

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Organizational Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:15 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, county road employees 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 December 21, 2023.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the organizational meeting agenda with the correction to item #12, www.thomascountyne.gov. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to elect Pam Moody as the 2024 Chairperson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to elect Charles Daly as the 2024 Vice Chair. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Abstain – Daly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to set the regular board meeting dates as the 1st and 3rd Tuesday with the meetings to begin at 8:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody 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, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to set the 2024 observed holiday dates as: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 15th, President's Day – February 19th, Good Friday – March 29th, Arbor Day – April 26th, Memorial Day – May 27th, Juneteenth Day – June 19th, Independence Day – July 4th, Labor Day – September 2nd, Columbus Day – October 14th, Veterans' Day – November 11th, Thanksgiving Day & the Friday After – November 28th & 29th, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – December 24th & 25th and New Year's Day – January 1st, 2025.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to set 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 Moody and second by Herbaugh to set www.thomascountyne.gov as the official county website. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second the Moody approving Resolution #2024-1, selecting Security First Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly approving Resolution #2024-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer to invest funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution #2024-3, selecting Western Nebraska Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to appoint Joseph Smith as the Thomas County Emergency Manager Director for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The agreement with Thomas County and Lloyd Smith for county highway superintendent services was tabled until Lloyd could provide the documents.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to appoint Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veterans' Service Officer for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Charles Daly & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Pam Moody

Region 26 – Joseph Smith

Lexington Solid Waste – Lewis Herbaugh

West Central Development District – Charles Daly

Sandhills R C & D – Pam Moody

Thomas County Safety Committee – Lewis Herbaugh
Thomas County Planning Commission liaison – Pam Moody.
Roll call vote: Ayes -Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the organizational meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 2, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:36 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, county road employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, 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 December 21, 2023.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to adopt the January 2, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the December 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 28, 2023; with the following correction of the published minutes to read the meeting date of December 19, 2023 rather than December 15, 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on the Christmas snowstorm. Issues on East Antelope Valley Rd snow removal was discussed. Commissioner Moody will reach out to the landowners to discuss ideas at the January 16th meeting.

Keith reported that he discovered the bridge on Railroad Street in Seneca was washing behind the wings. Some repair was done but will need to be watched to see if the washing continues. The county may need to locate other equipment to reach the area in concern.

Discussion was held on establishing a job description for a road project manager. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Commissioner Herbaugh left the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody 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	2784.09
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7765.26

CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	66.57
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	445.81
RICHARD COOK	REGISTRATION	66.66
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	153.81
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	1439.40
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1233.65
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	11497.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7690.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.45
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	273.72
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	418.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28141.04

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	884.65
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	954.75
EDWARD H. HOEVET	BRIDGE WORK	9240.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	390.11
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4044.61
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2286.17
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	392.64
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
WENQUIST, INC	TOOLS	24.40
SALARIES		8184.50

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.09
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAGS	558.89
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	302.18
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	214.39
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	103.55
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	20.74
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	619.55
SALARIES		2068.10

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	129.68
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.22
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	124.65
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	11.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	197.76

VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50
SALARIES		1130.38

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.87
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	75.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	63.68
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	TRANSFER	15000.00
SALARIES		380.29

Office reports:

Clerk reminded of upcoming election calendar dates for the 2024 election.

Treasurer reported that any postmarked envelopes for December 31st taxes would be receipted for 2023 and would receive the school tax credit for income taxes.

Sheriff fee report was provided to the board. He also discussed options for the upcoming forest contract for FY24/25.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the MOU with Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

The Thomas County 2023 Audit report was completed and on file in the Clerk’s office. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept the 2023 Audit report from Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the continuing engagement letter with Don Wilson for audit services for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 8:32 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 County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on January 4, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 16, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 2, 2024 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The discussion on options to help with blowing snow for E. Antelope Valley Rd will be discussed at the February 6th meeting since the road personnel was out opening roads today.

Commissioner Moody reported that Blaine County had assisted the county and opened Quarterhorse Lane on Monday since a landowner was receiving a feed truck within a short time frame notice.

Discussion was held on the Project Manager job description. The board instructed the Clerk to have the notice for job opening posted in the Thomas County Herald and post notices at Sandhill Oil, Ewoldt's and Sutton's in Halsey.

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

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	LABOR	550.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	549.81
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	120.44
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	432.25
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.08
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	DUES	50.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	13.73
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	198.00
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	56.99
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	48.36
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	561.90
U S BANK	FUEL	669.33
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
DONALD D WILSON	SERVICES	7200.00

ROAD FUND-

THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	15.27
WENQUIST, INC	TOOLS	47.64

VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	MEMBERSHIP	590.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	42.33
KWIK STOP	FUEL	67.44
TL MEYER	MILEAGE	40.08

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	106.70
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	66.00

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	76.26
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Office reports:

Clerk presented the December fee report for the office.

January 15th was the first day a person could ask for an application for early vote ballot for the May 2024 primary election.

The Clerk advised the board of the County Board Chair & Vice Chair workshop to be held in Kearney on February 16th.

Treasurer presented the December financial report and a copy of the semi-annual statement that was published in the Thomas County Herald.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Dennis Hoffman, Miles Maseberg, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, 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 January 25, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 6, 2024 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 January 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 25, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Dennis Hoffman and Miles Maseberg visited with the board about possible options to help with the snow issues on E. Antelope Valley Road. Various ideas included placing snow fence along the problem areas of the roads, building up the road in specific areas, and removing trees from the ditch and problem areas along the road. The board will come up with a plan to remove the trees and meet back with the landowners later in the year.

Other road discussion included building up Riverside Rd and a portion of road along Peaceful Plains/Paxton Ranch Rd.

The 1 & 6 Year road plan will be held in March. Specific date to be advertised later.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$150.00. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2808.06
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7728.46
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	100.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	456.37
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	413.36
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	100.00
	COPIER	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER	576.98
BLAINE T. GILLETT, LLC	ATTY FEES	537.10
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1731.34
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY		
TREASURERS	DUES 2024	50.00
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	DUES 2024	75.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1245.37
NO LIMIT POWER INC	EQUIPMENT	1942.65

SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	744.26
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES 2024	200.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAX	7768.14
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	21.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	907.50
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	190.00
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	329.37
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28446.98

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
GEORGE A. ALLARD	AUTOGATE	2160.00
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.08
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2606.85
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	8.96
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	141.98
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SUPPLIES	89.99
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	98.14
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.29
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	TESTING	47.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	150.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	TESTING	35.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	430.76
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	51.63
NEBRASKALAND TIRE CO	TIRES	3020.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2045.30
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	593.60
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3935.56
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAX	2472.60
JAMES L SEVIER	EQUIP LABOR 2024 LOT	350.00
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	LEASE	111.00
SALARIES		8457.58

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.10
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	336.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.53
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	7.92
RHONDA DAILEY	MILEAGE	46.90
SANDRA I HEAVICAN	MILEAGE	30.82
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	79.06
HIGHWAY 2 DEPOT	MEALS	136.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	7.11
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	115.90
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	62.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	681.88
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	80.40
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	5.36
SALARIES		2213.59

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	COPY PAPER	44.99
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	147.63
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.97
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	125.72
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	50.22
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	16.14
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	412.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	247.02
SALARIES		1415.80

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	4 BOOKS	140.78
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.99
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	78.39
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	79.56
SALARIES		475.23

Office reports:

Clerk presented January fee report for the office.

Reminders to the board about completing their accountability and disclosure filing before March 1st.

Reminder that Incumbent filing deadline is February 15th and non-incumbent filing deadline is March 1st.

Assessor reported preliminary increase in value for this year.

- Ag land increasing to \$650/acre up from last year of \$585/acre
- Home sites increasing to \$20,000/1st acre up from last year \$15,000/1st acre
- Building site increasing to \$4,500/acre (1-10 acres) up from last year \$2,000/acre (1-10 acres)
- Acreage 11-60 acres increasing to \$1,000/acre up from last year of \$850/acre
- Established a Middle Loup River market area, Home sites in this market area will be \$35,000/1st acre
- Lot values will be increasing in all villages
- New costing manual updated to July 2023 for Commercial properties and June 2023 for Residential properties
- New depreciation tables established based on market

Treasurer presented the delinquent property report to the board. March 4th at 8:30 a.m. is the tax sale.

Sheriff reported on the new forest contract. He reported that NIRMA had just recently completed a law enforcement review of his office and policies. Legislative items of interest were discussed that impacted his office and emergency management.

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

Public comment. Andrea Thomas gave a quick report on the daycare and said that it was progressing along quickly.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

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Thomas County Board of Commissioners

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

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February 20, 2024

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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 February 8, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 20, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh talked about the clay available on Richard Jameson's property. He also noted that Richard no longer owns the dozer, that Giles owns the dozer now.

Discussion was held on Riverside Road, the plan is to build up the road in areas and put base and gravel on the road.

Discussion was held on Heritage Road work. The board asked the Clerk to prepare a letter to the landowner of record and also a copy to the manager, on the plans to improve the road that will require bringing material in from the roadside. The Clerk will prepare the letter and provide copies to the County Attorney, County Highway Superintendent, and board members before sending out.

Commissioner Herbaugh discussed issues of obtaining a water tank for road projects.

Discussion was held on repairing the old Jonas/Mercer building. Commissioner Herbaugh has been trying to locate contractors to re-stucco the building. Other discussion included tearing down the old building and possibly replacing it with a storage container.

Discussion was held on the road maintenance classification map. The board would like to have the county attorney present during the discussion. No action taken.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

	ADMIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	765.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	688.41
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	58.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	29.79
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	104.90
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	125.00
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	78.25
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	DUES	50.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	139.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	5.70
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	94.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
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VISITORS FUND-

POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	2024 RACE	250.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	31.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES-LINC	LODGING	107.00
TL MEYER	FUEL	74.21

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	36.64
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
CONNIE BROWLEIT	COOKIES	12.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	847.89

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk reported that not all incumbents had filed at the close of business on February 15th. The two incumbents for the Airport Authority and one incumbent for the Thedford Public School Board didn't file for re-election.

Assessor reported that she is finalizing values on all properties.

Treasurer presented the January financial report.

Some delinquent taxes have been collected the sale for delinquent taxes will be held March 4th.

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

Wade Neben visited with the board about the cost of solid waste removal and the increasing costs to the Village. The village would like to increase the fee for solid waste removal and according to the Interlocal agreement with the County they must seek approval from the County Board for any rural rate increases. The village would like to increase the fee by \$4.00 per month.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the \$4.00 per month rate increase for solid waste. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment, none.

Chair Moody adjourned the regular board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer-CSA Extension office, Twyla Witt, 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 February 22, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 5, 2024 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 February 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 29, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The road employees advised the board that they have been hauling material on Riverside Road.

The CAT loader is still waiting for the mobile service truck from North Platte to come up and do work on the loader.

Triple G has mud rock available at \$20/ton and a red rock mix of material at \$24/ton.

Discussion was held on West Windmill Rd maintenance. The Clerk will look at the road plat book to determine if the county maintains an easement on the five mile portion of road that needs built up.

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, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2770.60
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	300.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	11070.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
COMFORT INN	LODGING	134.95
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	455.46
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	331.07
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	504.82
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	210.20
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	90.67
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	129.38
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
INTAB LLC	SUPPLIES	188.99
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1369.45
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTIONS	131.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1229.55
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	DATA PROCESSING	66.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES	248.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7676.59
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #29	112.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	1359.18

VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	2024 DUES	25.00
SALARIES		28055.12
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	905.86
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2606.85
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	101.90
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	114.99
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	74.48
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTIONS	70.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	397.71
NEBRASKA TRUCK CENTER, INC	REPAIRS	280.19
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2342.12
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	223.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2457.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2311.07
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1828.73
SALARIES		8007.56
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.10
VISITORS FUND-		
U S BANK	DOMAIN RENEWAL	135.36
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	304.32
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2437.55
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	225.34
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	104.13
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	154.05
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	598.41
SALARIES		1926.15
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	152.12
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.10
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	113.47
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTION	14.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	17.36
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	249.64
SALARIES		1428.60
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	AMAZON-BOOKS	139.67
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	222.81
NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIPMENT	INSPECTION	7.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.06
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	128.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	90.52
SALARIES		540.18

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of February.

Assessor presented the board with a list of assessment actions taken to complete the Abstract. The Abstract of Assessment was filed with the State on March 1st.

The next properties to be reviewed under the 6 year cycle will be the rural residential properties.

Primary Election deadlines and filings were reported to the county board.

Treasurer reported that the delinquent tax sale was held on Monday, March 4th. Fifteen parcels were up for sale with 4 parcels being purchased at sale.

Forest Reserve money from June 2023 was discussed. The treasurer reported that those funds will need to be refunded and redistributed.

TL Meyer presented the county board with the 2023 Annual Extension report. A copy will be on file in the County Clerk's office.

The office manager has submitted a letter of resignation, the last day of work will be March 15th.

Discussion was held on pesticide training and bee protection.

Commissioner Moody reported on the US Fish & Wildlife meeting she attended in Broken Bow.

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

County Attorney Arganbright visited with the board about roads without easements and maintenance of these roads. His suggestion is that we obtain easements on all roads that we are maintaining. The County Clerk will research what roads have easements on them and report to the board.

Chair Moody opened the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 11:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the projects outlined on the plan and discussed other projects that should be added. Discussion was held on checking with Figgins construction about the 1 mile east of the Y on Windmill Road before you get to River Rd, the 1 mile west on Windmill Road towards Amsberry Hill and the first 3 mile of East Windmill. Lloyd will contact Figgins Construction and make arrangements for someone to come take a look at the material available here with the County and what can be done.

Chair Moody closed the 1 & 6 year road plan at 11:20 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-4, the 1 & 6 year plan approved as presented with the addition of the work on East Windmill. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Joseph Smith mentioned that there is a fire ban within the Thedford Rural Fire District boundaries at this time.

Twyla Witt mentioned that she was unable to locate the county agenda on the county website. The Clerk informed everyone that the old Thomas County Website domain has been taken over by another individual. This has been reported to the appropriate authorities by our current IT division, Applied Connective. The correct website for Thomas County is <https://thomascountyne.gov>.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 19, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room if 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 employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Twyla Witt, Tom Witt, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Barb Welch, Dan Welch, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook, Robert Mills and Jack Johnston.

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 7, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 19, 2024 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 March 5, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 14, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Figgins Construction met with Commissioner Herbaugh and Keith Hartman to review Windmill Road and the material stock piled at the airport. Figgins submitted a plan and cost on the project. The county board has asked that the Highway Superintendent bid out this project based on the plan designed by Figgins.

The CAT loader has been repaired. CAT will be looking into whether there is warranty on the new motor to cover the repair cost. County was given the go ahead to start using the loader but to contact CAT if the issues persist.

Commissioner Herbaugh asked that we obtain a price list on material from Triple G and Jeffres.

Commissioner Herbaugh stated that the road department can use some of the dirt out at his old pit to use for shouldering.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Dan and Barb Welch visited with the board about the R-line project and the connection to wind energy. Suggestion was made that Thomas County outright ban wind energy or increase the setbacks. Eminent domain laws were also discussed. As well as discussion on tribal rights. Commissioner Moody asked that the Welch's share any information about how they think the county can help in regards to the R-line.

Twyla Witt asked the board about the heavy use agreement between Thomas County and NPPD to protect the roads.

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

Chairman Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:09 a.m.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	100.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1220.07
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	206.03
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	70.05
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	99.67
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	50.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
THOMAS CO TREASURER	4TH QTR EXTEN	6371.28
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	476.98
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	487.40
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	6.63

VISITORS FUND-

MALY MARKETING	SERVICES	570.00
KORTNI P SCHAUB	SERVICES	28.20

EXTENSION FUND-

KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	37.22
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	44.66
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
	DATA	
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	PROCESSING	199.00

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	41.90
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk/Assessor reported that a new desktop computer/server has been purchased to replace the server after issues with programs freezing and the recommendation from Applied Connective to replace the old server at a cost of \$1,506.00 installed.

MIPS microfilming project has been scheduled to begin this year sometime at a cost of \$10,064.90, with possible use of remaining ARPA funds. Once this project is completed the Register of Deeds office plans to begin the process of having the indexes online.

The librarian has submitted her resignation effective March 31st, she stated that she would still like to work part time as needed in the library or bookmobile.

Ballots for the May Primary election have been ordered.

A current road project historical review has been requested by various landowners on the old west bridge in Seneca and what portions of the old road were abandoned once the new bridge was built in Seneca.

Treasurer office presented the February financial statement.

Sheriff reported that the new forest contract was received last night and will be on the next agenda for board approval.

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

Jack Johnston, Thomas County Airport Authority board member presented the name of BJ Thomas to the county board to fill out the term of Ron Masten.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint BJ Thomas to the Thomas County Airport Authority board to fill the unexpired term of Ron Masten. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Rich Cook presented the NDA weed office evaluation to the board.

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

Discussion was held on the old Mercer shop building. No action taken at this time.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-5, adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. Robert Mills asked for a copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sheriff Smith stated he would provide him a copy of the plan.

Public comment. Twyla Witt passed out information on LB399. Tom Witt passed out travel guides to the board.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 2, 2024

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 Doug Heavican, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Bill Knoll, Dave Masek, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and County Veterans Service Officer 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 March 21, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 2, 2024 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 March 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads:

Commissioner Moody reported about discussion held with Tyler Teahon to cut/trim trees along East Antelope Road. She will get in touch with Dennis Hoffman to see what the landowners have discussed about the tree trimming along the road. We will also obtain a bid on the projects listed separately. Discussion was also held on various other locations that we may need to obtain his services with a bucket truck.

Road personnel reported that the CAT loader was still having issues, Keith will contact NMC to let them know what is going on.

Windmill East was discussed. The proposal from Figgins to complete 3.2 miles came in costing over \$320,000. Discussion was held on possibly doing only 1 mile to start with and using the crushed material on other projects throughout the county. The board asked Lloyd to get bids for 1 mile of Windmill starting at the y for River Ave and then heading east toward Highway 83.

Other projects discussed were shouldering projects on N Seneca and S Seneca.

Bill Knoll and Dave Masek visited with the board about trying to get the speed limit lowered on Highway 2 between the Highway 83 North intersection and the Village of Thedford limits. Lloyd said he would contact Gary Thayer, District 6 engineer for the State of Nebraska and find out the procedure to file this request.

The board reviewed the information provided on the abandoned road/bridge in Seneca from 1994. The Clerk/Assessor provided the legal descriptions from the documents from 1994 to Gworks to draw out what was abandoned at that time. From the information provided by Gworks it shows that the road on the north side of the river heading to Broadway Street was abandoned. The County Board of Equalization will review the omitted property at their meeting on April 16th and will add this land back onto the tax rolls with each property owner lying adjacent to the abandoned land receiving half on each side.

No correspondence to present to the board.

Commissioner Moody opened the one lawn care bid that was received at 10:00 a.m.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to accept the lawn care bid from Marion Rhoades at \$1,500 per month. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve payroll and 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	2785.02
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1556.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI	INSURANCE	7760.66
PC	ATTY FEES	926.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	473.86
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	115.24
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1058.91
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	424.55
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	97.98
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	955.62
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	159.46
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50

MIPS INC	SERVICES	1488.20
NACO	REGISTRATION	25.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE REGION 26	STATE TAXES ASSESSMENT	1227.99 11497.85
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE FEDERAL	1207.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7671.72
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	159.46
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	441.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28159.26

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	889.26
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2522.20
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	457.97
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	174.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	94.34
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	392.31
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1812.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	1575.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	2280.66
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2403.18
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.80
SALARIES		8004.16

VISITORS FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	956.85
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EXTENSTION FUND-

SHANIYA ALBERTUS	MEALS & GAS	44.71
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	187.46
ARNOLD INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE	2350.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	236.01
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	146.88
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	361.07
SALARIES		1119.89

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	177.24
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.84
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	10.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.17
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	74.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	20.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE FEDERAL	330.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	260.68
SALARIES		1448.94

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	101.09
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.67
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	123.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	93.48
SALARIES		557.59

Office reports:

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

Election dates upcoming: 1st day to mail out ballots is April 8th; 1st day to vote early in person in the office is April 15th.

Upcoming workshops in June were discussed. The budget workshop is June 12th in Kearney, County Board workshop is June 13 & 14 in Kearney. County Clerk workshop is June 13-14 in Kearney.

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

Treasurer discussed preparing for the upcoming budget year.

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

Rich Cook met with the board about entering into a Interlocal agreement with Logan County to provide for Veterans Service services.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Logan County effective July 1, 2024 with the noted change to the payment being paid annually rather than monthly. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the error found on page 22 of the employee handbook for Vacation benefits. The Clerk presented the working copy of the employee handbook from June 6, 2023. Notes presented showing the board decided to not offer vacation benefits to part time employees.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to correct the employee handbook to match the June 6, 2023 notes and not offer part time employees vacation benefits. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the requests from members of the Thomas County Library board for the position of library director. The county attorney reviewed statutes on how the library board should work with the county board for administrative decisions. The board asked the County Attorney to send a letter to the library board advising of the processes to be followed in the future. No other action taken.

Sheriff Smith reviewed the new forest contract with the county board.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the new cooperative law enforcement agreement between the County of Thomas and the USDA, Forest Service Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2024

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 throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Val Jansante, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Alison Werner, Michelle McIntosh, Norma Butler and Jon Cannon.

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 4, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 16, 2024 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 April 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads:

Lloyd had received a revised estimate from Figgins Construction on one mile of Windmill Road. Lloyd is working on obtaining another quote from Topkote. Action will be taken at the May 7th meeting.

The CAT loader is still showing antifreeze in the fuel. The road men will continue to watch and will contact NMC, if necessary.

Commissioner Herbaugh talked about obtaining clay material in Logan County to use on the N. Ringgold Road area.

Gary Thayer responded to the request to lower the speed limit along the highway 2 business corridor. He has requested a list of changes to the adjacent land use in the last three years in the corridor and also any potential changes expected to occur in the next year or two. Once they receive this list a speed study may be scheduled.

Clint Harvey has contacted the county about potential part time employment. The board agreed that once projects begin, they would be interested in utilizing his employment.

Commissioner Moody reported that there is a spot along the Purdum Road that needs attention. Not sure what is causing the issue.

Correspondence presented. The email from the West Central District Health Department about installing an air monitor outside of the courthouse was reviewed. Commissioner Daly will contact WCDHD about the request.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$1,120 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	725.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	200.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	382.10
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	42.93
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION	454.38
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	183.58
NACO	REGISTRATION	125.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	56.63
NO LIMIT POWER INC	TRUNK BOX/BATT	519.98
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	3.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	68.00
U S BANK	ZOOM	319.80
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	72.59
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	91.81
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1120.00
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	3864.33
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	108.51

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	83.10
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EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	45.71
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	35.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN EXT	COMPUTER	2521.01

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	KEYBOARD/MOUSE	144.96
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	295.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.50

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	240.94
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported that the 2024 Reports and Opinion has been completed and can be found online with the Property Assessment Division. The TERC statewide equalization process begins April 17th.

Election – in person voting began on Monday, April 15th.

Treasurer presented the March financial report.

Sheriff reported on the fire that occurred on April 15th. 30 mutual aid departments responded to help.

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

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:15 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Val Jansante-Community liaison for Adrian Smith reported on topics that Congressman Smith is working on in Washington DC. Topics included the North Platte postal service moving the sorting facility to Denver, supplemental oxygen and Medicare, firearm due process, Boston Bridge repair, student loan forgiveness and secure rural school funding (PILT).

Thomas County library board members Alison Werner and Michelle McIntosh met with the board to discuss the new library director position. The new position is a 33 hour per week position at \$17.50 per hour. The board advised that they increased the hours and rate of pay due to the continual turn over for this position. The library board also inquired about vacation pay for the part time position. Currently Thomas County part time employees receive no vacation benefits. Discussion was held on responsibilities of the library board vs. county board.

Norma Butler suggested that the county board establish guidelines for each county office budget requests for the 2024-2025 year. This way the offices will know how much they will be able to request.

Jon Cannon-NACO Executive Director met with the board and reviewed upcoming conferences offered by NACO. He also gave a report on the current legislation and asked the board to let any district representatives know about any future legislation requests. He also reported on NACO West office status and future meetings to be held there in Ogallala.

Public comment. Val Jansante reported that he had spoken with Congressman Adrian Smith about the Secure Rural school funding, and that they would keep the county posted on the future status of this funding.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford Ne. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 7, 2024

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 throughout the meeting were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, 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 April 25, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the May 7, 2024 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 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 25, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roads:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported going to Logan County with the road men to look at the clay available. He has made arrangements with the landowner to buy the clay at \$3/ton. When the county decides to haul clay, they will need to make arrangements with Logan County to use a loader at the site.

Discussion was held on Heritage Rd and Connell Lane; the road employees would like to build up portions of these roads. The discussion on whether the county has a right of way easement to allow building up the road was discussed. The county attorney advised obtaining easements before any road work is completed.

Bids for laying millings and armor coating portions of East Windmill Rd were reviewed. Topkote replied to the request for this project that they would not have any time in 2024 to do the work. Figgins supplied three different estimates:

1 mile for \$107,771.84

2 miles for \$213,543.68

3.2 miles for \$321,448.72

The armor coat gravel is not included in the estimates. The millings will be provided from the county stockpile.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the 2 mile estimate on E Windmill Rd in the amount of \$213,543.68, starting at the y intersection of River Rd and Windmill Rd heading east towards highway 83. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Figgins Construction should be able to start before July on this project.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the utility permit application from Consolidated Telephone. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. 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 \$700 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly 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	2854.48

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	540.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	305.73
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	SERVICES	87.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	451.02
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	172.86
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	979.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	802.29
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	CD2087965	2007.65
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	55.18
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5848.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	126.95
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	700.94
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1336.42
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE	180.90
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATION	150.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1252.48
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	204.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	311.73
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	NEWSLETTER FEDERAL	85.67
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	7837.81
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	19.70
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	497.07
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEES	2915.89
U S BANK	SUPPLIES/FUEL	996.38
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		28729.17
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	955.08
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2522.20
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	18.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	700.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	421.39
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	3766.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	2425.96
SALARIES		8404.94
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.91
VISITORS FUND-		
OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	1672.50
EXTENSION FUND-		
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	103.69
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	232.05
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	36.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEALS	120.00
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	89.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	49.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL FEDERAL	75.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	44.08
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	49.58
SALARIES		265.96
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT CRAFT	284.05
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	169.30
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	115.55
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	108.92

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	30.13
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	95.71
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	536.84
SALARIES		1810.23

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	14.99
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.07
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	194.19
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	91.50
SALARIES		540.18

Office reports:

Clerk provided April office fee report to the board.

Assessor provided two estimates from Central Plains Valuation for appraisal work on the rural home sites. One estimate is for \$47,000 and the other is \$49,000 (this estimate includes inputting all information into the computer system).

Election worker training will be held Friday, May 10th. As of this morning we have had 35 early vote requests.

Clerk presented information from Text My Gov, this would be a system that citizens could sign up to receive text messages from the county on various subjects. The first year the cost would be \$3,750 to start up and \$2,500 every year after. The board at this time was not interested in this service because of the cost.

Registrations are open for the County Board Workshop and Budget Workshop in June.

Library statistic report was provided to the board.

Sheriff/Emergency Manager presented the proposed Region 26 budget as it is currently.

Treasurer reported on tax receipts and new laws for ATV's.

Commissioner Daly reported on the West Central District Health Department request to install an air monitoring system in Thomas County.

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

Discussion was held on replacing the 2018 Sharp copier at the courthouse.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the purchase of the new Sharp copier from Eakes Office equipment in the amount of \$8,868.50. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody approving Resolution #2024-6, allocating forest reserve funds for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the SDL liquor application for Thedford Volunteer Fire Department for June 15, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to keep the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan with the \$1,100 deductible and \$35/office visit copay. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changing the August 20th regular board meeting due to the Clerk/Assessor being gone for continuing education class.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to move the Tuesday, August 20th meeting to Tuesday, August 27th at 8:30 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Andra Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Wade Neben and Marcy Andersen.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 21, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the May 7, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 16, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The road department is currently working on parts of South Seneca now. The plan is to get some cold mix and fix a portion of South Seneca and then also use the cold mix on North Seneca in places along with completing the shouldering work.

Commissioner Herbaugh was approached on the possibility of using the county stock pile of millings for Most Lane. The millings would not work properly for this type of project. The county will also be using these millings on the East Windmill Road project in June.

Burlington Northern has repaired Walker Lane after using this road for the train derailment.

Road signs on Purdum Road have been vandalized. The Sheriff has requested information from the road department on the cost to replace and install new signs.

Discussion was held on locating material to be used for shouldering. The county will check with local trucking companies about back hauling magnesia from South Dakota.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	125.00
CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	195.00
BARBARA BRYANT	ELECTION	195.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	370.25
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	83.98
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	195.00
MARIAN NUTTER	ELECTION	195.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	375.00
PRO PRINTING & GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	233.26
MARION RHOADES	MAY LAWN CARE	1500.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	226.54
CHERYL UHRMACHER	ELECTION	195.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.24
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2011.70
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00

VISITORS COMMITTEE FUND-

THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	SPONSORSHIP	1500.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	92.45
TL MEYER	FUEL	20.00

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	CRAFTS	556.54
MARCY ANDERSEN	WHITE ROCK	83.88
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	63.04
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	58.68

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	1086.46
BRODART CO.C6A37A1:C39	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk reported receiving election grant money for reimbursement for equipment and software in the amount of \$5,150.85

Election recap: 157 voters at the polls on Election day and 42 returned early vote ballots. Thomas County has 489 registered voters.

Thomas County was randomly selected to conduct a manual hand count of 3 races. The board of four people conducted the manual recount on Monday, May 20th. The hand count matched the DS200 tape results. The canvass board will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd to review the 2024 Primary Election. Assessor reports that change of value notices will be mailed out on May 29th.

Treasurer presented the financial report for April. The treasurer has been asked to join a task force committee on inheritance tax, for an interim study.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Motion made by Daly 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 surplus the Konica Minolta Bizhub copier at the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

A notice will be placed in the Thomas County Herald announcing sealed bids will be taken for the purchase of the copier.

Wade Neben met with the board to discuss a possibility of the county giving funds to the Village of Thedford to purchase a new trash truck. Currently the Village of Thedford provides waste removal service to all Thomas County and Dunning. They also provide 92 rolling dumpsters which also serve residents in Blaine and Cherry County.

If they proceed with purchasing the new trash truck it will be at least 18 months before receiving and paying for the truck.

The commissioners asked that the Clerk check with the State Auditors office and County Attorney on the legalities of this request.

Marcy Andersen, Thomas County librarian met with the board to discuss the possibility of installing a new sidewalk leading out of the south door to the current sidewalk in front of the courthouse. The board discussed options of making repairs to the existing sidewalks around the library rather than installing a new sidewalk. Other issues discussed were additional sidewalks for snow removal and the possibility of having to move the current sprinkler system. No action was taken.

Commissioner Moody had received communication from the US Fish and Wildlife service inviting Thomas County to participate in the Section 106 consulting party.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh for Thomas County to participate in the Section 106 consulting party invitation from the US Fish and Wildlife, regarding historical sites. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody will respond with Jeff Runge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and inform them of our intent to participate.

The Clerk presented new information from the group TextMyGov to provide cell phone texts to those who sign up for the service with the County to receive reminders. The original price for the service and sign up was \$3,750, the second agreement presented the price had lowered to \$2,000. The board took no action to proceed with signing up for this service at this time.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Attorney Kurt Arganbright, Terri Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kris Rasmussen, Carla Jensen-Aflac, Richard Jameson, and Dave Masek.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 4, 2024 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 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Richard Jameson visited with the board about concerns to the property tax valuation increases. He encouraged the board to be fiscally responsible with spending in the county, especially with the Thedford Public Schools special election coming up. He asked that the board control the levy throughout the county and taxing entities. Questions were brought up about conducting studies on road usage to determine how to complete road projects based on the usage. Another suggestion was to utilize co-usage of equipment through out the county or access state surplus equipment, when possible.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Dave Arnold, Valentine about hauling crushed magnesias. He will have more information at the June 18th meeting.

Figgins Construction is planning to be here to set up on June 15th, weather permitting, to start the East Windmill Road project.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$900 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2802.04
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	814.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	7760.66
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	484.50
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	137.35
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1499.75
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	1410.57
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	88.44
HEALTHPLAN SERVICES, INC	INSURANCE	64.20
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION COSTS	52.00
TL MEYER	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1336.42
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	REGISTRATION	300.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1235.18

REGION 26	DATA PROCESSING	730.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	150.13
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7737.00
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCI	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	5.15
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	96.50
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
ANDREA THOMAS	ELECTION COSTS	19.50
U S BANK	TRAINING	333.37
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION COSTS	32.50
SALARIES		28391.05

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.98
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2522.20
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	24.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	CELL PHONE FY 23-24	150.03
KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE FY 23-24	200.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	900.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	429.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4466.12
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2467.68
SALARIES		8528.62

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.25
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	181.69
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	220.47
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	25.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	108.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	247.10
SALARIES		1393.32

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SHELF/BEAN BAG	163.39
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	284.55
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	252.06
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	2907.35
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	122.60
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	114.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	96.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	539.23
SALARIES		1812.15

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	698.64
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	18.28
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	35.52
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	74.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	49.76
SALARIES		290.48

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for May.

Special Election ballots will be mailed out starting June 17th. The new copier from Eakes will be installed this week.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

Treasurer reported on upcoming workshops that she will be attending.

Sheriff reported on the possibility of obtaining deputy assistance. Emergency Manager report was given on the upcoming Region 26 budget for 2024-2025.

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

Bob Browleit cancelled his visit this morning due to illness. He will reschedule for the June 18th meeting.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept possession and responsibility of the state purchased courtroom equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC was reviewed. The increased cost was reviewed and the board asked to see if the price could be lowered and to check with other vendors. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to surplus the following library computer equipment: Dell Desktop Computer Service Tag #HOBC921 and Dell Monitor Serial #CN-012MWY-6480-39E-2B8L. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the NIRMA 2024-2025 insurance renewal with the same deductibles. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Carolyn Warren.

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 4, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to adopt the June 18, 2024 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 June 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on Jun 13, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. No comment at this time.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly reported receiving a phone call about a road that leads west out of Seneca along the railroad tracks having heavy rain damage. Road personnel examined the road earlier in the day and upon returning the road had been barricaded. After further review, using Gworks satellite imagery it appeared the portion of the road in question actually was in Hooker County. No further action will be taken by Thomas County.

The work on E. Windmill, as of date, has not begun. Lloyd will try to get a better date of beginning construction so that the landowners that use the road can be notified of possible delays.

Discussion was held on material for shouldering E. Windmill after the Figgins project is complete. The thought was to see if the county could obtain clay from Richard Jameson along Golf Course Lane.

New road signs have been ordered for Purdum Ave. Discussion was also had on the retro reflectivity tool from NIRMA.

Beginner MSHA training for road employee Heavican was discussed. The Clerk will check into available training locations and dates.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1050.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	100.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	389.85
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	839.70
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	444.60
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	479.18
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	157.80
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.89
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	588.92

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	295.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	211.84
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	75.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SERVICES	498.95
NACO	DUES 24-25	1016.28
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES 24-25	125.00
PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT	ENVELOPES	133.46
PRINTELECT	SUPPLIES	254.02
MARION RHOADES	JUNE LAWN CARE	1500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SUPPLIES	127.50
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	AMMO	769.40
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	15.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	ROADS/POSTAGE	200345.85
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	220.43
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	483.68
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
ROAD FUND-		
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	24.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	75.71
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1137.10
EXTENSION FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	67.50
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	40.64
U S BANK	18" PAPERTRIMER	109.53
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	583.15
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	27.92
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	71.75
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	285.43

Office reports:

The Clerk reported mailing out 405 special election ballots for the Thedford Public School on June 17th, these ballots will need to be returned by 5 p.m. on July 9th.

Assessor discussed possible upcoming property protests. The next date scheduled for the Board of Equalization is July 16th.

Treasurer presented the May financial report to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office once he returned from an accident.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to reappoint Jerry Linn to the Thomas County Veterans Service Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral LLC at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on July 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to surplus the following sheriff equipment:

Apple iPad, serial #DMPMQ06LF182 and Nobilis I370R2 computer, serial #1449788

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to participate in the Kroger Opioid Settlement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bob Browleit with the Thomas County Visitors Committee met with the board about placing an Historical Marker about Thomas County on the lawn by the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bob also asked the board for assistance on hauling fill onto the trail in the mini park outside of the fairgrounds. The visitors committee will be placing new picnic tables in the park and wanted to get the road in better shape. Commissioner Herbaugh graciously donated the material to be used for this project.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 10:01 a.m. to enter into the Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Discussion was held on the road employee hourly rate. Hourly rates from the surrounding counties were reviewed, Thomas County was found to be in the middle range of the surrounding counties. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to give the road employees a 3% cost of living increase. Carolyn Warren stated that the board needs to cut spending due to Thedford Public Schools proposed increase in tax asking.

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

Public Comment. Andrea Thomas gave a report on the daycare facility.
No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kylie Joyce-Region II, and TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension.

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 20, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 2, 2024 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 June 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on material for various projects. N. Seneca shouldering project started this week. Material to shoulder S. Seneca was discussed. There is material sitting at Frank Warrens, the board/road men will try to contact and find out who the material belongs to.

Gravel requested from Randy Andersen was discussed. The area he is requesting the material for is considered the railroad right of way, so the board advised the road department not to work in this area.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$2,730. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	DENTAL	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2766.2
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	814.8
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.6
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	463.5
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	1350
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	450.66
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER	8593.5
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	89.58
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1330.57
NIRMA	INSURANCE	12771
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
RAMADA	LODGING	107
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	13863.43
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	222.84
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	8158.58
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	9.85
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	136
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	441
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		29514.94

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	DENTAL	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	900.14
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	ROAD SIGNS	1209.84
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	197.35
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2730
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	415.41
NIRMA	INSURANCE	10007
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1460.36
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4449.4
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	2390.85
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	4555.83
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.8
SALARIES		8306.94

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.25
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VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	80
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	260.1
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	66.64
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	221.29
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	318.02
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	208.94
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	409.61
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	1045.94
SALARIES		4118.55

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	268.95
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	118.13
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	148.74
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	50.55
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	91.58
NIRMA	INSURANCE	2766
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	510.54
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	154.5
SALARIES		1767.59

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22.4
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	32.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.48
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	75.21
	FEDERAL	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	TAXES	111.04
SALARIES		652.67

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of June.

Discussion was held on the budget hearing date and time. No decision was made at this time.

The September 17th meeting the county board will need to adopt the budget.

Assessor reported on the Protest forms filed. The July 16th meeting will be the Board of Equalization hearing date. Central Plains Valuation will be in attendance to act as the referee for the protest hearings.

Treasurer presented the six month financial report to the board. The fiscal year end was completed on July 1st.

Sheriff presented the quarterly fee report along with a recent activity report. The sheriff office will be going through an accreditation review next week.

Library usage report presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to designate CSG as the postcard printing vendor for 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Kylie Joyce of Region II gave a report on the funding and services provided through the agency.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the request from the Thomas County Visitors Committee to place a historical marker in the Seneca Park. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the ARPA application from Sandhills Area Childcare for \$2,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2024

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, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Richard Jameson.

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 4, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 16, 2024 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 July 2, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that the shouldering on N. Seneca was completed. He also reported speaking with Carolyn Warren, on the material left on their property, Carolyn informed him that the material belonged to them. The board decided to have road employee Keith Hartman get in touch with Frank. This material would be used along the shoulders down S. Seneca.

Figgins Construction has not contacted the county yet on a start date for E. Windmill Rd.

Commissioner Moody reported that Wayne Rodocker had contacted her about having the county help lifting out a couple of auto gates. He will clean out and replace the auto gate, but needs the assistance of the county and equipment to lift them out.

Discussion was held on the notice in the paper for the airport material. No action taken.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that Randy Andersen's request for gravel is actually between Gary Cooper and Randy. The board advised that road personnel would need to contact Randy and see where he specifically needs the gravel.

Discussion was held on upcoming big road projects that may need to be figured into the county 24/25 budget.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported speaking to Tom Licking about using his equipment to grade the streets in Seneca. Tom reported that he would need to charge \$200/hour. No action taken.

No correspondence to present.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1125.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	2ND APP FERT	435.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	531.03
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	28.89
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	295.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	112.50
MELHAM MEDICAL CENTER	INMATE EXPENSE	778.27
NDA REGION II	DUES FY2024	50.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	15.79
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENTAL/POSTAGE	454.00
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2894.57
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	1425.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	98.23
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.21
U S BANK	POSTAGE	9.85
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.90
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	542.34

ROAD FUND-

KEITH HARTMAN	CDL PHYSICAL	135.00
NKC TIRE GROUP	TIRE	377.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	361.70

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	54.25
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	25.00
HOOKE COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	30.00
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	68.12
TL MEYER	REG FEE	20.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENTAL	154.00

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
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Office reports:

Clerk reported on the Special Election. The election will be canvassed on July 17th and will be certified to the school and secretary of state.

Treasurer presented the June financial report and the semi-annual report that will be in this week's paper. She also reported that the end of the fiscal year went smoothly.

Sheriff reported on the speed study for the business district portion of Highway 2 east of Thedford. The sheriff's office also passed the state accreditation requirements set by the state.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-7, ARPA grant for Sandhills Area Childcare. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried. Andrea Thomas expressed her thanks to the county for assisting with the process to get the daycare started. The daycare has recently passed all inspections.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 6, 2024

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 and Lewis Herbaugh. Absent – Charles Daly. Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to excuse 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, road employees Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Shane Pettit, Breonna Porath, Tim Licking, 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 July 25, 2024.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to adopt the August 6, 2024 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 July 16, 2024 meeting minutes with the correction that the July 2, 2024 meeting minutes were published on July 11, 2024, published in the Thomas County Herald on July 25, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men reported on projects completed the last several weeks. Repair work on the belly dump discussed. The CAT loader is still waiting on repair work from NMC.

Lloyd reported that Figgins Construction should be here August 8th to begin the East Windmill Road project.

Shane Pettit, Breonna Licking and Tim Licking talked about what could be done with a portion of the road on South Seneca, where the sides of the road doesn't allow for two vehicles to meet. The discussion was held that the west bank would be knocked down to increase visibility and road width. Then the county will haul in clay to help build up the road and haul gravel on top of the clay. The road will be closed down to light traffic only for the several days this project takes. Shane Pettit has agreed to hay the area that is exposed from construction on his land.

Other areas of concern discussed were south of Childers Lane to Pettit's that will need work done in the future and shouldering along Madron hill.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to pay the L & L gravel claim of \$750 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2827.58
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	814.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	150.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	521.33
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	843.73
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	551.25
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	583.81
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	129.84
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	96.48
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	45.00
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION FEES	978.06
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	INTERLOCAL	6000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	125.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1357.47
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	1425.00
MARION RHOADES	JULY-AUG LAWN CARE	3000.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	274.48
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8274.24
STAMP FULFILLMENT SERVICES	POSTAGE/ENVELOPES	451.75
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	21.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	23.70
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION 1ST QTR	6590.88
U S BANK	FUEL	42.74
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	37.50
SALARIES		29741.76

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1031.95
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.93
KELLY SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	172.11
L & L GRAVEL	DIRT	750.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	BRIDGE INSPECTIONS	1640.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	477.68
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	197.96
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2249.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2694.67
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	27.02

SALARIES		9149.39
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PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.39
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VISITORS FUND-

THEDFORD SERVICE CLUB	BROCHURES	290.13
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	296.44
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	102.64
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	243.07
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	57.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	119.44
LACY HEBBERT	MILEAGE	147.40
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	13.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	227.26
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	139.96
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1132.39
THE SPUR	BOARD MTG MEAL	123.02
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	34.84
SALARIES		4346.96

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	CARD HOLDER	23.64
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	259.20
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.91
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	197.17
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	92.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	501.73
SALARIES		1620.76

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	135.17
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	12.15
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.51
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	60.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	30.30
SALARIES		151.26

ARPA FUND-

SANDHILLS AREA CHILDCARE	ARPA REQUEST	2500.00
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Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report from July for the office.

Upcoming dates for budget work were discussed. Budget work session again on the August 27th & September 3rd meeting, budget hearing, adopt budget and tax request hearing to be held on September 17th.

Centrally assessed values should be released on Friday, August 8th for the assessor to prepare certificates of valuation to all political subdivisions.

Clerk advised that the lease for the Seneca Auditorium will be up this November 2024.

Treasurer reported that the second half of property taxes will be due at the end of August. Taxes will be considered delinquent if not paid by September 3rd.

Sheriff gave an activity report and legislative report.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2024-8, Annual Certification of Program Compliance with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Absent- Daly. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-9, Authorization/Reauthorization of Thomas County Petty cash funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Daly. Motion carried.

Budget work session was held. Revenue and expenditure funds were reviewed.

Public Comment. Andrea Thomas reported to the board that the daycare has received their licensing.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024 (note change date)** at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 27, 2024

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 and Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Michelle McIntosh, Alison Werner, and Marcy Andersen.

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 15, 2024.

Motion made Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 27, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the August 6, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Daly. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Figgins has completed the E. Windmill Road project, there are a couple of soft spots that they may come back and take a look at. Shouldering has begun, but the road personnel are reporting that it may be best to wait until the temperatures cool down to do the shouldering so it doesn't tear up the armor coat.

The material located at the Seeley/Pokorny lot was discussed. Commissioner Moody reported on visiting with Bub Rodocker about the quality of the material. The road personnel may reach out to him, some of the material may work good on filling areas along S. Seneca.

The CAT loader is still waiting on repairs from NMC. They have been up and diagnosed the problem but we are now waiting on gaskets and core to be replaced.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported on the request from Joe Buechler for a load of gravel on Hanna Lane. The board reviewed the Interlocal agreement with Blaine County for this road, the agreement only covers snow removal policies.

Commissioner Moody reported that a road sign was hit during the road race on Purdum Ave.

Discussion was held on N. Ringgold Road and the material needing hauled to this portion of road.

No action taken on Randy Andersen request at this time. Not present to discuss request.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1290.00
BROUILLETTE, DUGAN, TROSHYNSKI PC	ATTY FEES	112.50
CHARRON LAWN CARE	3RD APPLICATION	435.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE HOUSING	6370.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	878.42
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	DATA PROCESSING	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	61.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	54.17
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	ZONING TAB	4095.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	182.24
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	110.00

MIPS INC	JURY LIST	55.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	315.50
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	26.26
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.66
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	324.28
U S BANK	BLINDS/SUPPLIES	255.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.90
ROAD FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	83.88
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2660.34
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	SERVICES	630.00
VISITORS FUND-		
FM 92.3 KBEAR COUNTRY	FAIR ADS	450.00
KCNI-AM/KBBN-FM	ADS	199.30
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	35.95
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	19.17
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	25.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	115.00
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	4.92
MARCY ANDERSEN	SUPPLIES	285.80
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	203.71
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	375.43
MARCY ANDERSEN	BOOKS	67.57
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	90.01

Office reports:

Clerk reported sending out jury questionnaires for a Trial scheduled September 30th – October 3rd. Several schools (Thedford and Sandhills) believe they will be hosting a LB644, pink postcard hearing for their budgets in September.

Treasurer presented a financial report.

Sheriff gave an activity report and trial preparation report.

Commissioner Moody reported on a meeting scheduled with Deb Fischer’s office in Valentine on August 28th.

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.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2024-10, levy setting authority to political subdivisions subject to county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the NACO Benefit Services COBRA administrative agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral on October 5, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL liquor application for the Sandhills Corral on October 13, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to prepare a ten year lease for the Seneca Auditorium and Park with the Seneca Preservation Historical Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk will contact the County Attorney to draft a new lease.

Budget work session began at 10:15 a.m. with members of the Thomas County Library board and librarian and other elected offices.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024

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 Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to excuse board member Moody. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Moody. Motion carried. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Randy Andersen and County Treasurer Andrea Thomas.

Vice Chair Daly 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 22, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 3, 2024 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the August 27, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 5, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Moody. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Randy Andersen met with the board to request a load of gravel for the portion of road on Dakota Lane between the railroad auto gate and Cooper auto gate. The board agreed with the request and will be added to the list of projects for the road department.

Discussion was held on the Figgins work on E. Windmill road. They will be coming back to complete the road. Figgins notified the county that they had a miscommunication within their workforce and would be back to complete the job at their cost.

NIRMA will be hosting MSHA refresher training next Tuesday in Valentine. Keith will be attending.

Material discussion was held. Road personnel have looked at the material pile at Seeley/Pokorny site. A phone call has been placed to find out if the county could obtain some of the material, even though it has bigger chunks, to be used in the deep ditches in spots along South Seneca.

No correspondence to present.

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

GENERAL FUND

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2851.92
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	87.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	447.58
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	439.94
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	89.58
NACO	REGISTRATION	25.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1353.92
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	200.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8302.17
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	46.96
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		30032.18

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
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AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	960.97
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	443.39
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2529.96
SALARIES		8697.63

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.39
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	284.97
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	221.47
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	168.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	221.47
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	202.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1105.10
SALARIES		1793.67

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	279.83
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.91
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	96.56
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	542.94
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	59.92
SALARIES		358.13

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August.

The Thedford School will be needing to host a LB644 pink postcard hearing on September 19th and Sandhills Public School will be having their hearing on September 17th. Pink postcards will be mailed to landowners within these school districts with hearing information.

Discussed LB34 cap exclusions.

Discussion was held on November General Election ballot.

Treasurer gave a preliminary tax receipt report.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the Village of Thedford application for ARPA funds in the amount of \$1,587.44 for a pressure relief valve. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Absent – Moody. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Vice Chair Daly adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Charles Daly, Vice Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held on the 17th day of September, 2024 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 12th day of September, 2024.

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, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman. No other members of the public were present.

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

County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman 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 9:05 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2024

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:06 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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, 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 September 5, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 17, 2024 regular agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-11, for 1% increase for 2023-2024 funds subject to limitation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-12, adopting the 2024-2025 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes- Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The project on E. Windmill Rd is nearing completion. The county will need to shoulder the portion of road just completed. L & L Gravel will have some material that can be used for this with a cost of \$3/ton. The first part of E. Windmill that wasn't armor coated needs some material in spots due to all the truck traffic.

Discussion was held on repair work being done to the CAT loader.

Discussion was held on material to be used in the future. Millings will be hard to come by. Figgins are working with Cherry County and Department of Roads to tear up old highway material to crush and be used for other roads. Lloyd would have to contact District 11 highway department to see if this is a possibility in the future. No action taken today.

Outstanding road projects/requests were discussed.

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	760.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	775.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	553.96
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.00
	INMATE	
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	HOUSING	2585.00
LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF	PAPER SERVICE	36.80
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	666.95
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
MARION RHOADES	SEPT LAWNCARE	1500.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	22.80
U S BANK	LODGING	264.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.93

ROAD FUND-

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	66.31
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SURVEYOR FEES	4352.90
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	753.35
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	12.45
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1275.94

EXTENSION FUND-

CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	61.93
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	11.18
MICHELLE GARWOOD	FUEL	66.22
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	33.21

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	315.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	208.77

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the LB644 “pink postcard hearing” for the Thedford Public Schools is September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Election calendar update given to the board.

Information on upcoming trial was discussed. The October 1st regular board meeting was moved to Friday, October 4th due to numerous elected officials being selected for jury duty. The October 4th meeting will begin at the regular time of 8:30 a.m.

Treasurer presented a financial report.

Sheriff presented an activity report.

Commissioner Daly gave a West Central District Health department report. Megan Travino, Interim Executive Director was named to replace Shannon Vanderheiden who will be stepping down as the Executive Director.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-14, the Village of Thedford ARPA grant in the amount of \$1,587.44. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion of Thomas County being designated as a sanctuary county. The board wanted clarification that this designation was not agreed upon by the board and that more research would be done to dispute this designation. Lincoln County Commissioner Micaela Wuehler has been working on behalf of the 21 counties listed to correct the Center of Immigration Studies erroneous listing. More discussion will be held on the October 4th meeting.

Chair Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to open the Property Tax Request hearing. No public present for the hearing.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-13, setting the 2024-2025 final tax request at \$848,242.13. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. an agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2024

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 Doug Heavican, Chad Sutton, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and Don Wilson.

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 19, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 4, 2024 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 September 17, 2024 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 26, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 17, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 26, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Chad Sutton, representative of the Loup to Loup committee met with the board about using the Purdum Road for the SORC race on August 7, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve closing Purdum Road for the SORC race on August 7, 2024, mail to run first before closing the road. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Shouldering of E Windmill road progress discussed.

W Windmill road work being done currently.

River Road problem areas discussed.

Discussion was held on hauling water to the road project areas. Lloyd will check with Cherry County to see what equipment they have and if it could be borrowed. We will also check with Logan County on available equipment.

Correspondence presented. NACO election form completed.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$1,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	3012.47
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	2098.96
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	468.32
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	65.66
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	LICENSE	91.63
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1253.48
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	576.72
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPY METER	635.82
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	1595.41

EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	193.54
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	159.46
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	CONSULTANT FEE	2000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1455.68
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	14.36
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	101.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	13863.43
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	330.62
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	WEED WATCH	94.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8742.65
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	JURY SNACKS	22.99
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE/EXTENSION	8892.82
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	193.68
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	441.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		31079.08
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	948.45
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	24.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.57
FIGGINS CONSTRUCTION CO INC	WINDMILL ROAD	213543.68
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1500.00
MASEBERG RANCH	SUPPLIES	537.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	437.77
RICHARD BURNSIDE	CLAY MATERIAL	480.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3831.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2501.66
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	19.19
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1933.05
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.80
SALARIES		8616.81
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.39
VISITORS FUND-		
BRANDI GROSETH	GRANT/REIMBURSEMENT	400.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	267.75
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	68.74
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	231.74
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	174.49
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	212.80
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	37.76
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1064.15
SALARIES		4166.63
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	207.05
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.48
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	180.01
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	78.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	395.42
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.80
SALARIES		1346.85
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	163.31
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	14.43
KNOWBUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	505.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	216.83
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	92.44
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	431.78
SALARIES		545.41

Office/Fee reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of September.

NACO conference rooms discussed.

Early vote application ballots have been mailed out starting Monday September 30th. In person Early Voting begins Monday October 7th.

Sanctuary county information should be arriving to County Board Chair, County Attorney and County Sheriff.

Sheriff presented the quarterly fee report for his office and gave an activity report.

Library usage report was presented.

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

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

Discussion was held on the library board terms and appointments. The board tabled any action until October 15th meeting.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2024

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 Doug Heavican, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Norma Butler, Jeri Huddle, and 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 3, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 15, 2024 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 October 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road employee Heavican reported that he should be finished shouldering E Windmill Road this week. Other completed projects discussed were soft spots along River Ave, W Windmill Rd and material for Hanna Lane. Upcoming project discussed was Diamond E Ln, this project will be held off until we receive moisture or purchase a water tank to haul water to the area.

Discussion was held on contacting Maseberg's about building a steel frame to hold a water tank or building a metal water tank to be installed in the dump truck. Doug Heavican suggested contacting Ag Sprayer out of Columbus about water tanks also.

Discussion was held with visitors and County Sheriff about Thomas County being named a sanctuary county. Lincoln County Commissioner Micael Wuehler has been working with Jessica Vaughn, policy director for Center of Immigration Studies to get the 20 remaining counties removed from this list. A form is being prepared for the Sheriff to complete.

Discussion was held on the Audit finding from Don Wilson regarding sealed bids. This item was tabled until the November 5th meeting so that the County Attorney would be available to advise on a response.

No correspondence to present.

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

GENERAL FUND-

DARRELL L ANDERSEN	JUROR FEE	58.32
PEG ANDERSEN	JUROR FEE	43.17
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	776.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	600.00
ROBERTA BARNES	JUROR FEE	58.18
LOUIS BENAVIDEZ	JUROR FEE	46.52
MATTHEW BROWN	JUROR FEE	152.88
PAULINE BROWN	JUROR FEE	55.64
BRENDA BUECHLER	JUROR FEE	145.36
TARA CALL	JUROR FEE	62.74
CHARRON LAWN CARE	4TH APP FERT	435.00
TESS CHYTKA	JUROR FEE	39.02
ALICIA CLARK	JUROR FEE	35.27
RAYMOND CRONK	JUROR FEE	148.04
CHRISTINA DAHLBERG	JUROR FEE	141.08
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	DATA PROCESSING	150.00
DAN DENAEYER	JUROR FEE	35.00

DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
MONTE DICKMAN	JUROR FEE	44.38
JOSEPH DUGAS	JUROR FEE	57.11
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	35.48
	ELECTION	
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	EXPENSE	57.26
VELMA EWOLDT	JUROR FEE	35.00
KRISTIN GANOUNG	JUROR FEE	58.05
RICHARD GILES	JUROR FEE	57.91
GREAT PLAINS HEALTH	JURY EXPENSE	248.00
KYLE HAAKE	JUROR FEE	40.76
NATHAN HANSON	JUROR FEE	57.91
MICK HARTWIG	JUROR FEE	140.00
RONDA HAUMANN	JUROR FEE	140.00
WILMA HEINOWSKI	JUROR FEE	58.45
MICHAEL HODGES	JUROR FEE	141.60
KASEY HOFFMAN	JUROR FEE	35.00
KEVIN HOOD	JUROR FEE	35.00
GORDON HUDDLE	JUROR FEE	35.54
CAILYN JAMESON	JUROR FEE	37.95
GARNETT JAMESON	JUROR FEE	149.12
RICHARD JAMESON	JUROR FEE	37.95
ROYCE JENNINGS	JUROR FEE	57.65
JEFFREY JOHNSTON	JUROR FEE	58.58
LONNIE LARSEN	JUROR FEE	47.46
KAY LEE	JUROR FEE	35.00
BRIDGET LICKING	JUROR FEE	35.54
MEGAN LICKING	JUROR FEE	80.83
MELISSA LICKING	JUROR FEE	58.85
RICHARD LICKING	JUROR FEE	60.46
ROGER LICKING	JUROR FEE	60.73
TANNA LICKING	JUROR FEE	60.46
TERRI LICKING	JUROR FEE	57.78
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	738.44
BRANDA MARSH	JUROR FEE	38.08
LISA MARTEN	JUROR FEE	232.20
TIMOTHY MASEBERG	JUROR FEE	50.01
DAWN MCFADDEN	JUROR FEE	80.02
TL MEYER	JUROR FEE	41.43
SHALEE MORRISON	JUROR FEE	46.52
JEANETTE NAILLON	JUROR FEE	220.40
GALEN NEBEN	JUROR FEE	35.80
DIANA NELSON	JUROR FEE	35.40
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA JUVENILE SERVICE	HOUSING	152.50
TANYA OSIENGER	JUROR FEE	35.40
SHANE PETTIT	JUROR FEE	79.49
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
RUSSELL REISER	JUROR FEE	35.00
ERIC RIDENOUR	JUROR FEE	35.00
DARREN RINESTINE	JUROR FEE	35.54
ROBERT ROBINSON	JUROR FEE	140.00
BRYAN RODOCKER	JUROR FEE	57.65
BENJAMIN SANDINE	JUROR FEE	55.77
TRICIA SCHUKEI	JUROR FEE	52.15
BOBBI SCOTT	JUROR FEE	35.80
MALLORY SIKES	JUROR FEE	67.70
CAITLIN SIMMONDS	JUROR FEE	35.00
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	MEALS - TRIAL	80.00
JOHN STAUB	JUROR FEE	49.74
SHALEY STITHEM	JUROR FEE	89.94
KAREN SWISHER	JUROR FEE	252.04
MARK TEAHON	JUROR FEE	172.95
	PAPER SERVICE	
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	FEE	90.52
JOHN THOMAS	JUROR FEE	55.10
U S BANK	FUEL	60.39
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
DANIEL P WADAS	JUROR FEE	142.16
SETH WILLIAMS	JUROR FEE	46.93
TWYLA WITT	JUROR FEE	35.00

ROAD FUND-

NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS LOADER	6224.57
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-		
LLOYD W BENJAMIN	TABLES	920.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	CONCRETE	685.75
EXTENSION FUND-		
TL MEYER	BATTERY	73.80
THERESA THOMAS	MEALS	27.23
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
ARPA FUND-		
VILLAGE OFA76:C105 THEDFORD	ARPA GRANT	1679.68

Office reports:

The rural reappraisal of Thomas County started today with Central Plains Valuation going to all the rural homesites. Letters were mailed to homeowners on October 4th advising them of the project. Early Voting has begun in Thomas County, 45 early vote ballots have been given out so far.

Treasurer presented a financial report of all funds. The ARPA fund has now been zeroed out.

Sheriff gave an activity report and also an inmate report. The speed study has been completed on Hwy 2, now just waiting on the report to be released.

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

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the Amended Resolution #2024-14, Village of Thedford ARPA grant in the amount of \$1,679.68. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No action taken on the Thomas County Library board members and terms. Tabled until November 5th meeting.

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

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2024

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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Miles Maseberg, 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 October 24, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 5, 2024 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 October 15, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 24, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Doug reported that a hole is starting on Windmill Road in a portion of the road that has just been armor coated by Figgins. Commissioner Herbaugh will go out and take a look and report to County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith his findings.

Commissioner Herbaugh will also go out and take a look at Johnston Lane. Material request is tabled until the next meeting.

Miles Maseberg presented information building a water tank to fit into the back of the dump truck, he provided three different options ranging in price from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to have Maseberg's make a rectangle tank to fit into the dump truck. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody advised of a discussion about snow fence for E Antelope Valley Road. The County does not have any snow fence material to install.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2024-14, annual certification of County Highway Superintendent. 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 the L & L Gravel claim of \$3,300. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to pay payroll and 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	2871.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	76.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	APPRAISAL WORK	29600.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
COMFORT INN	LODGING	344.85
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	463.49

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1405.70
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	487.02
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	185.04
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	2483.06
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	62.36
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.46
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	3300.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	51.70
MIPS INC	SERVICES	2094.71
NACO	DUES	1016.28
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1368.13
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	175.00
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	256.49
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C.	AUTOPSY COSTS	300.00
POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBRASKA	DUES	20.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	73.00
MARION RHOADES	OCT LAWN CARE	1500.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	604.15
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8393.08
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	41.80
THOMAS CO TREASURER	IRS	37.49
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FILING FEES	102.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	201.00
U S BANK	AMAZON	523.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICAL	33.45
SALARIES		30240.43
ROAD FUND-		
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1047.77
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	114.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	80.85
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3300.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	23.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	484.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2727.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2729.61
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	LADDER	54.99
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	6254.84
SALARIES		9252.87
PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.32
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	300.27
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	282.02
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	124.95
RHONDA DAILEY	MILEAGE	80.40
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	60.85
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	33.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	46.22
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	229.19
DONNA J REYNOLDS	EXT BOARD MEAL	90.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	105.99
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	BOARD MEMBER EXPENSE	57.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1164.21
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	61.64
SALARIES		4508.14
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	249.34
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	117.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	136.43
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	79.56
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	271.02
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	446.63

SALARIES		1634.57
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	AMAZON BOOKS	297.27
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	48.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.19
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	81.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	133.94
SALARIES		780.88

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of October.

The office has received 136 applications for early vote ballots. Thomas County has 492 registered voters. Central Plains Valuation has completed the rural reappraisal inspections, they will now be working on entering the data and establishing depreciation tables.

Treasurer reported that the Distress warrants on personal property have been turned over to the Sheriff on November 1st.

The treasurer's office attended fraud training on titles last week in Grand Island.

The treasurer also reported on the balance of the library fund after paying payroll and claims today. Due to the fund balance we will need to make a transfer from bookmobile to library at the November 19th meeting.

Sheriff reported receiving the distress warrants from the Treasurer's office.

He also reported that Thomas County has been removed from the list of sanctuary counties. He will be assisting the surrounding counties on getting their counties removed also.

During correspondence an email from Scott Milliken, NDOT was presented, that the traffic study has been completed on the 3 mile section of Highway 2, a Memorandum was written, and forwarded for review.

Library usage report was presented to the board.

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

Discussion was held on the audit findings. The County Board directed the County Attorney prepare a response to the finding. The County Attorney will forward the response to the Board members for review and the County Clerk will forward to Don Wilson by November 15th.

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

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to appoint the following library board members and terms:

Michelle McIntosh-term expiring 2025

Alison Werner-term expiring 2026

Justina Benscoter-term expiring 2027

Dixie Hoffman-term expiring 2028

Mallory Sikes-term expiring 2029

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the 10 year lease with the Seneca Historical Preservation Society. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral for December 13, 2024 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2024-16, Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody commented that she had received a phone call from DHHS asking that the county attorney complete the Child Support subaward agreement. Kurt advised that he will double check his junk email file to see if that is why he hadn't received the email.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2024

Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County 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 November 7, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 19, 2024 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 November 5, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 14, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on phone call reports to Commissioner Daly on the portion of S. Seneca Ave by Josh Call's place. The road personnel will be shouldering a portion of the road for right now so that it will make it passable by two vehicles. The county is still looking for material to use to get further out into the ditch.

Commissioner Daly also received a call about a narrow portion of River Ave that sits on a curve. He will meet with the landowner to discuss options on making that curve wider.

Commissioner Moody also received a phone call about Atkins road, a hill going towards Naber's needing grading. The road men planned to go out and grade after deer season is done this weekend.

Road personnel reported work being done on Diamond E Lane for feed trucks to deliver this winter.

The board reviewed correspondence from Topkote advising that they would be going out of business effective immediately.

Lloyd Smith will be checking with Cherry County Roads about cold mix pricing.

Other correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$1,275 for dirt. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXP	1320.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1181.90
CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	188.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	392.04
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	7.79
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	247.90
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	208.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	84.50
JERI HUDDLE	ELECTION	104.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	412.50
TL MEYER	ELECTION	32.50
MELISSA MILLS	ELECTION	97.50
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	960.00

MARIAN NUTTER	ELECTION	188.50
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, P.C.	SERVICES	2750.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	6.90
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	139.58
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	188.50
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	8251.15
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	84.50

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.91
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	1275.00

EXTENSION FUND-

GRANT COUNTY NEWS	MEETING NOTICE	6.40
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	39.78

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	27.92

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	BOOKS	104.68
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BOOKMOBILE FUND-A1:C40	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk reported that the Election went well, the manual count was completed for the Secretary of State office and the Canvas of the Election was also completed. Voter turnout was 82%

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the audit report completed by Don Wilson for period ending June 20, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The audit report is available for review in the Thomas County Clerk’s office.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the one year audit engagement letter with Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2024

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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, and Bryce Lamb of Healing Hearts.

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 21, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the December 3, 2024 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 November 19, 2024 meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 28, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh talked to the board about future oil prices, he noted that no prices are available right now unless you were completing the project right now. The county may have to create their own oil mix in the future. Figgins would have to come in with their pug mill to mix the oil/material. Topkote announced their plans to close their business at the end of this year, this will only leave Figgins to complete projects in the area, as of now.

1 & 6 year projects were discussed, Amsberry Hill needs repaired with an oil mix. The Paxton Ranch Rd/Peaceful Plains road needs work done in the spring. The current condition of the road is not terrible and there is concern that disturbing the area may cause more problems. This project will be added to the list to be completed in the spring.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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	2787.28
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2648.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTORNEY FEES	1498.96
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	453.45
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	202.34
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	431.64
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	780.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES	DUES	450.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1336.63
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	288.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8176.99
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.45
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29592.17

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	894.81

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	220.85
RICHARD BURNSIDE	MATERIAL	1500.00
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.	MATERIAL/SUPPLIES	301.79
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	412.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3733.73
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2378.15
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
SALARIES		8273.44
VISITORS FUND-		
SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS	MLR SPONSORSH	1500.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	273.65
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.32
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	215.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	89.19
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1084.40
SALARIES		4241.17
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	197.45
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	114.01
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	111.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	72.26
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	346.82
SALARIES		1229.57
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	310.75
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.47
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	153.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	46.58
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	TRANSFER	18000.00
SALARIES		269.76

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of November.

Assessor discussion included preliminary values on AG, Residential and Commercial. Preliminary AG land value may remain the same with no increase. Preliminary Residential values are at 90% of market value, state law requires the value to be 92%-100% of market value. Commercial values are looking ok at 96% of market value. Rural Ag homes/buildings were reviewed the fall of 2024 and will show some changes.

Treasurer presented the October financial report. The Treasurer also reported that she will be refunding \$1,344.60 to Dent's on the tax roll correction completed in November.

Tax statements should be arriving the end of this week or next.

Commissioner Daly reported on West Central District Health moving locations, ARPA funds were used to assist in the down payment of the new location, making the payment less than what the rent costed at the previous location.

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

Discussion was held on the upcoming Christmas holiday. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to close the courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bryce Lamb with Healing Hearts & Families met with the board and discussed the 2025 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid agreement. This is at no cost to the county tax payers; their funding is from Grants to operate.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2025 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2024

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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension 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 5, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the December 17, 2024 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 December 3, 2024 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 12, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly gave an update on River road discussions with the landowner.

Clerk Hartman presented information on New Miner training for road employee Heavican to attend. The Clerk will register him for the February 2nd & 3rd training.

Road personnel Hartman reported receiving a phone call from Hooker County road department employee Mike Baum in regards to the Interlocal agreement between counties for Heritage Road and Fuller Lane. Mike Baum stated that Hooker County Commissioners would like to terminate this agreement between counties. According to the Interlocal Agreement it notes that the termination from either party must be in writing. The board directed Clerk Hartman to contact Hooker County Clerk and ask for something in writing from Hooker County requesting the termination of the Interlocal agreement.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$3,270 for material. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	66.16
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	50.00
MIPS INC	SHIPPING	30.20
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	REPAIRS	162.78
REGION 26	3RDQTR JAN-MAR	13863.43
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	CLAIM #31	72.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	3RDQTR BOOKMO	1115.76
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	389.73
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE COST	19.11

ROAD FUND-

KRIS GANOUNG	LOT RENT 2024	300.00
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3270.00
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	1647.10
NIRMA	TRAINING	26.00
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	73.22
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	2.59

PRETRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.32
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-		
BILL ELLIOTT	MILEAGE	266.00
TERRY E ELLIOTT	PICNIC TABLES	1508.40
EXTENSION FUND-		
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	SUBSCRIPTION	70.00
TL MEYER	TOOL BOX	79.55
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the staffing shortage in her office this week due to the NACO workshop and office assistant vacation. The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 18th and will be closing Friday, December 20th at noon.

Treasurer presented the November financial report.

Sheriff reported that all distress warrants had been collected.

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

TL Meyer presented the board with a replacement for Rhonda Dailey on the Extension Board from Thomas County, Mallory Sikes.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to appoint Mallory Sikes to the Thomas County Extension board with her term beginning in January 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL Meyer presented the board with an updated Central Sandhills Area Extension Board Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the updated Central Sandhills Area Extension Board Constitution and By-Laws. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to surplus the APC Back-UPS 550 battery backup/surge protector serial #4B1334P20731. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

The organizational meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 8:15 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. The regular meeting will begin immediately following the completion of the organizational meeting. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk