

Thomas County Board Minutes



Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2023

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/Thomas County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman, Thayne Rodocker and Thomas County Weed Superintendent.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on January 5, 2023.

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

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

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

Road discussion:

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

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

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

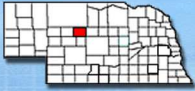
Discussion was had on the next upcoming snow storm. Keith talked with the board about purchasing a pressure washer for the shop.

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

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

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

GENERAL FUND-



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

ROAD FUND-

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

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	31.26
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	60.00

Office reports:

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

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

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

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

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

Michelle McIntosh – term expiring 2025

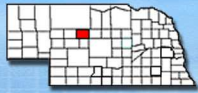
Alison Werner – term expiring 2027

Marcy Andersen – term expiring 2027

Ronda Haumann – term expiring 2027

Justina Benscoter – term expiring 2027

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk