

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 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, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, 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 publication in the Thomas County Herald on February 20, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 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 February 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 26, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Tree trimming on S Maple Street leading up to the cemetery was discussed. Commissioner Moody has been in contact with Tyler Teahon about trimming/cutting trees along the portion of the road south of the river bridge. Other problem trees in Seneca and E. Antelope Valley Road were discussed. Commissioner Moody will contact the landowners along S. Maple Street to discuss the counties intentions. Commissioner Moody will also contact Tyler Teahon about getting on his schedule.

The 1 & 6 Year road plan discussion was tabled until March 18th meeting.

Discussion was held on the policy to use county equipment during a fire.

Discussion for surplus of the Freightliner was tabled until the next meeting.

Informal bids had been reviewed from four various dealers for a new/used semi.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to purchase the 2016 Peterbilt from Pioneer Equipment in Hastings for \$47,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Hooker County Commissioners in regards to the Interlocal agreement for Heritage Road/Fuller Road was read.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to acknowledge Hooker County's decision to terminate the Interlocal Agreement on Heritage/Fuller Road with Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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	2817.17
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	454.12
RICHARD COOK	DUES & MILEAGE	434.60
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1089.51
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	467.33
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	77.54
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	139.95
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.40
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1282.67
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	738.26
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	150.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8200.02
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	20.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29905.16

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	898.92
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	136.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	111.30
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	392.94
PIONEER EQUIPMENT	2016 PETERBILT	47500.00
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	18.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2430.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2372.40
JAMES L SEVIER	SNOW REMOVAL	420.00
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
U S BANK	FUEL-CASEYS	64.46
SALARIES		8336.70

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	253.97
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.03
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	REPAIRS	287.67
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
TL MEYER	FUEL	46.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	196.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	79.39
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1022.29
SALARIES		4098.34

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	102.19
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	201.88
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	112.74
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	138.08
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	70.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	337.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	351.58
SALARIES		1267.24

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	526.22
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.08
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	136.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	46.48
SALARIES		269.23

Office/fee reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of February.

Assessor reported that the rural reappraisal work has been completed by Central Plains Valuation. New depreciation tables were established based on market sales throughout Thomas County. Home/Farm sites will remain at the same value as the previous year. Parcels with multiple home sites within the MLR location will be set as follows: 1st homesite value of \$35,000 any additional homesites included in the same parcel will be lowered to \$20,000.

Acreage values will be as follows:

1st acre homesite \$20,000-\$35,000 (remains the same)

2-10 acres \$4,500 per acre (remains the same)

10+ acres \$867 per acre (this was lowered from \$1,000 per acre)

Treasurer reported that the tax sale was held Monday March 3rd. During the public sale she reported 1 bidder registered for the sale and 1 delinquent tax parcel was sold. The public sale is now closed and the private sale is open to purchase any delinquent tax.

Sheriff had supplied the Clerk with the information on the speed study for Highway 2 to present to the board.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Fish & Wildlife zoom meeting she participated in.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

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