

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 4, 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, Charlie Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Village of Thedford board members Dan Wadas and Kyle Hinton, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Dixie Hollenbeck, 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 January 23, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 4, 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 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men reported that the weather was warm enough last week that they were able to do some grading.

The Clerk provided an email that talks about NDOT grants and the portal process. Not sure what projects this grants covers but the board decided to check into projects covered.

Discussion was held on the 2007 Freightliner. Some mechanical issues may be coming up with the truck and the discussion was whether to look into getting rid of it and finding a more suitable truck to replace it with. The discussion was also held on when surplussed if we should use Auction Time or Purple Wave to sell. Commissioner Herbaugh will reach out to the two options and see which company would be the best.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to surplus the 2007 Freightliner SN# 1FUJA6CK37LX77260. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

During the meeting the board reviewed online the two trucks that were found on the internet, one was located in Elm Creek and the other in St. Edward. The board directed the road men and Commissioner Herbaugh to go check out the trucks.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith checked with the board about any upcoming armor coat projects for the 2025 season. The two projects discussed were Amsberry Hill section on Windmill Rd and N Seneca Ave. No definite decision made today.

Village of Thedford board members Kyle Hinton and Dan Wadas visited with the board about waste disposal services in the county and the new trash truck costs. The Village discussed increasing waste disposal services by 3%.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Village of Thedford request to increase waste disposal services by 3% for rural residents. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Claim for J. Sevier was reviewed; Commissioner Moody will contact for clarification on the charges for mowing and pump work in the auditorium. Mowing of streets/roads throughout the county is the responsibility of the landowner. According to the lease agreement with the Seneca Historical Society all repairs with the Auditorium and property are to be covered by the lessee. The board did agree that the work done for snow removal before the funeral was an acceptable charge. A breakdown of hours for snow removal only needs completed.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2874.15

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	12.50
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	67.48
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	503.26
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	459.32
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	492.35
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	94.13
GOVIER BROTHERS MORTUARY, INC	MILEAGE	420.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	2832.96
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	DUES	75.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1306.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	291.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8337.22
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	20.20
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	75.04
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES	25.00
SALARIES		30291.87

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1031.95
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	391.27
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT		68270 103.14
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	450.85
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	349.26
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3192.30
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2678.92
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	4.19
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	2025 LEASE	111.00
SALARIES		9191.96

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.28
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VISITORS FUND-

HEREFORD CROSSROADS	SPONSORSHIP	500.00
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	DUES	500.00
WESTERN NEBRASKA TOURISM COALITION	DUES	531.44

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	295.32
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	224.71
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.61
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	31.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
TL MEYER	REIMBURSEMENT	67.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	214.79
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	115.96
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1120.62
SALARIES		4360.88

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	215.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	141.05
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	185.04
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	31.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	380.41
SALARIES		1358.83

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	105.31
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	31.52
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.21
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	64.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	85.72
SALARIES		496.58

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee collection report for the month of January for the office. Homestead Exemption applications were mailed out to those applicants that had applied last year and were approved. The filing deadline for any Homestead Exemption applications is June 30, 2025.

Personal Property statements were mailed out, the filing deadline for 2025 statements is May 1, 2025.

Treasurer presented the delinquent tax list to the board; this list will be advertised three time during the month of February before the tax sale in March. Treasurer reported receiving the school tax credit that had been applied to everyone's real estate tax statements for the first half and will be split between the three school districts.

Library use statistics report presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to appoint the following people to the Thomas County Planning Commission:

- Royce Jennings-term will expire December 2026
- Carolyn Warren-term will expire December 2027
- Mallory Sikes-term will expire December 2027

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

Dixie Hollenbeck met with the board to discuss the possibility of issuing a Resolution stating that Thomas County was in opposition to the mandatory use of Electronic ID tags for livestock and requesting that it be a voluntary use instead. Information was provided on various counties that have already issued Resolutions here in Nebraska. County Attorney Kurt Arganbright had advised of Rock County already passing a Resolution in opposition to mandatory use of the tags. The board asked that he share the Resolution with the Clerk and make it an agenda item for the February 18th meeting.

No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk