of Thedford will need to provide authorization for the project to proceed.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	CAMERAS	815.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	2415.00
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	162.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	452.61
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	98.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	45.38
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.40
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	62.50
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	134.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	1638.87
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	378.60
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES	200.00
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	FILING FEES	113.00

THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6590.88
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	378.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
ROAD FUND-		
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	9.96
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	159.99
VISITORS FUND-		
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	2025MEMBERSHIP	590.00
EXTENSTION FUD-		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	60.85
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported that Central Plains Valuation will be in the area the week of February 24th to conduct pickup work. The preliminary numbers indicate that grass land values will remain the same as last year. The residential statistics show us low and will need to increase again this year.

Treasurer presented the December financial report and a copy of the semi annual statement. Beginning in February the Treasurer's office will be advertising delinquent taxes for the March sale.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 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