Thomas County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting February 18, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:33 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 Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd 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 February 6, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 18, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported on the road conditions north of Halsey and the plans for work in the spring. Discussion was also held on the Purdum Rd condition and planning for financing a major road project in the next couple of years.

The water/springs along the Purdum Road were also discussed.

The board asked Lloyd if Cherry County would have any cold mix that could be used on the N Seneca Ave road repair.

Discussion on various used semi-trucks were discussed. The weather has not allowed for trips to check out the trucks. Hopefully toward the end of this week and beginning of next week two other trucks will be inspected.

No action taken on deciding which online auction company to sell our old truck at this time. It will be placed on the March 4th agenda.

No action taken on the purchase of a new/used semi-truck. It will be placed on the March 4th agenda.

Road maintenance classification work session was held. The Clerk will get the changes/additions to Lloyd to create a new map. Once the new map is available the board will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting to adopt.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve claims, excluding claim #02250103 for \$40,500 to Landis Truck & Equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ADMIN EXPENSE	840.00
INMATE COST	50.00
SERVICES	150.00
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SUPPLIES	34.16
ATTY FEES	500.00
SUPPLIES	447.50
2025 DUES	50.00
REGISTRATION	25.00
DUES	50.00
SUPPLIES	10.00
POSTAGE	15.50
CELL PHONE	150.00
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Meeting recessed at 10:01 a.m. to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Office reports:

Assessor reported on area counties ag land values. The pickup work throughout the county will be conducted starting the week of February 24th.

Clerk presented a reprinted check from October that the original check has never been received through the mail. This makes several checks that have never been delivered to the intended payee and not returned to us as the sender.

Sheriff gave an activity report and as Emergency Manager discussed legislative bills to watch out for.

Commissioner Moody reported on the County Board Chair workshop she attended last week in Kearney. A list of legislative bills to watch for was discussed.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-5, stating opposition to mandatory electronic id tags for livestock. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL application for the Highway 2 Depot on May 24, 2025 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk