

# Thomas County Board Minutes



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

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:20 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Count Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road employee Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on December 22, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

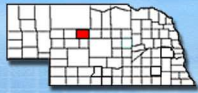
Notice in the paper – 10 days prior to the meeting

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Charles Daly & Ronda Haumann

West Central Area on Aging – Lewis Herbaugh

Region 26 – Joseph Smith

Lexington Solid Waste – Lewis Herbaugh

West Central Development District – Charles Daly

Sandhills RC & D – Pam Moody

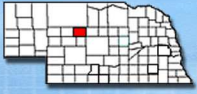
Thomas County Safety Committee – Lewis Herbaugh

Thomas County Planning Commission liaison – Pam Moody.

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

No public comment.

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



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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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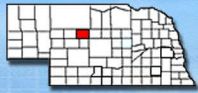
Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
January 5, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:42 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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

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

## Road discussion:

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

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

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

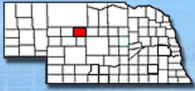
Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

## GENERAL FUND-

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

## ROAD FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	580.23
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	133.31



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

## PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.12
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## EXTENSION FUND-

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

## LIBRARY FUND-

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

## BOOKMOBILE FUND-

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

## Office reports:

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

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

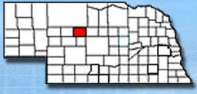
Election expenses of \$4,619.19 have been collected from other political subdivisions for the 2022 General Election. This covers about ½ the cost of the General Election.

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

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

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

An inmate/jail report was given to the board.



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

No public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the Thomas County Clerk's office during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk