

# Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Organizational Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:20 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, Count Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road employee Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 December 22, 2022.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 5, 2023 organizational meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to elect Pam Moody as Chairperson of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to elect Charles Daly as Vice Chair of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Abstain – Daly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to set the 2023 regular board meeting dates as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 8:30 a.m.; the first meeting of July will be held on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to set the following deadlines for meetings:

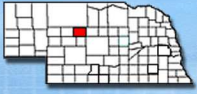
Notice in the paper – 10 days prior to the meeting

Claims turned into the County Clerk's office by the Friday before the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to set the 2023 observed holiday dates as: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 16<sup>th</sup>, President's Day – February 20<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday – April 7<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day – April 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day – May 29<sup>th</sup>, Juneteenth Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day – September 4<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day – October 9<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day – November 10<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup>, New Year's Day – January 1, 2024. \*\*and/or any designated holiday by the Nebraska Governor and/or President of the United States; providing no court or board meeting are scheduled on said days. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint the Thomas County Herald as the official news publication for Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to designate [www.thomascountynebraska.us](http://www.thomascountynebraska.us) as the official county website. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-1, naming Security First Bank, Thedford as the official county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2023-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer authority to invest county funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to appoint Joseph Smith as the Thomas County Emergency Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to appoint Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve agreement with Lloyd Smith for County Highway Superintendent duties and fees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to appoint Lloyd Smith as Thomas County Surveyor for the 4 year term. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veteran's Service Officer. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to name the following board appointments:

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Charles Daly & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Lewis Herbaugh

Region 26 – Joseph Smith

Lexington Solid Waste – Lewis Herbaugh

West Central Development District – Charles Daly

Sandhills RC & D – Pam Moody

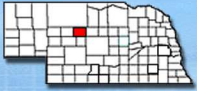
Thomas County Safety Committee – Lewis Herbaugh

Thomas County Planning Commission liaison – Pam Moody.

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

No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.



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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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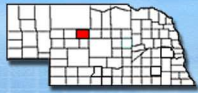
Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 5, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:42 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 5, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the December 20, 2022 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 29, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## Road discussion:

Discussion was held on the snow emergency declaration for Thomas County. The board talked over the phone with Roger Klasna with the Nebraska Department of Transportation about the assistance that the State could offer with equipment. Following the meeting Keith Hartman will meet with two representatives with NDOT to look at the roads and to see what equipment could be used to help move the snow. The disaster declaration will allow for NEMA to assist in helping pay for additional resources to help move snow.

Additional discussion included getting assistance from outside contractors to assist in moving snow and opening roads.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

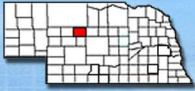
Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2464.56
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	715.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7463.61
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATT FEES	1780.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	86.93
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	474.30
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	163.75
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	584.75
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	179.26
HD ARMS LLC	SUPPLIES	2673.08
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	959.60
MEBULBS	SUPPLIES	898.29
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	659.12
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1084.91
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	60.00
	LETTER	
RECOGNITION UNLIMITED	OPENER	30.95
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	10466.94
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	113.23
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	6828.60
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATT FEES	180.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	1009.47
U S BANK	FUEL	183.82
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24082.59

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	580.23
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	133.31



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EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	CLOCK	39.89
NEAL LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	37.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	270.78
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	378.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3344.08
SANDHILL SUTTON'S SPEED & SUPPLY	WIPER BLADES	21.28
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1684.10
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		6011.87

## PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.12
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## EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	310.10
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	218.33
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	107.70
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	79.66
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	623.66
SALARIES		1617.56

## LIBRARY FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	149.49
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	125.53
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.36
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	146.57
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	8.30
GALEN NEBEN	REPAIRS	80.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	14.73
	SNOW	
JACOB REISER	REMOVAL	100.00
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	175.12
SALARIES		851.32

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	338.55
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	83.08
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	19.36
SALARIES		116.80

## Office reports:

Fee report for the month of December was provided to the board.

Clerk reported on a policy that needs to be adopted to give gifts/plaques to elected officials. There will need to be a public hearing to adopt this policy.

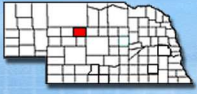
Election expenses of \$4,619.19 have been collected from other political subdivisions for the 2022 General Election. This covers about ½ the cost of the General Election.

The county may need to replace the desktop computer/server, currently the server is unable to connect to outside vendors to conduct county business.

Treasurer gave a brief financial report, a more itemized report will be provided at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Sheriff presented the quarterly fee report to the board. He also reported on how he obtained NEMA assistance for the snow emergency declaration.

An inmate/jail report was given to the board.



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

No public comment.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 Thomas County Clerk's office during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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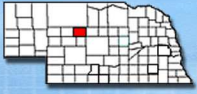
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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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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/Thomas County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, Thayne Rodocker and Thomas County Weed Superintendent.

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 5, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 17, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the January 5, 2023 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 12, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 12, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

The board reviewed the rates for skid steer snow removal and agreed that \$70/hour would be an agreeable reimbursement rate. The invoice for Jim Sevier will be paid at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting after receiving the required W9 form.

No invoice has been received from Scott Starr for loader snow removal work. Commissioner Daly will check to see if they need to submit an invoice for snow removal.

The board reviewed applications received for part time road employment. They would like to have the applicants come in to visit with the board about the positions at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

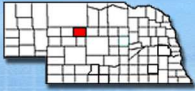
Discussion was had on the next upcoming snow storm. Keith talked with the board about purchasing a pressure washer for the shop.

The GPS in the 770G grader is currently not working. Keith will check into switching one from the silver pick up until a replacement unit can be sent.

Correspondence presented. Letter received from Phillip Licking. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**



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ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	330.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	18.24
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.58
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	582.29
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	4055.00
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	2023 DUES	50.00
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2023 DUES	60.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	1059.41
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	120.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES	200.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXPENSES	163.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	228.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	81.66
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COST	179.56
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	6800.00

#### ROAD FUND-

BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	109.75
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2469.98
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	154.10
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	2023 LEASE	111.00
U S BANK	CDL QUERY	1.25

#### EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	31.26
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	60.00

#### Office reports:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported on the condition of the 938G Cat Loader. He is concerned about using the loader out to far into the county in case it would break down. A lot of tax payer dollars has already been spent on the loader and he feels it doesn't have a lot of hours for the amount of repairs that has been put into it.

Clerk reported on LB363, the consolidation of District Court with the County Court office. This bill has been presented to remove the duty of Clerk of the District Court from the Ex-Officio clerks and place it with the State County Court offices. Assessor discussion included the increases to Ag land for 2023 and 2024. With the three year study period the high dollar sales will not be showing up until 2024 and the same year the low dollar sales will drop out of the study period causing the needed increase in value. To break up the huge increase in ag land value for 2024, this year it might work to do a 9% increase and the next year a 11% increase in ag land. All these numbers are preliminary at this time.

Treasurer presented the December financial report and reviewed what money is restricted and what is available to use for expenses. The semi annual report was also presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to appoint the following Thomas County Library board appointments:

Michelle McIntosh – term expiring 2025

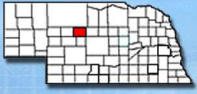
Alison Werner – term expiring 2027

Marcy Andersen – term expiring 2027

Ronda Haumann – term expiring 2027

Justina Benscoter – term expiring 2027

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



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Rich Cook presented the Annual weed report to the board. Discussion was held on leafy spurge in the county and the monitoring of the weed. He will also be watching the land that burned to check for any noxious weeds that may try appearing.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Annual weed report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Audit report by Don Wilson for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The audit report has been completed and is on file in the County Clerk's office.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the one-year audit engagement letter with Don Wilson for \$7,200. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposal for the Thomas County Standardized Courtroom upgrades provided by the State of Nebraska. The county will be responsible for providing electrical and data ports all other expenses will be paid for by the State of Nebraska.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the proposal for the Standardized Courtroom upgrades. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the Interlocal agreement with the Village of Thedford for Solid Waste collection. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to reallocate the distributions for the National Opioid Settlement payments to be paid directly to Region II Behavioral Health. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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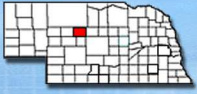
Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



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February 7, 2023

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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 26, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 7, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 26, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

#### Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had talked with Tim Licking about doing contract labor on S. Seneca to help get the water off the roadway. The board agreed to have Tim Licking sign a contract to perform work on S. Seneca at \$100/hour for grader or loader work, not to exceed \$3,500.

The board visited with the two part time applicants. Troy would be available to help up to 30 hours per week, starting February 13<sup>th</sup>. Jim is available to help part time on a as needed basis for projects, he will also be available to help keep snow removal completed in Seneca and surrounding roads. The starting rate will be \$17.50/hour for both part time employees.

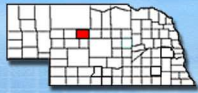
Lloyd will check with Gary Reynolds about crushing the material at the airport. Pam will also check with the airport to see if there will be anymore material that they want removed and that can be added to the crush pile.

Discussion was held on possible locations for bulk diesel storage. No action taken.

Road projects: Need to put some mud rock between the railroad tracks and bridge in Seneca. Crack sealing and armor coat on Purdum Ave discussed.

Kaufman trailer still on order. Replacement GPS units should be coming, the old units ran off 3G and will no longer work. Shaffer Communications advised that we would see a credit on the next quarterly statement for lack of service. Correspondence presented. Commissioner Moody and Commissioner Daly will attend the board workshop February 17<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

Chair Moody opened the public hearing to establish a recognition award policy at 10:00 a.m.  
No public present for public hearing.



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Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 10:06 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-3, establishing a recognition award policy with a limit of no more than \$250. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

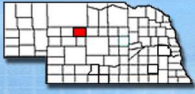
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CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	651.24
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	465.22
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	626.13
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	35.26
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	85.15
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	129.95
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES	LODGING	392.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NDA REGION II	DUES 2023	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1092.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	1374.60
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES 2023	50.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6890.12
CHEVAS SHAW	ATTY FEES	180.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTY FEES	664.38
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	37.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	7.32
ANDREA THOMAS	JAN MILEAGE	256.76
U S BANK	FUEL	70.01
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	2023 DUES	25.00
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COST	175.34
SALARIES		24430.89

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	541.21
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	124.30
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	112.04
JAMES L SEVIER	SERVICES	420.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	81.81
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	260.68
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	183.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	15048.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1779.83
SALARIES		6895.20

**PRETRIAL FUND-**



# Thomas County Board Minutes



VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.88
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	310.10
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.01
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.18
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	6.83
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	107.70
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	656.60
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA EXTENSION	LAPTOP/MONITOR	2559.20
SALARIES		1816.36

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	142.23
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.81
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	60.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	225.79
NEAL LUMBER CO	REPAIRS	385.59
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	28.32
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	703.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	198.74
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	51.50
SALARIES		1077.01

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	28.39
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	19.36
SALARIES		116.80

**Office reports:**

Clerk presented fee report for the month of January.

Central Plains Valuation is here in the county this week to complete pickup work and look at the Residential sales statistics.

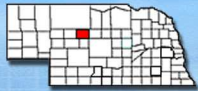
Clerk reminded all elected officials that they need to complete their statement of financial interest by March 1<sup>st</sup>. You can complete online or mail paper copies.

Treasurer reviewed the ARPA grant funds and what is available. The board decided to open the application process back up with a deadline application of May 31, 2023.

Commissioner Moody gave a report on the meeting she attended last Friday for LB281. Letters can be submitted online for the hearing if one would choose to do so.

Commissioner Moody also wants to consider developing a road foreman position. More discussion will follow at a later date.

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



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The NIRMA 2023-2024 renewal application was discussed. The Clerk has requested an additional quote for increased cyber liability insurance. No action taken until quote is received from NIRMA.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to participate in the Opioid litigation with Teva, Allergen, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
February 21, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 9, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the February 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 16, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road conditions were discussed. As the roads dry up the graders will be out trying to grade. The board reviewed the current road maintenance plan and suggested changes. Changes to the plan are tabled at this time.

Miles Maseberg will be fixing the auto gate on E. Antelope Valley Rd.

Discussion was held on CDL drivers for delivering material. Susan Neal is still listed as a part time employee and will be available to help.

Lloyd reported that he had spoken with the crushers and they are about a month out.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had spoken with Ron Masten, Thomas County Airport Authority, on any existing material left at the airport that may need to be crushed. He will check and report back to Pam.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to pay claims as presented excluding claim #02230104. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	640.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	2980.56
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT	FOOD	43.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	500.76
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.29
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE COST	3450.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	INMATE COST	280.50
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	107.76
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES 2023	50.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	99.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT SLIPS	85.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	58.15
U S BANK	UNIFORMS	131.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.76

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	101.14
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	212.00
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	204.70

**EXTENSION FUND-**

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	7.52
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES 2023	100.00
NEAL LUMBER CO	REPAIRS	4.90

**LIBRARY FUND-**

FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	DATA PROCESSING	802.23
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	14.00

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICES	7.00
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**Office reports:**

Assessor reported on the West Central District meeting in North Platte last week. Discussion was held on LB820, income approach to valuing ag land.

Upcoming Planning/Zoning meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> for Verizon tower west of Halsey.

Hanna:Keelan has been presented with the updates to the Zoning regulations and a quote was requested to update Zoning for the former village of Seneca. No response from Hanna:Keelan has been received.

Treasurer gave a financial report for the month of January. Delinquent tax sale will be held on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer also reported on NPAIT investments.

**Emergency Manager report:**

The new siren is getting installed at the Thedford Rural Fire hall, the funds from ARPA and Mid Nebraska Foundation helped to pay for the new equipment.

A report on LB646, this bill would change the taxes on landline phones and include cell phone tax to be collected for 911 centers. This would help to decrease the county assessment to Region 26.

**Sheriff report:**

Current inmate housing, 1 inmate still housed in Custer County jail. The two inmates housed in North Platte and no longer housed there. One was sentenced to prison and the other to probation.

Forest contract annual cost will remain the same at \$7,800. The hourly sheriff rate was increased along with mileage, the equipment portion of the contract will remain the same at \$1,300.

The Sheriff is looking to trade the gator off and get a 4 wheeler.

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

Commissioner Daly left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-4, ARPA grant for With Love Photography. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization.

Chairman Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

National Functional Classification map was reviewed.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to open the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Hearing opened at 11:00 a.m.

The 1 & 6 year road plan map was reviewed.

No public present to comment.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Hearing closed at 11:18 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-5, 1 & 6 Year Road plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 7, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, 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 February 23, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 7, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the February 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 2, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported that Tom Licking was using the grader on S. Seneca this week. The previous week he was working on repairing the V-plow for the 770 Grader. Discussion was held on looking to replace the v-plow before next winter. CAT had a new v-plow on the lot for \$11,050. Logan County just replaced their v-plows with Ryland v-plows.

The road department will begin filling in the holes and damage from snow storms on E. Antelope Valley Rd. and other roads as time allows.

The new GPS have been installed. The old units ran off of 3G and quit working after the first of the year. The new units arrived and were installed. A two month credit was given due to the lack of service for January and February.

NIRMA will be holding a sign workshop in Valentine on March 8<sup>th</sup>, both Keith and Troy will attend.

Lloyd and Keith will check out the Thedford Heights road to see if it meets minimum standards before the county will take over maintenance.

The ponds along Railroad Street in Seneca were discussed. The road was built up in 2021 but the overflow from the ponds is running out onto the road causing damage. Commissioner Moody will contact the landowner to discuss options.

Commissioner Moody reported speaking with Ron Masten, Thedford Airport Authority, about the leftover material located at the airport. Ron reported that the county can go ahead and move the material to the county stock pile site to be crushed.

Correspondence presented. The flyer from Green Acres lawn care was reviewed. Commissioner Herbaugh asked that we reach out to them for a bid for the courthouse lawn.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2548.54
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	760.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7533.21
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	730.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	33.94

COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
COMFORT INN	LODGING	129.95
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	538.32
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RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	214.58
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	722.78
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	PAPER	102.16
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NACO	REGISTRATION	35.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1104.38
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	1220.54
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	6960.39
THE RADAR SHOP	SERVICES	174.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	39.77
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	10.80
U S BANK	FUEL	56.49
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24720.57
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	538.13
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	1100.04
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	204.96
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	6.68
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	1971.01
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1031.23
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3132.22
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1459.66
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	210.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	11.60
SALARIES		5898.77
<b>PRETRIAL FUND-</b>		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.88
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	274.73
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	3248.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	245.98
RHONDA DAILEY	MILEAGE	39.30
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	72.05
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	82.53
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	96.79
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	63.00
DONNA J REYNOLDS	MEAL	150.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.69
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	545.52
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	78.60
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	5.24
SALARIES		1382.21
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	21.94
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.81
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	70.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	12.03
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	549.00
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	163.30
SALARIES		964.73
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.42
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	217.91

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL	
SALARIES	TAXES	60.46
		360.61

<b>ARPA FUND-</b>		
BRIDGET LICKING	ARPA GRANT	2500.00

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of February.

Clerk also reported on the Planning and Zoning correspondence from Hanna:Keelan.

Treasurer reported that 4 tax sale certificates were issued at the public auction of delinquent taxes on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The county will need to foreclose on the delinquent mineral right parcels. The county attorney will be contacted.

A new DMV port will be installed in the Treasurer’s office at the expense of the DMV.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office. He also reported on the LB646, this bill would help the 911 centers receive alternate funding other than what the counties pay to maintain.

The new fire & tornado sirens were installed in Thedford.

Emergency Manager report was given on the LEOP manual.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the domain registration for thomascountyne.gov. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The County Attorney reviewed the correspondence from Hanna:Keelan on updating the zoning regulations. More information needs to be reviewed before the county proceeds with the updates.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension office, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 March 9, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 21, 2023 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 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 16, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Email correspondence from Spud Construction was reviewed. Board agreed that road personnel Keith Hartman could contact them with additional questions.

Quote from NMC on v-plow pricing was reviewed. No action will be taken at this time.

Road employee conversation included a request from Troy Collins to take time off for calving at this time, but would be available to help with snow removal, until calving is over. Commissioner Daly reported that Jim Purdum had questioned about part time employment. County Clerk Hartman reported that Monte Dickman stopped in the office and reported that he still had his CDL and was available to work. County Treasurer Thomas reported what it would take for an employee to upgrade a CDL license. No class is required, only need to complete a skills test with the DMV.

Commissioner Moody gave a report on Railroad Street in Seneca. The county is still looking to obtain the undercut material from the railroad to lay as base and cover with material.

Discussion on bids for crushing material was discussed. County Highway Superintendent had received an informal bid from Prouty Construction to crush the material at \$8.25 per ton. Prouty Construction estimated the material piles to be 4,000-5,000 ton of asphalt and 750 ton of concrete. The high estimate of material would be a cost of approximately \$47,437.50 to crush. The board requested Lloyd reach out to Northern Plains to see if they would submit another quote. Lloyd Smith stepped out of the meeting to call, when returning he was told that Northern Materials was not able to submit a quote due to not being able to fit in their schedule. No other quotes were available.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the quote from Prouty Construction to crush the airport stockpile material at \$8.25 per ton. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the old snowblower for the courthouse grounds. This snowblower was purchased in 1999 and has been rebuilt on two different occasions. It currently has a major oil leak and needs replaced. Road employee Hartman agreed to price between Bomgaars and NAPA on a new snow blower.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to pursue the purchase of a new snow blower for the courthouse. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	330.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	650.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	1917.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	453.45
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	69.97
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	54.57
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE	935.00
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	303.71
MODERN TIRE PROS	SERVICES	99.99
NACO	REGISTRATION	35.00
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	75.59
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	111.00
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTY FEES	100.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXT,BKMB,POST	6543.87
U S BANK	SHO-FUEL	10.55
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.28

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	101.16
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1985.30
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	65.91

**VISITORS FUND-**

POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	ADVERTISING	250.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

KWIK STOP	FUEL	39.38
TL MEYER	MEALS	61.44

**LIBRARY FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	84.36
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SOFTWARE	199.00
ONE SOURCE THE BACKGROUND CHECK CO	SERVICES	54.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	257.50

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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**Office reports:**

Assessor reported that the Abstract of Real Property has been submitted to the State. The valuation has had a increase of \$20,190,509 from last year. Ag land increased to \$585 per acre along with Residential homes in Thedford and Seneca increasing by 15% in value. Lot values in Thedford also took a 15% increase in value.

Clerk reported on upcoming Planning/Zoning meetings and applications.

Treasurer presented the February financial report. Daycare grant discussion was held. Andrea Thomas reported on working on helping the community obtain grants to establish a daycare facility. If the grant is received the grant money could be run through the counties Grant Fund. No tax dollars will be used, it is money that will be receipted and expended through the County Grant Fund. The board agreed that if the Grant is received the county would serve as the fiscal sponsor.

Sheriff reported that the new siren is installed at the fire hall and is up and running. Grant funds from the Mid Nebraska Foundation (Childers fund) and Thomas County ARPA grant funds. The siren will be tested monthly with the first test coming on March 29<sup>th</sup> for the State Tornado drill. The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month will be the testing of the tornado siren at 6 p.m., and the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month will be the testing of the fire siren at 6 p.m.

TL Meyer-Extension office visited with the board about working on the upcoming budget. A question was presented to the board about checking into increasing the full time county employees health insurance to cover employee/spouse coverage. TL also agreed that childcare is an issue for employers and employees and it is good to be looking into helping cover this need in the community.

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

A letter of resignation was received from Bobbi Scott for the Thomas County Planning Commission. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the letter of resignation from Bobbi Scott. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board would also like to thank Bobbi for her service on the Planning Commission board.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had visited with several of the names suggested to her for the Planning Commission board. Rahn Bek agreed to serve on the Thomas County Planning Commission. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Rahn Bek and reappoint Miles Maseberg, Jay Jones and Linda Cowdin to the Thomas County Planning Commission with the term expiring in 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented the suggested language changes from NIRMA on the Employee Handbook. The board will take time to review the current handbook and suggested changes. A handbook work session will be held on the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Clerk presented the quote from Green Acres for fertilizing against the cost from Charron Lawn Care. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to retain Charron Lawn care for fertilizing services for the 2023 growing season. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 4, 2023

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 Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, Dave Masek, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and via Zoom Jeffrey Skinner-authorized representative of Verizon.

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 23, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 4, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**Road discussion:**

Maintenance on roads discussed. Thayne Rodocker has agreed to assist with grading in his area. Troy Collins is still on leave for calving.

Dave Masek met with the board about Thedford Heights Blvd. Discussion was held on what minimum standards need to be met before the county takes over maintenance of the road. The road needs to be a minimum of 18' wide. Discussion was also held about the railroad rock on the road. Comments were made that this type of material is hard to grade, the best option would be to put at least 2" of aggregate (clay mixture) over top of the railroad rock.

Gaston Bridge phone conversation with the County Clerk office was discussed. Lloyd reported that he had spoken to Nate Marco with the USFS about the concerns from adjacent landowner employee. The USFS will contact the employee to discuss their concerns.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that Riverside Rd from Collins to the Booth property needs material.

Application from Kenny Call for additional work to third party road was reviewed. Commissioner Daly is concerned with this process of the road maintenance policy. Future discussion on the road maintenance policy will be discussed. Commissioner Herbaugh is concerned the wording on the application and would like the county attorney to review his concern about competing with private contractors.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Kenny Call application for additional work on Call Lane to haul material paid for by landowner for 1/8 of a mile. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve application for additional work to third party road for W Antelope Valley Rd to haul material paid for by landowner for spot repair. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$2,160. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2547.96
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	760.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7463.61
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	2247.30
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	106.46
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	TIRES/REPAIR	1143.89
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	474.54
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	142.66
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	845.23
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	3880.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	117.51
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	47.98
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	89.08
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23

NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	150.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1104.34
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	26.94
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	96.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	10466.94
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	156.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6962.73
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.40
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	408.81
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		41411.54

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	590.21
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	208.36
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	94.50
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2610.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	227.70
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1791.84
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1511.09
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		7188.20

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.88
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**VISITORS FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	993.12
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	321.55
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	242.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
TL MEYER	FUEL/LODGING	162.51
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	112.47
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	683.64
SALARIES		4283.57

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	167.45
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.46
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	4.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	24.64
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	15.73
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	277.60
SALARIES		603.88

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	28.42
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.24
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	136.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	66.12
SALARIES		234.28

Office reports:

Clerk presented the March fee report for the office.

West Central District meeting update was given. It doesn't look like the legislature will get a lot done this year, over 860 bills were introduced and the estimates are that approximately only 30 bills will be passed. If the bill doesn't have priority status it probably is not going to make it. Wayne Bena, Deputy Secretary of State Elections visited with the Clerk's and talked about what the Voter ID bill might look like, if anything get passed in the legislature.

Treasurer certified that the public tax sale is closed, private tax sales are still open. The Treasurer will direct the County Attorney to search if foreclosure on delinquent mineral rights is required.

Sheriff presented his 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fee report to the board. He also gave an activity report for the office.

The Sheriff also reported that he had traded in the 2010 John Deere gator for a new CanAm 4 wheeler at No Limit Power in Valentine. He had obtained three informal quotes from Ag Land, Tehrani and No Limit Power. He received \$6,250 for a trade in on the 2010 John Deere Gator and paid out \$9,527.40 for the new 2022 CanAm 4 wheeler.

Emergency Manager report was given on the new tornado siren and the testing. The Sheriff/Emergency Manager also wanted to give special recognition to the Thedford Fire & Rescue for their dedication and service, these individuals respond at all hours of the day for emergency calls with no pay.

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

Chairman Moody opened the one bid received for lawn care from Marion Rhoades.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the bid from Marion Rhoades in the amount of \$1,000 per month for lawn care maintenance for mowing, tree limb removal, leaf maintenance and additional duties to include grass trimming and clearing of sidewalk debris (grass) after mowing. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Moody opened the public hearing at 10:15 a.m. for the special use permit by Verizon.

Jeffrey Skinner, Authorized Verizon representative joined the meeting by Zoom to present the proposed application for a 298' Cell Phone Tower in Pt. NE1/4 Section 2-22-26.

Chairman Moody presented information and questions that were discussed during the Planning/Zoning board hearing.

No public comment was received on this application. County Clerk only received questions on the location.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 10:22 a.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the special use permit application from Verizon for a cell phone tower located in Pt. NE1/4 Section 2, Township 22 North, Range 26 West, Sixth P.M. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the MOU-Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership for the proposed courtroom technology install. The board directed the Clerk to get more information on the technology to be installed and the future responsibilities of the county for any upgrades to equipment. The board would also like the Clerk to check with surrounding counties on their opinions of the project. This item was tabled until the April 18, 2023 meeting.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2023

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 Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

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 April 6, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 18, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the April 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 13, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on purchasing a pressure washer for the shop. Keith presented information on a Hustler pressure washer.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to authorize road personnel to purchase a pressure washer from Mike’s Motorcycle not to exceed \$2,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody reported that it looked like someone was working on the Gaston Bridge.

County Clerk reported that the new flatbed trailer should be delivered to the Nebraska location for pickup sometime this week or beginning of next week.

Discussion was held on current grading schedules. Commissioner Daly will reach out to the part time road employee to see if a scheduled date of return to work can be discussed.

The board reviewed federal surplus equipment for water trailers. Commissioner Herbaugh will talk with Terry Higgins about a tank to be used in the back of the dump truck, if needed.

Discussion was held on doing an overlay on the 3 ½ miles of road up by Purdum. Commissioner Moody reports that the road is in pretty bad shape. The County Clerk will reach out to Lloyd Smith to advise of this potential project.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	800.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	746.40
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	SERVICES	387.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	425.42
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	89.97
NO LIMIT POWER INC	2022 CAM-AM	9527.40
REGION 26	15 ID BADGES	22.50
3 B'S STUDIO INC	SUPPLIES	85.89
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	WEED EXP	80.32
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	107.97
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65

THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE FEE/POSTAGE	41.95
U S BANK	FUEL	334.62
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.22
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	79.50
NEBRASKALAND TIRE CO	TIRES	1350.68
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1397.10
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	21.00
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	25.71
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	INK CARTRIDGES	241.72
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported that the Reports and Opinion is available online for the assessment practices of Thomas County. Statewide Equalization will begin and after the final decision by TERC is received the change of value letters will be printed and mailed out towards the end of May.

Joint discussion with the Assessor and Treasurer about severed mineral rights was given to the board.

Open enrollment for AFLAC will be on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30 a.m.

A report was given on the bookmobile damage.

Treasurer presented the financial report. Reports that taxes are starting to come in, the first half is delinquent May 1<sup>st</sup>. The courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for Arbor Day.

Community report from the Treasurer, she reported that she received a \$30,000 grant to get a daycare started. This will be applied \$10,000 per year for three years to help develop a business plan and assist with community engagement.

Sheriff had provided information about the statewide fire ban.

Commissioner Daly relayed a question about investing deposits in local banks. The Treasurer reported that she had only received one application to be a depository for the county. The financial institutions must submit an application to the county asking to be named as a county depository.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the MOU-Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of ownership with Administrative Office of Courts. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the commercial appraisal contract with Central Plains Valuation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook work session was held.

Rich Cook, Thomas County Weed Superintendent presented the scoring report from his Annual Weed Report.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the scoring report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 2, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer – Central Sandhills Area Extension Office, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Val Jansante-Community Liaison for Adrian 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 April 20, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 2, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the April 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 27, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly reported that he had spoken with Troy Collins and he does plan to return to work.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he attended the Village of Thedford board meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> and the board agreed that the county could use the Village's water tank to haul water when necessary.

Discussion was held on the availability of railroad rock for special projects. The county would really like to obtain some railroad rock to be used on Railroad Street in Seneca.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith still had no timeline that the crusher would be here in Thomas County.

Road employee Hartman reported that he met with Doug Boyer of Cherry County Roads to look at W. North Loup Road by Purdum. The discussion was that instead of a complete overlay for this portion of the road, it may be fixed by a good hand patching project.

Commissioner Moody will check with a few available 18 year olds to see if they would be interested in some part time work.

Commissioner Moody will also check with Barrett Sikes at the A L Ranch to see if there is any clay available to be used on road projects.

The Purdum Road needs some shoulder work completed. Road employee Hartman will use some of the mix material to patch the shoulders.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2536.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7463.61
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	183.26
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	464.28
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	153.25
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	799.54

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	31.70
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1100.78
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	63.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1143.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6943.09
AMANDA M. SPEICHERT	ATTY FEES	786.46
THE EMBLEM AUTHORITY	SUPPLIES	321.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	140.68
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	15.55
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	85.15
U S BANK	EXPENSES	1089.03
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24666.28

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	417.50
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	268.43
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	120.94
	PRESSURE	
MIKES MOTORCYCLE & ATV REPAIR	WASHER	1919.95
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	178.47
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2804.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1228.63
SALARIES		4586.25

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.50
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	283.05
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	226.08
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	FAIR BOOKS	75.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEALS	120.00
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	89.08
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	MTG NOTICE	5.97
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	48.47
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	99.07
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	69.49
SANDRA I HEAVICAN	MILEAGE	2.62
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	563.89
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	48.47
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	15.72
SALARIES		1437.88

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	719.06
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	142.95
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.51
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	102.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	14.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	530.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	220.46
SALARIES		1118.37

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.62
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	66.92
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	104.15
SALARIES		402.33

**Office reports:**

Clerk presented office fee report for the month of April. Applied Connective has helped in submitting a cyber security grant in the amount of \$9,000 to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

Assessor reported that Statewide Equalization has been completed and No Order to Show Cause was issued. The change of value notices will be printed this month and mailed out on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer reported that Applied Connective would be taking over servicing the security camera set up at the courthouse. She also needs to order a new computer for her office, Applied Connective will assist in the process. The office has been busy receipting tax money.

Emergency Manager asked that Chairman of the Board sign an Emergency Declaration to be on file at Region 26 in the event the county suffer from a disaster. Having this form available at Region 26 aids in getting any state assistance coming in sooner.

Sheriff gave a forest activity report. He also reported that the new ATV is up and running to be used.

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

Discussion was held on the new rates for the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield plan. There was an increase of 3.98% for the premiums this year.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to maintain the \$1,100 deductible plan with NACO Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL Meyer presented information on employee health insurance to the board from the four counties that the Central Sandhills Area Extension covers.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to change the non-elected full time employee benefit package to 100% employee/spouse coverage for health insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the USDA Forest Service agreement for law enforcement services in the amount of \$7,800. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays - none. Motion carried.

Employee handbook session was held.

Val Jansante, Community Liaison for Rep. Adrian Smith met with the board and gave a legislative update on projects in Washington D.C.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
May 16, 2023

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 Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Tom & Twyla Witt, and Cay Ewoldt.

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 May 4, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 16, 2023 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 May 2, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 11, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly reported that he had spoken with Troy Collins about returning to work for the road department. He currently has other commitments that he would like to complete but would like to keep his name included in the list for part time employee.

More discussion followed about finding road department help.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will check with Cherry County road department to see if they would have any part time employees that would be interested in working for Thomas County to do patching projects.

Discussed an auto gate located on the Logan/Thomas County line that needs replaced/repaired. The board questioned whether Logan County would do a cost share on this project. Lorissa will talk with Rich Cook, Logan County Highway Superintendent. During the meantime Keith will take the welder down and try to repair.

Discussion was held on repair work on Windmill Rd. Currently with the moisture the road department is trying to get all county roads graded. Once completed road projects will begin.

Commissioner Moody reported that Andersen Ln (Randy Barnes) filled with eroded soil from the Bovee fire. Part of this road is on the forest land and other part is county road. Discussion followed to see if Bryan Rodocker, who currently does road maintenance for the Forest Service, is available to repair this road. The Forest Service will try to do erosion control on the land that burnt to prevent this from happening again.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had spoken with Barret Sikes about obtaining clay from his property and he gave the go ahead to get all the clay we would need.

Keith reported that the dump truck has an air bag issue. Discussion followed on where to check for leaks.

Lloyd reported that the crushing should start the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence presented. County Board Workshop information presented to the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	771.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	955.00

CIOX HEALTH	DATA FEE	20.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	805.05
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	215.78
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.29
NACO	DUES/REGISTRATION	1129.14
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	DUES	50.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	459.00
MARION RHOADES	MAY LAWN CARE	1000.0
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	AMMUNITION	983.49
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	16.35
U S BANK	EXPENSES	1583.16
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	ENVELOPES	392.25
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06
WESTERN CARTOGRAPHERS	MAPS	80.00

**ROAD FUND-**

B'S ENTERPRISES INC	GRADER BLADES	1358.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1486.73
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	300.00
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**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	77.55
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	26.35
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	63.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	ICE MELT	12.99

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS-AMAZON	37.99
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

**Office reports:**

Assessor presented information to the County Board about destroyed property Form 425.

Commercial appraisal work to begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Letters were sent out to Commercial property owners in the County.

Change of value letters will be sent out on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Next planning board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m.

Treasurer office provided April financial report.

Sheriff reported that he has received a fully executed law enforcement contract back from the Forest Service. He also reported that he had billed the Forest for the Natick fire incident, which falls outside of the law enforcement contract.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had received a request for funding to the Thedford Art Gallery, like the Historical Society receives for heating/cooling and electricity. The clerk advised the board that the nonprofit historical society can receive funding from the county if they are not receiving funds from a tax levy. More information would need to be obtained from the County Attorney and Auditor to see if funding for the Art Gallery is even allowed.

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

Commissioner Moody opened the public hearing for Special Use permit at 10:00 a.m.

Cay Ewoldt reviewed the application he had filed for the small campground, pond and dog kennel. The board reviewed all information provided. No public comments were filed with the County Clerk. Tom Witt urged the board to approve Cay Ewoldt's application.

Commissioner Moody closed the public hearing at 10:25 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the special use application permit for Cay & Stephanie Ewoldt for a campground, pond and dog kennel located in Pt. of SW1/4 Section 9, Township 23, Range 28. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Written report from Thomas County Historical Society was presented to the county board detailing expenses and income from the previous year. This report fulfills the requirements set forth in state statute 23.355.01(2).

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the report from the Thomas County Historical Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on setting the hourly rate of pay for the road department. Rates from surrounding counties and NDOR were reviewed. Discussion was held on the need to increase the hourly rate in hopes it would attract more road employee candidates.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the following rates:

Head road employee - \$23.00/hour

New starting employee with CDL - \$21.00/hour

New starting employee without CDL - \$20.00/hour

Part time employee - \$17.00/hour

Part time youth employee - \$15.00/hour

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

Twyla Witt asked the Chair if she could present public comment earlier since she needed to leave for an appointment. Chair Moody agreed to let her go ahead and speak.

Twyla presented information from the Bovee restoration meeting held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. She provided board members with the contact information to submit comments on this restoration project.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve reappointing Julianna Hinton to the Thomas County Veterans Service board for a 5 year term. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the SDL liquor license request from the Thedford Volunteer Fire department on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Special Meeting  
May 25, 2023

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 and Chad Andersen.

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

Notice of special meeting was given by the following methods on May 23, 2023. Posted at Ewoldt's Grocery, Thedford Post Office, Halsey Post Office, Seneca Post Office, Thomas County Courthouse, and posted on the Thomas County Courthouse Facebook page.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the May 25, 2023 special meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Application for road department employee was reviewed. Board conducted interview with applicant.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to hire Chad Andersen as full time road employee with a starting hourly rate of \$21/hour along with the benefit package. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and road personnel Keith Hartman.

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 May 25, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 6, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 25, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the May 25, 2023 special meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 1, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on developing road employee job descriptions. The board will hold a work session on the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to develop descriptions.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to recognize the declination of full time road employee offer to Chad Andersen. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board directed the Clerk to advertise the road employee position in various locations and Facebook.

The Clerk reported a message from Lloyd Smith on June 1<sup>st</sup> stating that the crusher would be here around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.

Andersen Lane discussion was held. Bryan Rodocker took a look at the road and thinks that a good grading will get the road back in shape. We will hold off putting any material on the road until the forest service develops a plan to keep the material from washing down off the burnt land. Keith will keep Pam updated if he is able to get to grading the road or Bryan will just grade when he goes in and works on other forest roads.

The flat bed trailer is done and delivered to Beaver City. Keith will need to make arrangements to go down and pick up the trailer.

Discussion was held on purchasing running boards for the county pickup. The board agreed to have Keith price and order the running boards.

