

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 1, 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 Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, 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 March 20, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 1, 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 March 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 27, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road personnel out grading since we had received moisture. Windmill West receiving road repair in spots.

Commissioner Herbaugh called Figgins about cold mix and armor coat expense. Cold Mix is \$135/ton and armor coat approximately \$26,000/mile. Possible work on N Seneca Ave for this year. Commissioner Moody will talk with Cherry County Commissioner about possible collaboration between Thomas and Cherry County on work.

Road personnel Keith Hartman will check with Croell in North Platte on their cost for cold mix.

Road maintenance classification map reviewed before new maps printed and public hearings scheduled to update the map.

Bridge planks need replaced on Daly bridge. Road men will replace with the planks in inventory.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to accept the estimate from TT Tree Service for Maple Street South in the amount of \$4,300. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the agreement with Jim Johnston for exchange of tow hook/pin and two loads mix material. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Midwest Equipment online auction listing and marketing agreement to sell the Freightliner. 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 approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$171 for a used JD metric wrench set. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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	2720.70
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1050.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	639.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	462.83
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	458.20
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	491.80
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	50.00
	COPY	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER/SUPPLIES	370.84
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	274.97
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	168.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1248.42
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	41.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	82.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7996.55
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	10.10
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	168.00
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	59.98
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29238.04
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	940.93
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	44.08
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	110.69
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	57.64
L & L GRAVEL	WRENCH SET	171.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	411.02
POWERPLAN	SUPPLIES	10.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	76.34
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2142.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2468.82
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	13.73
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	10.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		8607.35
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.28
VISITORS FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	951.38
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	228.38
ARNOLD INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE	2283.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.44
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	185.57
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	84.54
SANDHILLS RANCH EXPO, INC	BOOTH EXPENSE	250.00

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	965.53
SALARIES		3960.52

LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	236.29
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	12.92
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.82
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	120.05
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	20.76
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	83.20
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	34.33
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	432.13
SALARIES		1489.60

BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	133.54
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	29.62
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	7.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	72.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	80.56
SALARIES		466.65

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of March.

The new Blue Cross Blue Shield pricing should be out the last week of April for the next fiscal year. Gregg Mooney will be present at the April 15th meeting to discuss options for health insurance.

The Clerk also reported on upcoming calendar dates.

Treasurer stated that the Property tax credit and school tax credit will not be disbursed to the political subdivisions until May. Money was not deposited to the Treasurer until April 1st.

Treasurer advised on West Central meeting updates on DMV discussions.

Library usage report presented.

Sheriff quarterly fee report presented. Activity report given. Discussion on legislative news.

Commissioner Moody gave reports on various meetings she has attended. Planning/Zoning discussion on updating comp plans every five years, crypto mining, and solar farms.

County Board Chair workshop addressed the new county purchasing act.

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

Lawn care bids were opened at 10:00 a.m. One bid received from Marion Rhoades in the amount of \$1,700 per month.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the lawn care bid from Marion Rhoades in the amount of \$1,700/month for the 2025 growing season. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 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