Discussion was held on purchasing dirt material from L & L Gravel and have them deliver to the stock pile site. The decision was made to hold off until the crusher has completed crushing the material.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	227.95
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2504.01
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	871.70
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7463.61

BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	210.88
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	15000.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	455.02
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	775.68
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	381.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	139.69
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	94.46
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	165.00
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5020.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	172.92
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	492.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1335.23
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1095.36
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	LICENSE FEES	61.50
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
PRESTO X	SERVICES	68.93
REGION 26	FEES	730.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	284.44
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	6904.78
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	16.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	1611.46
THOMAS COUNTY DEPUTY ATTORNEY	FEES	715.40
THOMAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #28	36.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF	SERVICE FEE	27.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	326.43
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		24458.83

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	651.69
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	85.09
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	72.53
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
KAUFMAN TRAILERS, LLC	TRAILER	34980.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	307.24
NEBRASKA PETERBILT FORD	REPAIRS	2357.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2125.83
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1808.01
	TRANSPORT	
TRAILER DELIVERY SERVICE	FEE	1800.00
SALARIES		6182.50

**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.50
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**VISITORS FUND-**

SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	DUES	590.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	326.75
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2344.25
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	101.22
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	244.15
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	9.77
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	789.39
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	6.58
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	114.64
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	108.99
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	665.65
U S BANK	DEHUMIDIFIER	215.00
SALARIES		1757.89

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	143.33
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.51
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	109.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	19.77
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	279.18
SALARIES		1608.03

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.07
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	22.56
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	104.14
SALARIES		135.21

Office reports:

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

Next week the Clerk will be attending Clerk's workshop in Kearney on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. The office will be closed for a short time on Wednesday morning to allow for travel time. April Smith will be in the office to take messages on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. Kris Rasmussen is out of town with her daughter for several weeks.

Kim Cox has completed the electrical work in the courthouse for the courtroom upgrades.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager supplied a preliminary budget report for Region 26, the Clerk presented the report to the board on his behalf.

Treasurer reported that she is having trouble renewing the County's SAM account, due to numerous email changes over the years. This account is how the county receives the federal funds. The Treasurer reported receiving the Secure Rural School federal funding. The board will need to direct the County Treasurer on how these funds should be disbursed. A Resolution will be prepared for the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Melissa Holt will be retiring from the office on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Western Nebraska Bank has submitted an application to be a depository of funds for Thomas County. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-6, approving Western Nebraska Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

The written report from Seneca Historical Preservation Society was received for the previous year's funding. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the detailed written report from the Seneca Historical Society Preservation Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-7, transferring \$277,000 from County General to the Road Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL liquor application for Sandhill Oil on July 29, 2023 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Thomas County Employee Handbook with changes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 20, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek, TL Meyer, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, and Bob Broweleit.

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 June 8, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 20, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the June 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 15, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL Meyer presented the 2023-2024 Central Sandhills Area Extension budget for the board to review.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the 2023-2024 Central Sandhills Area Extension Office budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL also presented the Interlocal Agreement of Cooperative Extension Services with the Board of Regents of University of Nebraska. This Interlocal agreement was approved at the September 2022 regular board meeting but the signature page has just been completed, Chair Moody signed the Interlocal agreement at today's meeting.

Road discussion:

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that the crusher should be here next week. Commissioner Herbaugh asked that Lloyd confirm that they make sure to crush the material to an inch or less.

The new flatbed trailer has been picked up. The dump truck and freightliner have both been repaired and back here in Thedford.

Current projects on the schedule for the road department include fixing soft spots on various roads and then grading if we get rain.

No new road applications have been received.

Correspondence presented. The letter from Custer Public Power about EV charging stations was presented to the board. The Zoning Administrator, Chairman of the Planning Board and County Attorney are reviewing the information to determine whether a permit will be required.

Letter from District 11 Judges was reviewed, setting fees for court appointed lawyers.

No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT	2463.80
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	910.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	119.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	117.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	97.35
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	788.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	200.41
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	50.00
MONUMENT INN & SUITES	LODGING	315.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	135.00
	JUNE	
MARION RHOADES	LAWNCARE	1000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	47.55
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	ADMIN EXPENSE	1125.00
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	CLAIM#49	526.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	233.18
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	4227.83
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06

**ROAD FUND-**

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.79
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	703.53
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	33.98

**VISITORS FUND-**

MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	810.00
OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	2085.00

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	59.79
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	162.88

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	145.40

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the County Clerk Workshop held in Kearney. Starting with the Primary Election in May 2024 all voters will be required to present a photo id before voting. If the voter forgets their photo id on

the day of Election the voter will vote provisionally, and will need to return to the County Clerk's office and show id within 7 days of the election before their vote will count.

Treasurer reported on the County Treasurer Workshop. One major topic was the discussion of title fraud. Lincoln County Sheriff and Treasurer's office will be holding a title training course on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The financial report for the month of May was presented to the board. The Treasurer also reported that the PILT money has been receipted into the General fund.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office. The patrol vehicle will be getting warranty work done Wednesday through Friday of this week. Discussion was also held on how to get hospice/home health offered to all residents in Thomas County. The board will reach out to their respective boards (Area of Aging and West Central District Health Department) and Senator Jacobsen to see what can be done.

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

Chairman Moody opened the public hearing for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Adams representative for Verizon reviewed the application for the Dismal Tower site, via Zoom. At this tower site all equipment will fit into the existing building compound site. Verizon will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> carrier located on this tower. Verizon's equipment will be located at 295' on the tower.

Rick then reviewed the application for the Seneca Tower site. AT this tower site the building site compound will need to be expanded an additional 10 feet on one side. Verizon's equipment will be located at 288' on the tower.

Rahn Bek questioned if Verizon could give him a week's notice when they would be on site so that he could make sure there were no cattle in this pasture. Rick Adams asked that when the Clerk sends the permit approval that she could note that request with the information from the county.

Bob Broweleit commented that he hoped this would increase coverage in Seneca. He currently has camping sites that do have service with T-Mobile, AT&T and Viaero.

No other public comment at this time or by mail.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Application #1 for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon, Tract of land located in W1/2 Section 26, Township 21 North, Range 28 West (Dismal). Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve Application #2 for Industrial Tower West, LLC/Verizon, Tract of land located in NW1/4 Section 28, Township 24 North, Range 30 West (Seneca). Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting to open the public hearing on the VAD district at 10:20 a.m. Rahn Bek, representative from the Planning Board was available for questions on the process of developing the VAD District.

No public comment was received for the VAD District.

After review of the proposed regulations, Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve and adopt the VAD District regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization at 10:45 a.m.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Discussion was held on developing a road employee job description. A previous description was provided to the board along with information from NIRMA. No action taken. Tabled until July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-8, distribution of forest reserve funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Wednesday, July 5, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk



Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 5, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 June 22, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 5, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 29, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The crushers have arrived and started crushing the material at the airport site.

Keith reported that Miles Maseberg has fixed the autogates on East Antelope Valley Rd.

The board discussed obtaining bids for patching and overlay on W. North Loup Rd and also obtaining bids to crack seal Purdum Ave. The clerk will contact Lloyd Smith on starting this process.

Discussion was held on the future trucking contracts to haul material. Once the material is crushed the board will discuss further.

Commissioner Daly reported being contacted by Colliers about material. The board agreed that every year Colliers have received 4 loads of material to be placed on their road. The county will provide 8 loads total, 4 for 2022 and 4 for 2023. Clerk will contact Jeffres to see what material was available at the Brewster pit and also contact Colliers.

Discussion was held on material from L & L Gravel. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to purchase clay/ash material from L & L Gravel for \$7/ton if the material is hauled by L & L Gravel to the airport site and \$6/ton if the county hauls the material, as the material is available. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the third party material application submitted by Jim Johnston. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the third party application from Jim Johnston for 4 loads of mix on Johnston Ln. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the road employee job description. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh 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	DENTAL	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2524.36
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	778.80

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	473.03
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1043.06
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	489.95
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	1115.39
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	15.08
NIRMA	INSURANCE	12810.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE/RENT	460.00
PRESTO X	SERVICES	74.44
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	1392.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	11497.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	257.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7035.15
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION/POSTAGE	6391.89
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		25025.28

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	609.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	62.98
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	81.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.37
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	308.78
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	2920.33
NIRMA	INSURANCE	9962.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2150.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1789.26
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TRAILER TITLE	15.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1377.54
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		6065.74

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.50
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**VISITORS FUND-**

NIRMA	INSURANCE	89.00
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**VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-**

THOMAS CO AG SOCIETY	GRANT	5000.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	310.75
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	229.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	166.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	107.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	201.60
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	648.33
SALARIES		2094.66

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	150.08
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	116.37
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	131.26
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	25.65
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	21.64
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	18.12
NIRMA	INSURANCE	2952.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	232.94
SALARIES		1327.88

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	TAXES	0.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	37.80

**Office reports:**

Clerk's office fee report for the month of June was presented to the board. One property protest was filed during the month of June. The Board of Equalization will review the protest at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Treasurer reported on taking money from NPAIT to invest locally. Cheryl Mercer has started in the Treasurer's office last week. The new daycare is looking for fiscal sponsors for the daycare and was wondering if the County could assist in this. The auditor will be contacted to confirm that this is appropriate to run through the county. The County currently has a community grant fund established that grant funds can be run through.

Sheriff presented the quarterly office fee report to the board. He also presented an activity report.

Library activity report presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to designate the State Print Shop as the printer for the LB644 postcards for 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the corrected Resolution #2023-8, designating forest reserve funds payment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 18, 2023

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 Commissioner Herbaugh arriving at 8:31 a.m. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and County Sheriff Joseph 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 July 6, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the agenda with one correction to item #16, adding Sandhills Area Daycare to the discussion item. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the July 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 13, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had spoken with Travis Collier about material needed for Day Rd/Wild Horse Creek Rd. The board agreed that they could supply Colliers with 8 loads of crushed concrete. Commissioner Moody will check with Bubba Rodocker to see if he is still available to haul these 8 loads of crushed concrete material to Colliers for \$135/hour.

Commissioner Herbaugh stated that he had tested the millings that were just crushed. This material would work well to make cold mix out of. Lloyd will check with Figgins about possibly doing this. The material will work well to use mixed with aggregate for roads. Not enough oil content to make it usable alone by itself.

Discussion was held with Keith to determine areas that need immediate attention due to the rains creating washouts. Keith reported training Jim Sevier to use the loader and he will be fixing washouts on Finney Lane. Jim will also be trained in the grader and will hopefully be able to assist in the future.

Keith reported that he will haul some mix to Seneca lot to be used on the streets in Seneca.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to hire Jim Johnston on as a part time temporary CDL driver for the county. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	105.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	AD. EXPENSE	1540.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1038.46
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	28.64
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION	1155.07
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	40.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	98.00
MARION RHOADES	LAWNCARE	1000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	47.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.74

**ROAD FUND-**

KEITH HARTMAN	DOT EXAM	100.00
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NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2358.03
NORTHERN MATERIALS LLC	SERVICES	34014.75
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	125.76
KWIK STOP	FUEL	41.48
TL MEYER	FUEL	21.14
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	13.10
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	152.00
THE SPUR	MEAL	151.42
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	36.68
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.57
APRIL SMITH	COOKIES	136.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
	WINDOW	
APRIL SMITH	VINYL	40.00
VIRGIL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	148.03

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported that on the NACO convention in December. Discussed upcoming dates for working on the budget and the budget hearing.

Treasurer presented the financial report for June. Treasurer reported that the treasurer's office will be closed the afternoon of July 26<sup>th</sup> for training.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the county acting as a fiscal sponsor for the Sandhills Area Childcare grant. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the pest control services with Dewrock Pest Control. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the ARPA application for the UCC-Halsey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the ARPA application for the Sandhills Area Childcare. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2023

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 Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Terry Higgins, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kylie Joyce-Region II, Bob Broweleit, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright and Wayne Rodocker.

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 July 20, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the August 1, 2023 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 July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 27, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported on washouts on area roads and the status on projects completed.

Commissioner Herbaugh prepared an estimated cost per mile to repair roads with contract trucking. Keith will be in charge of lining up the work schedule based on availability of help. The first project will be S. Seneca Ave, the first part off of Highway 2. Three to four trucks will be needed to haul material. Hope to start this project the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on setting wages for the part time temporary workers.

Part time experienced grader operator will be \$23/hour.

Part time with CDL will be \$18.50/hour.

Part time no CDL will be \$17.50/hour.

Lloyd has reached out to John Brockman for a quote on crack sealing on Purdum Ave.

Terry Higgins stopped to let the board know the status of work for the ARPA grants for the Village of Thedford. The County Attorney may need to prepare amended resolutions for the Village of Thedford grants due to the completion dates needing extended.

Correspondence presented. The email received from Senator Fischer’s office in regards to Hospice care was read. The board asked the Clerk to contact AseraCare out of Kearney to see if they are licensed in Thomas County and could provide services to the area, as the email states.

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	2626.11
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	182.65
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	3.99
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	466.34
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	278.34
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	443.21
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	923.79
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	100.87
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	378.80
CHERYL MERCER	MILEAGE	89.34
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	23-24 DUES	71.00
	ROD	
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	WORKSHOP	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1262.52
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2837.82
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	403.59
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	150.00
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7659.38
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	917.91
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	89.34
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE TRIM	250.00
U S BANK	FUEL-SPUR	147.83
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27613.93

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	563.71
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	68.31
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	6112.34
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	289.14
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2534.80
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1745.82
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1060.83
SALARIES		6165.78

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	306.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	101.07
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	227.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	106.18
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	215.20
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	651.33
SALARIES		2142.07

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	94.27
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	155.38
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	99.38
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	136.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	21.78
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	239.68
SALARIES		1362.61

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	18.41
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	483.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1.51
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	34.82
SALARIES		208.65

**ARPA FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	9627.43
SANDHILLS AREA CHILDCARE	GRANT	2500.00
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST-HALSEY	GRANT	2500.00

**Office reports:**

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of July. Assessor provided information on the quote from Central Plains Valuation for the residential reappraisal work set for later this fall.

Logan County has invited us to come meet and hear Keith Marvin of Marvin Planning on Thursday, August 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Treasurer reported on Title fraud training that the office went to last week in North Platte. The office will be purchasing technology to assist in detecting fraudulent titles and aiding in VIN inspections.

The second tranche of ARPA tribal funds were deposited for the County.

Sheriff reported on a Zoom call he will be sitting in on with Governor Pillen's office in regards to funding for Region 26 911 services.

The Thedford Rural Fire Board will be submitting a \$1,500 check to help defray the 911 calls from the fire district calls coming from Cherry County, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. They will also be discussing funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at their next rural fire board meeting.

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

Commissioner Moody reported receiving an email from Jay Jones, Chair of the Thomas County Planning Commission, resigning his position.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to accept the resignation of Jay Jones. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-9, ARPA grant application from UCC-Halsey. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-10, ARPA grant application from Sandhills Area Daycare. Roll call vote: Ayes- Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Kylie Joyce of Region II Services presented information on services provided for the area and how county funds assist in providing these services.

Bob Broweleit, representative of the Thomas County Visitors Committee, visited with the board about placing a historical marker at the Village of Seneca park. After consulting with the board and county attorney it was decided that he would need to make arrangements with the Seneca Historical Preservation Society about placement of marker. No action required by the county board.

The board reviewed the budget forms for the road fund. A more in depth budget work session will be held at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and County Sheriff Joseph 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 August 3, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 15, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 10, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The old Mintle bridge was discussed. This old bridge had been surplussed back in 2006 and was never removed by the winning bidder. The bid notice stated that the bridge was to be removed within 60 days. Now the concern is that the old bridge may cause problems in the future and needs to be removed. Lloyd will check with someone about using an excavator to remove the old bridge and pilings.

The S. Seneca project was discussed. The plan is to start on this project on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on what roads still may have damage from heavy rains. Clint Harvey is currently helping for a few weeks to help get some of these roads caught up.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2023-12, Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the Department of Transportation. 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 \$1,478.82. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	883.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	2040.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1210.40
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	SERVICES	87.50
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	550.42
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	14.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	26.29
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NACO	REGISTRATION	750.00
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	130.00
MARION RHOADES	AUG LAWN CARE	1000.00
3 B'S STUDIO INC	SUPPLIES	74.90
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	5.69
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	23.43

U S BANK	FLASHLIGHTS	50.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.76
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	525.78

**ROAD FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	108.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1478.82

**VISITORS FUND-**

THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	ADVERTISING	1500.00
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	27.00
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	VAN	26255.00
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	7.65
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	5.97
KWIK STOP	FUEL	36.19

**LIBRARY FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	30.00
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
U S BANK	NORTON	142.41

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MARJORIE MANNING	MILEAGE	81.22
CHERYL UHRMACHER	MILEAGE	64.19

**Office reports:**

Assessor reported that certification of valuation letters has been completed and mailed out to all political subdivisions. The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. with the Property Tax request hearing to follow and then once all is completed the regular meeting will commence.

The next week, August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Assessor will be attending continuing education in Kearney, Monday thru Thursday. Then a Register of Deeds workshop will be held on Friday in Kearney also.

Treasurer presented the July financial report and also a report on the C4K grant status.

Sheriff reported that the Thedford Rural Fire Board will be submitting their 2022-2023 payment of \$1,500 to the County to help offset some of the Region 26 assessment for calls in their fire district outside of Thomas County. For fiscal year 2023-2024 the Thedford Rural Fire Board has agreed to increase this payment to \$2,000.

Loup to Loup race report.

Future continuing education conference for the Sheriff will be the first week of October.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Marvin Planning meeting she attended in Logan County. Keith Marvin will be in the area on August 30<sup>th</sup> and the board agreed that the Clerk should try to arrange a meeting with him about future consultation work.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the residential contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC in the amount of \$27,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the By-Laws of the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-13, naming Lewis Herbaugh as the representative of Thomas County to the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-11, levy setting authority to political subdivision subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 5, 2023

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employee Keith Hartman, Kelly & Kat Kennedy, Candace Meredith, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 August 24, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 5, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the August 15, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 24, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Repair work on McMillian Ave was discussed. Roads with soft spots needing fixed were discussed. Commissioner Herbaugh reported that there is a site south of Stapleton with clay for sale at \$3/ton. At this time the county will just use the material on hand for repairs.

S. Seneca project of ½ mile was completed. The county obtained a water truck to rent from Hyannis to help complete this job. The cost to rent the water truck is \$150/day in use.

Discussion was held on work to Heritage Road. Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with local contractors to compete the 1 mile of road. Estimated costs came back at \$32,000 - \$36,000 for this 1 mile, this did not include seeding the sides. At this time the board decided to just lay base on the road and not try building up the road.

Commissioner Daly reported that the first three miles of Windmill Road was really rough.

Rich Cook, Logan County Highway Superintendent reported that the auto gate along Paxton Ranch Road has been moved and replaced. Thomas County worked with Logan County on a cost share project.

Auto gate on Dakota Lane was discussed. The landowner has requested to have the auto gate raised. The board discussed the issue of having to work with the railroad since the work would be done partially on railroad right of way. Commissioner Herbaugh believes if the auto gate is raised a new auto gate should be installed. This project will be done as time allows.

Kelly and Kat Kennedy, representatives of the Loup 2 Loup committee approached the board about closing Purdum Ave on August 8, 2024 for the road race. They also presented the board with a certificate of insurance for this event.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to closed Purdum Ave on August 8, 2024, once the mail runs to Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the informal quote from Topkote to crack seal eight miles on Purdum Ave. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had tried obtaining quotes from Tri State Paving and Road Guy construction but had not heard back from them.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the quote from Topkote to Rout-N-Seal cracks on 8 miles of Purdum Ave at the cost of \$36,950. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. The board also asked Lloyd to see about doing some cracks on the hill north of Seneca.

Discussion also followed about patching and overlay on W. Purdum. Lloyd will check with Topkote to see if this is a project they could do while here crack sealing.

Discussion was held on removal of the old Mintle Bridge, one informal quote was received. The board tabled any action until other quotes could be obtained, if practicable.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the L & L Gravel claim of \$5,191.08. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on hiring Marvin Planning Consultants for annual consultant work for the County. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to enter agreement with Marvin Planning Consultants for consulting services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Candace Meredith of NACO met with the board and reviewed services offered, upcoming meetings, legislative items and building update of the NACO West building being built in Ogallala.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2759.91
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	200.00
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	83.94
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	445.22
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	556.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	211.43
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LAQUINTA	LODGING	459.80
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	87.50
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	674.20
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	CONSULTING	2000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1267.34
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	487.10
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7746.12
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.30
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	37.44
U S BANK	FUEL	136.91
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27,946.47

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	660.75
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.13
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	5191.08
MASEBERG RANCH	AUTOGATE	1500.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	396.61
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	137.38
NKC TIRE GROUP	TIRES	719.36
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2420.30
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	292.87
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	896.82
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3952.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2400.66
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
SALARIES		8,522.97

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	334.33
MARCY ANDERSEN	MEALS	28.90

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	18.95
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
COLUMBIA INSURANCE GROUP INC	INSURANCE	500.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	238.12
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.25
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	55.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	119.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	753.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE-PACIFICA	15.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	95.00
SALAIRES		2570.07

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	31.39
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	140.29
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	350.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.96
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	152.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	241.00
SALARIES		1381.39

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOK	17.19
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	10.24
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	250.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	45.26
SALARIES		265.20

**Office reports:**

Fee report for the month of August was presented to the board.

The Clerk reported that Thedford Public Schools will need to hold the LB644 property tax request hearing. This hearing will be held at the Thedford High School Old Gym on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

West Central District Meeting will be on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in North Platte.

Treasurer reported that the taxes were coming in really good.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office and emergency management.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Cay Ewoldt to the Thomas County Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2023-14, reauthorizing petty cash funds for the Clerk and County Court. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget was reviewed one more time before scheduling the budget hearing and property tax request hearing which are scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

No public comment.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Budget Hearing Minutes  
September 19, 2023

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held the 19th day of September, 2023 at 8:35 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on the 14th day of September, 2023.

Board Members present were: Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent.

Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and road personnel Keith Hartman. No other members of the public were present.

The budget hearing was opened at 8:35 a.m. Three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public, if in attendance.

County Clerk Lorissa Hartman and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was opened to public comment on the proposed budget. No public present to discuss the budget.

Chair Moody closed the budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., immediately following the completion of the Budget hearing, 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Doug Heavican.

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 September 7, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 19, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 14, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2023-16, 1% increase for 2022-2023 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-17, adopting the 2023-2024 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Keith reported starting work on Heritage Road hauling material to portions of the road.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Richard Jameson about clay material available at his place. The board agreed that they would pay \$3/ton for the clay material. This clay could be used to make the road mix for roads.

The board reviewed the informal quote from Topkote to crack seal a portion of N Seneca Ave. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the informal quote from Topkote of \$2,260 for 4/10 of a mile from the bridge to the top of the hill. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the patchwork project on W. Purdum. The board had received an informal quote from Topkote and Figgins Construction. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to accept the quote from Figgins Construction to complete the patchwork project on West Purdum. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on testing the crushed milling product at the stockpile site. The board directed Lloyd Smith to have the testing completed by ATG Group Services on site for \$820.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2023-15, Village of Halsey ARPA grant funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	883.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	2140.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	634.16
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	562.55
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	57.67
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	4095.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NE SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECTION DIV	REGISTRATION	40.00
MARION RHOADES	SEPT LAWN CARE	1000.00
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	PUBLISHING	83.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	88.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION/POSTAGE	6403.14
U S BANK	IPAD KEYBOARD	29.99
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.84

**ROAD FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	135.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	71.09
RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2208.00
WARREN TRUCKING, INC.	TRUCKING	1755.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS	58.15
TL MEYER	FUEL	45.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	335.62

**LIBRARY FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	90.00
ENERSPECT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	191.52
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.22

**ARPA FUND-**

VILLAGE OF HALSEY	ARPA GRANT	8861.79
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**Office reports:**

Clerk reported on the upcoming LB644 hearing for the Thedford Public Schools on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The County Auditor is scheduled to begin the 2022-2023 county audit on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk will be attending West Central District meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> and Election workshop on October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer the August financial report.

Sheriff gave an activity report and upcoming schedule report.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the updated Interlocal Agreement with the Sandhills Weed Management Area. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly directing the County Attorney to foreclose on the delinquent severed mineral right parcels. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly directing the Treasurer to take out county certificates on delinquent parcels; 860015467, 860015726 and 860013685. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Chair Moody opened the Property Tax request hearing at 11:00 a.m.

No public present for hearing.

Chair Moody closed the Property Tax request hearing at 11:13 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution # 2023-18, setting the 2023-2024 final tax request at \$838,416.55. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board conducted a road personnel interview with Doug Heavican for the full time road position.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to hire Doug Heavican for the full time road position at the hourly rate of \$21/hour and health insurance benefits to begin after 60 days of employment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Doug will begin work on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Public comment. Andrea gave a report on the daycare facility progress.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 3, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 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, county road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Brooke Seachord-JEO Consulting and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

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 September 21, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 3, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the September 19, 2023 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 28, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 28, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road report was given by Keith Hartman. Report was received that Peaceful Plains Rd and Ringgold Rd needed some attention. Heritage Rd material has been hauled.

MSHA training in Valentine on October 10<sup>th</sup>, presented by NIRMA. New miner training needs given for Doug but he is welcome to come along to the refresher training.

Drug testing for new employees with CDL's is required. The County Clerk just received the new forms and will send the employees to Great Plains Urgent Care in North Platte for testing.

Figgins Construction is looking for a site to stock pile material for the patch job on West Purdum. Commissioner Moody will contact Figgins Construction with a site idea.

Topkote is planning to start crack sealing on Purdum Ave the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Three informal quotes were received for the removal of the old Mintle Bridge. Norfolk Contracting, Rodocker Construction and Ed Hoevett all submitted quotes. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by

Daly to accept the quote from Ed Hoevert of \$11,500 and with him keeping the salvage and leaving both abutments, reducing the total cost to \$9,240. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the claim from L & L Gravel in the amount of \$7,971.13. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2953.66
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR	REPAIRS	28.73
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	466.31
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	98.25
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	527.81
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	90.39
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NACO	REGISTRATION	175.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1389.84
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	66.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	11497.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	110.85
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	8209.92
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	14.48
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	15.55
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	90.39
U S BANK	FUEL	76.91
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FED TAXES	17.19
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		29072.45

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	631.16
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	192.31
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	81.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	7971.13
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	AUTOGATE	2703.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	303.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1855.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	2046.66
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		7725.76

**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.52
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**VISITORS FUND-**

SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS	SPONSORSHIP	1000.00
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00

**EXTENSION FUND-**

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	EXPENSES	154.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	296.82
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	232.43
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.18
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
TL MEYER	DRY CLEAN	13.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	102.83
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	180.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	644.32
SALARIES		2164.52

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	129.68
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.57
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	157.44
	COPIER	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER	62.39
ENERSPECT MEDICAL SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	32.09
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	12.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	217.14
SALARIES		1246.30

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.55
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	193.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FED TAXES	81.36
SALARIES		477.55

**Office/fee reports:**

Clerk presented office fee report for the month of September.

Election workshop scheduled for next week in Kearney on Thursday and Friday.

Appraisal work will begin in the Villages the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Letters will be mailed out to landowners of record next week advising them of the process.

The county audit that was scheduled to begin next week will now start the week of November 6<sup>th</sup>.

A quick report of the Thedford Public Schools LB644 hearing was presented.

Sheriff office/fee report was passed out to the board in his absence.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Cay & Stephanie Ewoldt to the Thomas County Visitors Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the maintenance contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Brooke Seachord-JEO Consulting reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the board and updated new information and plans for Thomas County. The Upper Loup NRD has received a grant to assist the counties and communities within their jurisdiction to update the Plan. The last update to the plan was in 2019.

Rich Cook, Thomas County Weed Superintendent & Veterans Service Officer gave reports on his office. He reported on infestations within the county and how they are being treated. He received a \$10,000 grant to do an aerial survey of the Dismal River in Thomas County. He was able to fly the river in a small helicopter to check infestations.

He also reported on the possibility of training a younger veteran to eventually replace him as Veterans Service Officer. The Logan County Attorney is drawing up an Interlocal Agreement with Logan, McPherson and Thomas Counties to share in the expense in training him.

Public comment. Andrea Thomas gave a report on the daycare survey results. Commissioner Moody also mentioned that while attending West Central District meetings last week the discussion was held on counties and road maintenance policies. It looks like more counties are trying to develop policies on maintaining roads.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 17, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to excuse member Daly. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and County Sheriff Joseph 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 October 5, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the October 17, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the October 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 12, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Report was given on maintenance on various roads. The road department was not in attendance for the meeting as they were out grading roads since we had received some moisture in the area.

Discussion was held on the material test report from Atlas. It was determined that it may work better to have Figgins Construction come in and mix the material for cold mix rather than having the county purchase oil and do the mixing. This will be a spring/early summer project for 2024. Informal quotes or bids will be obtained at a later date.

Proposals for armor coating W North Loup Road were reviewed.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to accept the proposal from Figgins Construction to armor coat W North Loup Rd in the amount of \$52,893.10. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Proposal from Figgins Construction to cut the edge of the W North Loup Road was reviewed. No action taken to accept the proposal.

Correspondence presented. The NACO voter registration from for December 2023 election was completed.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	883.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	995.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	975.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	SERVICES	435.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	102.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.47
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	198.14
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	239.90
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	673.17
NACO	LB644 POSTCARD	533.11
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	18.79
MARION RHOADES	OCT LAWNCARE	1000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.17
THOMAS CO TREASURER	2ND QTR BOOK	920.00
U S BANK	FUEL	55.26

VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	26.36
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	SUPPLIES	2.50
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	1163.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	3349.20
<b>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-</b>		
CONDON SIGNS	SERVICES	2055.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	20000.00
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER EXPENSE	120.88
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	140.40
KWIK STOP	FUEL	74.80
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	INK, BUG SPRAY	52.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	29.17
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
<b>ARPA GRANT FUND-</b>		
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	ARPA GRANT	64000.00

**Office reports:**

Clerk reported on attending the Election Workshop in Kearney. The big push will be to educate people on the need to bring their ID to the polls to vote in May 2024. Early vote applications will also need to be completed with the voter's ID number. Anyone acting as an agent to pickup a ballot for someone will need to have the voter's ID number.

Treasurer presented the September financial report. Andrea also gave an update on the daycare progress.

Sheriff reported on the conference he attended. He discussed upcoming legislation that will be introduced, one will be for licensing UTV and ATV's and the other will be for a push to have the State help counties defray the cost of providing courtroom security for the Judges.

Emergency Manager report was given on an upcoming meeting with the Public Service Commission at the Region 26 meeting in Taylor on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral for November 18, 2023 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to surplus the following items from the library inventory:

- HP Scan Jet N6310 – 50911063 (broken)
- IOET15RZTE145GV15J4T141AIKBB - HP Laptop – Gates Grant (outdated)
- K4T20138W4104Q4E06BP9T02YMOTBB – HP Laptop - Gates Grant (outdated)
- 2UA24229NN – HP Compac Pro Desktop – refurbished – (outdated)
- MXL12102CZ – HP Desktop Tower – (outdated)
- Vision Net WIFI modem (broken)
- OKXGVD – Dell Optiplex Windows 7 Desktop – (outdated)
- HP 3050 Printer (broken)
- AGH3186256 – Copystar Copy Machine (broken)
- PNP3G-YKTGR-MG Asus Antec 7<sup>th</sup> Gen Windows Home 10 – (outdated)
- 5CD6163R27 – HP Laptop N3050 (CPU out)
- CND4101V54 – HP Laptop (outdated)

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

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m.

No public comment at this time.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to excuse board member Lewis Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman.

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 November 9, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the November 21, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the November 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 16, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Purdum West project is complete and looks good.

Crack sealing on Purdum Ave is done, Commissioner Moody reported that there is a spot/hole that needs to be watched. Road employee Hartman mentioned that we still have some bags of patch material that we could use on this spot.

Both Commissioner Moody and Daly reported receiving a phone call from Tom Licking in regards to West Windmill. He will be coming to the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss options.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had spoken with Jim Sevier about snow removal in Seneca. If he is around, he will be glad to help out with this project.

The board discussed the need for new tires on the belly dump trailer, Keith reported that he will contact Nebraska Land tire about ordering new tires through the state bid process.

Correspondence presented. Recommitment dividend check for NIRMA was received.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE

ADMIN EXPENSE

551.00

BOMGAARS SUPPLY	SNOWBLOWER	1599.98
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1736.30
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	433.96
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	191.88
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	126.03
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	195.74
MENARD'S	LIGHTS	98.94
MARION RHOADES	NOV LAWN CARE	1000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	31.85
U S BANK	SUPPLIES/POSTAGE	45.36
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

**ROAD FUND-**

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	77.79
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	227.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1138.79
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
TOPKOTE, INC	ROAD REPAIR	39210.00

**LIBRARY FUND-**

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
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**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Assessor reported that the CTL had been completed and also submitted to the state on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The tax list was delivered to the Treasurer on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Don Wilson has completed the previous fiscal year audit and went over the financial report with the Clerk and Treasurer last week.

Treasurer presented the October financial report for the Treasurer's office

Sheriff fee report and information on funding for Region 26 was provided to the board.

Library activity report was presented to the board.

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

The management representation letter for Don Wilson was reviewed.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve and sign the management representation letter for Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Lewis Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 5, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to excuse member Lewis Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Tom Licking, Roger Licking, Chris Wickham, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 November 23, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the December 5, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the November 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Tom Licking met with the board to discuss various road project ideas; West Windmill Rd has various locations that have high banks on the side of the road that can cause issues when meeting another vehicle. Typically one vehicle will have to back up to a spot so that both vehicles can meet to pass. The board discussed that sometimes there is an issue with a landowner not allowing the county to bring in the sides of the road to build it up. If no easement is on file with the county, the county only has a prescriptive right to work on the existing road surface only.

S. Seneca between Josh and Bob's place needs brought up. The shoulders on S. Seneca between Madron Hill and Josh Call's place need work done. Another area on S. Seneca is the flat by Royce Jennings, Tom suggests that this portion of the road needs raised.

Discussion was held on tearing up the old asphalt road on West Windmill, the advice at this time is to haul in more material to be put over top the old asphalt road.

Tom also had questions on protocols for projects and if the road personnel can make some decisions without always having to come to the board for approval. The board advised that most projects can be decided upon by the road personnel based on the cost of the project. Bigger projects are discussed by the board before decisions are made.

Keith reported hauling sand/gravel mix to Seneca and Madron Hill for use on ice.

The board also discussed about researching a road foreman position, this position would be part time and would line out the projects that need completed throughout the county working with the county board and road personnel. More information needs to be determined exactly what the description of this position will consist of. Various other sample job descriptions have been obtained from other counties.

Tom Licking was asked about also contracting with the county for grader work with his own equipment. The county may be able to contract for various projects at the rate of \$200/hour, this rate includes equipment and labor.

Lloyd will check in with Ed Hovett about the status of removing the old Mintle bridge.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$315.24. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2722.90
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	825.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	37.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	476.63
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	246.94
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	411.60
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	200.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	347.00
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	NACO MEAL	25.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1260.63
ROD'S	DEDUCTIBLE	1000.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	867.99
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7665.90
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	39.97
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.65
	3RD QTR	
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTEN	6371.29
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	203.39
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27664.41

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	989.81
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
BRENNEMANN CONTRACTING, LLC	EQUIP RENTAL	2400.00
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	114.55
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	315.24
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	409.80
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4679.16
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	2436.58
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	11.99
SALARIES		8809.03

**PRETRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.09
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	321.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	233.61
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	200.72
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	112.43
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	162.59
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	693.42
SALARIES		2294.11

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	113.78
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.47
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.66
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.73
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	255.13

	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	242.30
SALARIES		1404.99
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	59.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.36
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	197.55
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	54.68
SALARIES		325.80

**Office reports:**

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of November. NACO convention information was handed out to those attending next week.

Treasurer reported that tax statements were going out in the mail today.

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

The Interlocal Agreement for the Central Sandhills Area Extension office was reviewed. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Central Sandhills Area Extension office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Attorney Christopher Wickham, representing Phillip Licking met with the board to discuss what options were available for Avey Lane. He stated that Avey Lane is a mail route and was curious about snow removal on the road. The portion of road that was being discussed was abandoned by the county back in 2008 by the request of the landowner. Also at that time the board had paid for a survey for a new access off of North Seneca and an easement to build the new road. No easement was signed at that time so no new access was built off of North Seneca. Attorney Wickham asked if the board would consider reestablishing the abandoned portion of the road. No action taken at this time. Attorney Wickham also questioned why the NDOT maps showed Avey Lane. The county is unaware of how NDOT keeps their inventory of roads updated, Lloyd will check on this.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, December 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to excuse member Lewis Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook and County Sheriff Joseph 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 December 7, 2023.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the December 19, 2023 regular meeting agenda. Roll call: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays -none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the December 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 14, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The old Mintle bridge has been removed by Hoevett Construction; all the old material was hauled to the county site at the airport. The road department will sort through the material to see if anything can be used. The unusable material will be placed in a hole and maybe with the assistance of the fire department be burnt.

Keith visited with the board about purchasing new LED flashing lights for the graders that will flash white and blue for better visibility during snow. The county will file this expense through the NIRMA Assist grant for reimbursement.

Discussion was held on having Jim Sevier do snow removal in Seneca and surrounding drives and having Troy Collins do snow removal at the courthouse and assigning surrounding drives around Thedford.

The board will work on establishing a road foreman position description at their January meetings.

Keith asked Rich Cook for vendor information on auto gate sills.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	695.90
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	458.12
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	186.66
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	25.69
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	FREIGHT	42.17
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL VIN	200.97
HOOKER COUNTY TREASURER	INSPECTION	10.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	25.00
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	411.95
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	180.78
U S BANK	FUEL	105.76
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.04

<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	79.83
KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2023	300.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2443.80
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1226.37

<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	683.57

<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	121.95
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
CONNIE BROWELEIT	CHRISTMAS DECO	34.82

<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	62.24
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

<b>ARPA FUND-</b>		
K C ELECTRIC	SERVICES	1871.28

<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND-</b>		
SANDHILLS AREA CHILDCARE	GRANT DISBURSE	2000.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the organizational meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m. on January 2<sup>nd</sup> with the regular meeting to follow.

Election deadlines for the 2024 election were reviewed.

The clerk reported on the NEMA cyber security grant of \$9,000. Once the completed documents are returned from NEMA the clerk will reach out to Applied Connective.

Treasurer presented the November financial report. All tax statements were mailed out last week.

Sheriff reported that he will have completed his obligation with the forest contract this week. Attorney General Mike Hilgers is supposed to be through Thedford tonight and will be stopping to visit with him. NIRMA will be conducting an assessment of the Sheriff's office in January.

Emergency Manager report: The Thedford Fire Department attended electric vehicle fire training. Discussion followed on how to handle this type of fire along with the additional equipment that will be needed for emergencies involving electric vehicles. Joseph provided information to the officials on FEMA courses that can be taken online.

Discussion was held on the NACO conference last week in Kearney on the EPIC consumption tax petition. The Treasurer provided information to the board on the pros and cons for the consumption tax.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the change of corporate manager on the Sandhills Corral Liquor license. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook presented the annual weed report to the board. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve/accept the annual weed report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

The organizational meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. with the regular meeting to be held 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk