

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Organizational Meeting
January 7, 2025

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, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, 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 December 26, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 7, 2025 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 the 2025 Chairman. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to elect Charles Daly as the 2025 Vice Chair. Roll call vote: Ayes- Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

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

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

Notice in 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 – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to set the 2025 observed holiday dates as: Martin Luther King, Jr Day – January 20th, President's Day – February 17th, Good Friday – April 18th, Arbor Day – April 25th, Memorial Day – May 26th, Juneteenth Day – June 19th, Independence Day – July 4th, Labor Day – September 1st, Columbus Day – October 13th, Veterans Day – November 11th, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 27th & 28th, Christmas Day – December 25th and New Year's Day – January 1, 2026 ** or any holiday designated by the Nebraska Governor and/or President of the United States providing no court or board meetings are scheduled on said days. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution #2025-1, designating Security First Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution #2025-2, authorizing the Thomas County Treasurer to invest funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh approving Resolution #2025-3, designating Western Nebraska Bank as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly approving Resolution #2025-4, designating NFIT/Union Bank and Trust as a county depository. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly appointing Richard Cook as the Thomas County Weed Superintendent for 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh appointing Joseph Smith as the Thomas County Emergency Manager Director for 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody appointing Lloyd Smith as the Thomas County Highway Superintendent for 2025, contingent on receiving the agreement for services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh appointing Lorissa Hartman as the Thomas County Zoning Administrator for 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh appointing Richard Cook as the Thomas County Veterans Service Officer for 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

Region II – Pam Moody

West Central District Health Department – Charles Daly and 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 RC & 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 8:54 a.m.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:55 a.m., immediately following the conclusion of the organizational meeting, 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 Attorney Kurt Arganbright, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

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Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on December 26, 2024.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 7, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

Plans for work on River Ave were discussed, work to begin in the spring.

Heritage Road Interlocal agreement discussed, Hooker County to be discussing the agreement at their next meeting.

2025 Armor coat project/crack sealing project discussion held. No action taken.

Seneca complaint to board member addressed.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay the L & L Gravel claim of \$3,700 for material. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Abstain – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2813.71
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	1493.48
CROSSROADS AUTO REPAIR SPECIALISTS	REPAIRS	86.33
	VALUATION	
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	WORK	1000.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	350.33
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	1679.40
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	400.37
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER METER	396.11
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	181.57
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NE CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURT ASSOC	2025 DUES	50.00
NEBRASKA COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOC	2025 DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1289.30
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	5.45
MARION RHOADES	NOV LAWN CARE	1500.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	545.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8223.00

THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.45
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	1.29
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	181.57
UNITED STATES TREASURY	FEDERAL TAXES	52.93
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	441.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29843.78

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	956.34
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	1277.95
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	82.08
L & L GRAVEL	MATERIAL	3700.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	417.70
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	480.38
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2629.63
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2504.43
U S BANK	REGISTRATIONS	95.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.80
SALARIES		8706.35

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.32
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

HISTORY NEBRASKA	SIGNS	20640.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	263.82
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	216.46
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	51.78
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	200.83
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	100.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1058.07
SALARIES		4235.76

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	208.58
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	108.87
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	125.39
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.34
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	UTILITIES	301.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	375.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	288.63
SALARIES		1299.36

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.85
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.66
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	69.39
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	48.56
SALARIES		281.18

Office reports:

Clerk presented the December 2024 office fee report. January 9th will be observed as a Federal Holiday set by President Joe Biden for a Day of Mourning for Jimmy Carter.

A reprinted check for Don Wilson was provided to the Chairman for signing, the original check mailed to him on November 19th was never delivered by the US Post Office.

Treasurer reported that she will be publishing the semiannual statement in the paper next week.

Sheriff presented his quarterly fee report and activity report. The sheriff will be replacing his radar equipment, he applied for a grant and received \$1,200 to help cover the cost of the new equipment. The forest contract operating plan has been fulfilled. The work on the new contract has begun. The speed limit survey has been completed with the suggestion to lower the speed limit between the Hwy2/Hwy 83 interchanges to 55 miles per hour. The Village of Thedford will first need to approve the plan before signage will change.

Emergency Manager discussion included that the State of Nebraska will not be renewing the contract for the software Bold Planning. The LEOP plans will still be utilized until the new contract for software is announced.

Library usage report presented to the board.

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

Rich Cook presented the 2024 Annual weed report and inspector report evaluation to the board for review.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept the 2024 Annual Weed report. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2025

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

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

Notice of meeting was given by in the Thomas County Herald on January 9, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 21, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 7, 2025 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 16, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 16, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he had went out with road man Keith Hartman to look at N Seneca Ave. This upcoming road season we will need to do some patching and then look into a possible armor coat project. Along with the portion of Amsberry Hill.

Discussed whether there is any federal money available to apply for on the Purdum Road or look into whether the county could set up a sinking fund for future Purdum Road projects.

Discussion was had on the Freightliner and whether it was time to replace. The board directed the road men to look into locating options for replacement.

The board conducted a road maintenance classification work session. There are some new roads and roads that need reclassified within the plan. The Clerk will check with the County Attorney to see if public hearings need to be held for these changes.

Correspondence presented. The NDOT letter advised about the suggested speed limit change on Highway 2. No action taken; the Village of Thedford will need to provide authorization for the project to proceed.

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-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	CAMERAS	815.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	2415.00
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	162.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	452.61
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	98.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	45.38
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.40
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	62.50
MIPS INC	SUPPLIES	134.00
NEBRASKA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT	1638.87
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	378.60
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES	200.00
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	FILING FEES	113.00

THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6590.88
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	378.23
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
ROAD FUND-		
LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	9.96
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	159.99
VISITORS FUND-		
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	2025MEMBERSHIP	590.00
EXTENSTION FUD-		
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	60.85
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported that Central Plains Valuation will be in the area the week of February 24th to conduct pickup work. The preliminary numbers indicate that grass land values will remain the same as last year. The residential statistics show us low and will need to increase again this year.

Treasurer presented the December financial report and a copy of the semi annual statement. Beginning in February the Treasurer's office will be advertising delinquent taxes for the March sale.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charlie Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Village of Thedford board members Dan Wadas and Kyle Hinton, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Dixie Hollenbeck, 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 January 23, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 4, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men reported that the weather was warm enough last week that they were able to do some grading.

The Clerk provided an email that talks about NDOT grants and the portal process. Not sure what projects this grants covers but the board decided to check into projects covered.

Discussion was held on the 2007 Freightliner. Some mechanical issues may be coming up with the truck and the discussion was whether to look into getting rid of it and finding a more suitable truck to replace it with. The discussion was also held on when surplussed if we should use Auction Time or Purple Wave to sell. Commissioner Herbaugh will reach out to the two options and see which company would be the best.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to surplus the 2007 Freightliner SN# 1FUJA6CK37LX77260. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

During the meeting the board reviewed online the two trucks that were found on the internet, one was located in Elm Creek and the other in St. Edward. The board directed the road men and Commissioner Herbaugh to go check out the trucks.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith checked with the board about any upcoming armor coat projects for the 2025 season. The two projects discussed were Amsberry Hill section on Windmill Rd and N Seneca Ave. No definite decision made today.

Village of Thedford board members Kyle Hinton and Dan Wadas visited with the board about waste disposal services in the county and the new trash truck costs. The Village discussed increasing waste disposal services by 3%.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Village of Thedford request to increase waste disposal services by 3% for rural residents. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Claim for J. Sevier was reviewed; Commissioner Moody will contact for clarification on the charges for mowing and pump work in the auditorium. Mowing of streets/roads throughout the county is the responsibility of the landowner. According to the lease agreement with the Seneca Historical Society all repairs with the Auditorium and property are to be covered by the lessee. The board did agree that the work done for snow removal before the funeral was an acceptable charge. A breakdown of hours for snow removal only needs completed.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2874.15

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	12.50
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	67.48
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	503.26
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	459.32
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	492.35
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	94.13
GOVIER BROTHERS MORTUARY, INC	MILEAGE	420.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	2832.96
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	DUES	75.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1306.77
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	291.50
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8337.22
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	20.20
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	75.04
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES	25.00
SALARIES		30291.87

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1031.95
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	391.27
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT		68270 103.14
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	450.85
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	349.26
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3192.30
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2678.92
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	4.19
THOMAS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY	2025 LEASE	111.00
SALARIES		9191.96

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.28
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VISITORS FUND-

HEREFORD CROSSROADS	SPONSORSHIP	500.00
SANDHILLS JOURNEY SCENIC BYWAY	DUES	500.00
WESTERN NEBRASKA TOURISM COALITION	DUES	531.44

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	295.32
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	224.71
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.61
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	31.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
TL MEYER	REIMBURSEMENT	67.71
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	214.79
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	115.96
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1120.62
SALARIES		4360.88

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	215.67
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	141.05
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	185.04
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	31.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	380.41
SALARIES		1358.83

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	105.31
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	31.52
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.21
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	64.03
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	85.72
SALARIES		496.58

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee collection report for the month of January for the office. Homestead Exemption applications were mailed out to those applicants that had applied last year and were approved. The filing deadline for any Homestead Exemption applications is June 30, 2025.

Personal Property statements were mailed out, the filing deadline for 2025 statements is May 1, 2025.

Treasurer presented the delinquent tax list to the board; this list will be advertised three time during the month of February before the tax sale in March. Treasurer reported receiving the school tax credit that had been applied to everyone's real estate tax statements for the first half and will be split between the three school districts.

Library use statistics report presented to the board.

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.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to appoint the following people to the Thomas County Planning Commission:

- Royce Jennings-term will expire December 2026
- Carolyn Warren-term will expire December 2027
- Mallory Sikes-term will expire December 2027

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

Dixie Hollenbeck met with the board to discuss the possibility of issuing a Resolution stating that Thomas County was in opposition to the mandatory use of Electronic ID tags for livestock and requesting that it be a voluntary use instead. Information was provided on various counties that have already issued Resolutions here in Nebraska. County Attorney Kurt Arganbright had advised of Rock County already passing a Resolution in opposition to mandatory use of the tags. The board asked that he share the Resolution with the Clerk and make it an agenda item for the February 18th meeting.

No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 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
February 18, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:33 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 Sheriff Joseph Smith 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 February 6, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 18, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported on the road conditions north of Halsey and the plans for work in the spring. Discussion was also held on the Purdum Rd condition and planning for financing a major road project in the next couple of years.

The water/springs along the Purdum Road were also discussed.

The board asked Lloyd if Cherry County would have any cold mix that could be used on the N Seneca Ave road repair.

Discussion on various used semi-trucks were discussed. The weather has not allowed for trips to check out the trucks. Hopefully toward the end of this week and beginning of next week two other trucks will be inspected.

No action taken on deciding which online auction company to sell our old truck at this time. It will be placed on the March 4th agenda.

No action taken on the purchase of a new/used semi-truck. It will be placed on the March 4th agenda.

Road maintenance classification work session was held. The Clerk will get the changes/additions to Lloyd to create a new map. Once the new map is available the board will hold a public hearing during a regular meeting to adopt.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve claims, excluding claim #02250103 for \$40,500 to Landis Truck & Equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	840.00
CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF	INMATE COST	50.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	34.16
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	500.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	447.50
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	2025 DUES	50.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	REGISTRATION	25.00
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	SUPPLIES	10.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	15.50
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	176.11
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

RICHARD BURNSIDE	MATERIAL	1800.00
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	108.26
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	368.99

EXTENSION FUND-

DURFEE, MYRON	MILEAGE	42.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	25.78
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PUBLISHING	5.20
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	4.89
TL MEYER	REIMB PARKING	10.50
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	100.00
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	80.00

LIBRARY FUND-

FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	DATA PROCESSING	442.98
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	DATA PROCESSING	442.98
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Meeting recessed at 10:01 a.m. to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Office reports:

Assessor reported on area counties ag land values. The pickup work throughout the county will be conducted starting the week of February 24th.

Clerk presented a reprinted check from October that the original check has never been received through the mail. This makes several checks that have never been delivered to the intended payee and not returned to us as the sender.

Sheriff gave an activity report and as Emergency Manager discussed legislative bills to watch out for.

Commissioner Moody reported on the County Board Chair workshop she attended last week in Kearney. A list of legislative bills to watch for was discussed.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-5, stating opposition to mandatory electronic id tags for livestock. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL application for the Highway 2 Depot on May 24, 2025 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2025

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

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 20, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 4, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 26, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Tree trimming on S Maple Street leading up to the cemetery was discussed. Commissioner Moody has been in contact with Tyler Teahon about trimming/cutting trees along the portion of the road south of the river bridge. Other problem trees in Seneca and E. Antelope Valley Road were discussed. Commissioner Moody will contact the landowners along S. Maple Street to discuss the counties intentions. Commissioner Moody will also contact Tyler Teahon about getting on his schedule.

The 1 & 6 Year road plan discussion was tabled until March 18th meeting.

Discussion was held on the policy to use county equipment during a fire.

Discussion for surplus of the Freightliner was tabled until the next meeting.

Informal bids had been reviewed from four various dealers for a new/used semi.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to purchase the 2016 Peterbilt from Pioneer Equipment in Hastings for \$47,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from Hooker County Commissioners in regards to the Interlocal agreement for Heritage Road/Fuller Road was read.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to acknowledge Hooker County's decision to terminate the Interlocal Agreement on Heritage/Fuller Road with Thomas County. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2817.17
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	454.12
RICHARD COOK	DUES & MILEAGE	434.60
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	1089.51
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	467.33
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	77.54
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES	LODGING	139.95
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	92.40
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1282.67
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	738.26
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES	150.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8200.02
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	20.20
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29905.16

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	898.92
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	136.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	111.30
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	392.94
PIONEER EQUIPMENT	2016 PETERBILT	47500.00
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	18.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2430.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2372.40
JAMES L SEVIER	SNOW REMOVAL	420.00
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
U S BANK	FUEL-CASEYS	64.46
SALARIES		8336.70

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	253.97
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.03
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	REPAIRS	287.67
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
TL MEYER	FUEL	46.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	196.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	79.39
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1022.29
SALARIES		4098.34

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	102.19
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	201.88
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	112.74
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	138.08
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	70.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	337.57
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	351.58
SALARIES		1267.24

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	526.22
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	17.08
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.46
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	136.24
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	46.48
SALARIES		269.23

Office/fee reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of February.

Assessor reported that the rural reappraisal work has been completed by Central Plains Valuation. New depreciation tables were established based on market sales throughout Thomas County. Home/Farm sites will remain at the same value as the previous year. Parcels with multiple home sites within the MLR location will be set as follows: 1st homesite value of \$35,000 any additional homesites included in the same parcel will be lowered to \$20,000.

Acreage values will be as follows:

1st acre homesite \$20,000-\$35,000 (remains the same)

2-10 acres \$4,500 per acre (remains the same)

10+ acres \$867 per acre (this was lowered from \$1,000 per acre)

Treasurer reported that the tax sale was held Monday March 3rd. During the public sale she reported 1 bidder registered for the sale and 1 delinquent tax parcel was sold. The public sale is now closed and the private sale is open to purchase any delinquent tax.

Sheriff had supplied the Clerk with the information on the speed study for Highway 2 to present to the board.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Fish & Wildlife zoom meeting she participated in.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, Ne. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
March 18, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension office, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith 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 March 6, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 18, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the March 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on March 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Office/fee reports:

Assessor reported that the Abstract of Real Property was submitted on March 17, 2025.

Assessment actions taken to set values for 2025 are as follows.

Grass and Irrigated values will remain the same for 2025, no change.

Small acreages had a change on the value of the additional acres over 10 acres, the value decreased from \$1,000/acre to \$867/acre, the Home site and first 9 acres remained the same. A new depreciation table was created for rural residences and Seneca homes based on the market. Seneca homes had an additional 25% depreciation added based on the home sales in Seneca.

Halsey homes had a 10% increase to the total valuation of properties based on the most recent sales in town. The South Addition to Halsey also had an increase in value to the first 43,560 square feet of the lot, if it had a home located on the parcel.

Treasurer presented the financial report. There have also been 2 private delinquent tax sales purchased since the close of the public sale.

The Treasurer also reported that tax money has been starting to come in for the 1st half of taxes due.

Sheriff gave a report on equipment purchased with assistance from grant money from the State of Nebraska.

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

Road discussion:

The county had received correspondence from Mainelli Wagner & Associates to perform 2025 bridge inspections. The plan is to get all bridge inspections to be due in October of Odd years. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the proposal from Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc for bridge inspections. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Lloyd presented an email from Burlington Northern about a crossing that they will be working on and could possibly need assistance from the county for traffic control. After review the board decided that the crossing they are talking about is on the State Hwy 86B spur going into the Halsey National Forest. The board asked Lloyd to contact Gary Thayer with the Nebraska Department of Transportation about this request.

The 2024 1 & 6 Year road plan was reviewed to see what projects were completed and what projects need to be left on for the 2025 1 & 6 Year road plan. A portion of Windmill road was completed last year. An additional ½ mile extending west from the Y on Windmill will be added to the projects. Patching/Armor Coat project for N Seneca Ave will be added to the list of proposed projects.

The public hearing for the 2025 1 & 6 Year road plan will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Moody reported that Tyler Teahon will be up to look at the trees along S. Maple Street this Thursday. The East Antelope tree project will have to wait until he has more time this summer.

Commissioner Herbaugh talked with Jody Reynolds about providing an estimate to trim a tree that overhangs Delmar Street in Seneca.

Commissioner Herbaugh will reach out to list the Freightliner with Auction Time or Big Iron. He would like to place a minimum of \$15,000 if possible.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve all claims except 03250095, pending itemization. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	EQUIPMENT	2235.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	550.00
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	6905.00
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	154.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	15.98
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	37.50
PAMELA MOODY	REGISTRATION	130.00
NEBRASKA STATE PATROL	SERVICES	66.50
REGION 26	SERVICES	13863.43
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	44.40
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	565.20
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	46.11
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	70.28
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	2554.20
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	180.06
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	806.70

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.28
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VISITORS FUND-

POLAR BEAR TANK RACE	RACE SPONSOR	250.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES-LINC	LODGING	110.00
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LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	245.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	199.00
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE	500.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	163.80

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
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Public comment:

TL Meyer presented the Annual Extension report from her office to the board for review and to be kept on file in the Clerk's office.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 1, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on March 20, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 1, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Midwest Equipment online auction listing and marketing agreement to sell the Freightliner. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2720.70
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1050.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	639.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	462.83
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	458.20
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	491.80
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	50.00
	COPY	
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	METER/SUPPLIES	370.84
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	274.97
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	168.00
NACO	REGISTRATION	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1248.42
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	41.33
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	82.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7996.55
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	10.10
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	168.00
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	59.98
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		29238.04

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	940.93
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	44.08
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	110.69
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	57.64
L & L GRAVEL	WRENCH SET	171.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	411.02
POWERPLAN	SUPPLIES	10.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	76.34
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2142.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2468.82
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	13.73
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	10.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		8607.35

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.28
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VISITORS FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	951.38
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	228.38
ARNOLD INSURANCE AGENCY	INSURANCE	2283.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.44
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	185.57
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	84.54
SANDHILLS RANCH EXPO, INC	BOOTH EXPENSE	250.00

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	965.53
SALARIES		3960.52

LIBRARY FUND-

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

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

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

Office reports:

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

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

The Clerk also reported on upcoming calendar dates.

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

Treasurer advised on West Central meeting updates on DMV discussions.

Library usage report presented.

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

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

County Board Chair workshop addressed the new county purchasing act.

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

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

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

No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Meghan Trevino-West Central District Health Department, Gregg Mooney-NACO, 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 April 3, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the April 15, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the April 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 10, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh asked if the road department had spray to cover the trees that TT Tree Service just cut down on S. Maple St.

Correspondence from Murphy Tractor open house invite was passed out during the meeting.

Discussion was held on the status of the water trailer that Maseberg's are building.

Commissioner Moody reported talking with Steve Stichka from Cherry County Roads about N Seneca project.

Road employee Keith Hartman reported that Croell in North Platte had cold mix available at \$150/ton. He will be going down to get a dump truck load to use for various projects.

Armor coat projects for the next fiscal year were discussed. The 3 miles of N Seneca, approximately 5 miles of S. Seneca near Jennings, and Amsberry Hill on Windmill were areas of discussion for this year.

Projects to be completed: Windmill Rd in places need shouldering and Miller Ave needs a load of mix in a couple of spots.

ROW permit application from Consolidated Telephone was reviewed. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Consolidated Companies road crossing and parallel occupancy permit application to install fiber optic cable. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	832.00
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1425.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	69.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	87.56
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	137.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1448.21
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	175.00
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	FIRE EXT REFILL	38.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6667.03
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FEES	85.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	388.59
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	86.98
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE TRIMMING	4550.00

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	87.85
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LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	261.22

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported that the 2025 Reports and Opinions from the Property Assessment Division was available online and a printed copy was available in the office.

Clerk reported on upcoming workshops.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of March.

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

Meghan Trevino, Executive Director of West Central Health Department met with the board and shared information about services offered through the health department. She also shared concerns about funding availability to the health departments throughout the state.

Chairman Moody opened the 1 & 6 Year Road plan hearing at 10:30 a.m.

No public present during the hearing. Road men and board reviewed the projects listed.

Chairman Moody closed the 1 & 6 Year Road plan hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-6, adopting the 2025 1 & 6 Year Road plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Gregg Mooney with NACO Benefit Services met with the board to announce the new program available with NACO for Medicare Guidance for County Employees and Communities. The West

Central District consultant is Krista Dittman, she will be available to help with Medicare questions.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Audrey Worthing-Adrian Smith representative, T.L. Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension and Gregg Mooney-NACO.

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 24, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 6, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the April 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 24, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road personnel discussed repairing soft spots on various county roads.

Commissioner Daly reported receiving a phone call from Josh Call offering clay material from their land to repair the road.

Daly bridge deck was repaired and patching of cold mix on W. North Loup road has been completed.

The old Freightliner semi sold at auction for \$13,250 on Auction Time.

Commissioner Moody reported receiving a phone call from Steve Stichka, Cherry County Roads and discussed upcoming work on the Brownlee Road later this year. The board asked Lloyd to prepare a bid invitation for N Seneca Ave for completion later this year.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Forest Service employee Jason Coffman about the hole on the Gaston Bridge. The forest has ownership of this bridge and would need to add rip rap the southeast corner.

Lloyd Smith will also contact the Chadron Forest Service office to discuss the bridge.

Commissioner Daly reported an area along Windmill Road that is breaking up and needs patched along with shouldering work.

Correspondence presented. Wayne Rodocker application for rock on his road was presented to the board. The application did not come into the Clerk’s office until after the agenda for the May 6th meeting was set. The application will be added to the May 20th agenda for action.

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	2883.52
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	865.13
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	446.58
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE/FEES	122.53
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	476.85
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	449.74
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NACO	REGISTRATION	175.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1306.29
NEBRASKALAND TIRE CO	TIRES	814.56
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	146.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	842.46
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8351.71
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.10
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	15.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		30399.24

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1018.38
	GRADER	
B'S ENTERPRISES INC	BLADES	3936.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87

CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	42.98
CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	3629.35
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	107.47
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	TESTING	50.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	MILEAGE	189.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	TESTING	36.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	444.57
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	2672.29
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2646.28
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	43.08
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	14.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	3697.65
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY	TRAINING	210.00
SALARIES		9106.59

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.30
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	291.38
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	221.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	274.97
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MEALS	72.00
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	REPAIRS	99.56
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY LEASE	170.27
	MILEAGE &	
TL MEYER	MEAL	109.38
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	51.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	213.04
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	572.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	74.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1125.73
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	33.60
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	REGISTRATION	146.60
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	51.80
SALARIES		4423.16

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	242.88
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	5.11
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.42
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	129.20
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	203.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	84.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	450.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	448.19
SALARIES		1561.16

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	828.19
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	34.93
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	9.11

SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/REPAIR	294.29
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	95.00
SALARIES		550.42

Office reports:

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

A new computer was installed in the Clerk's office after one computer went down in the office. Applied Connective installed the new computer and programming. They also have submitted a request to the Secretary of State office for any funding available to be used to help offset the cost of installation of the new computer.

Change of Value notices will be sent out later this month. MIPS will be printing and mailing these notices at a cost of 59.3 cents/ mailing.

Zoning discussion on various topics were discussed. Marvin Planning will be contacted on the questions.

Library usage report was provided to the board.

Sheriff reported that he still hasn't received the annual law enforcement contract back from the U.S. Forest Service.

Emergency Manager report given, the preliminary budget numbers for Region 26 were remaining fairly close to last year's request.

Treasurer answered questions from the board about the library and bookmobile funds.

Commissioner Moody reported on Seneca concerns shared with her.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Sandhills Corral on June 7, 2025 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Audrey Worthing from Adrian Smith's Scottsbluff office met with the board to review programs and assistance that is offered in the 80 counties in Nebraska within his district. Some of the areas mentioned were Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Passports, Youth Advisory Council, Congressional Art competition, Internships and Military Academy nominations. In legislative news it was mentioned the work in expanding senior healthcare options.

Gregg Mooney-NACO presented information to the board about the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal rates and options available.

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

No action taken on the First Concord buydown plan.

The board advised the Clerk to add language to the Employee Handbook describing the benefits package for full time employees. The Clerk will work with the County Attorney on the correct wording to add into the handbook.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-7, Forest Service allocation of funds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from the Thedford Volunteer Fire Department for the Poker Run/BBQ at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on June 14, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 20, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session 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, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and Tedd Teahon-Nebraska Forest Service.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on May 8, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 20, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the May 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 15, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The road personnel were not in attendance for the meeting due to the moisture the county had received the last few days. Repairs to washouts and grading maintenance are current projects being done. Discussion on areas that gravel needs hauled.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he was waiting on Cherry County's decision on N Seneca project. He would like to issue the invitation to bid at the same time as Cherry County. The board agreed that we just need to go ahead and prepare the invitation to bid so they can review and get published.

County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported that he had called the Chadron Forest Office on May 15th about the Gaston Bridge. Tedd Teahon was available to answer the question about the bridge. He reported meeting with landowner about bridge and discussed that he had some rock available to put in the area of concern. He also reported that he had no money in the budget available for bridge repairs, at this time.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the application from Wayne Rodocker to have the county haul rock for ½ mile of Rodocker Lane, rock to be paid by landowner. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Terc letter stating level of values for real property in Thomas County for tax year 2025 meet the requirements of law.

Tedd Teahon, Halsey National Forest meet with the board to discuss Stage 1 Fire Restrictions that they are considering to put in place on forest land year round. The board showed support of this restriction.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	COMPUTER	1870.25
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	925.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	SUPPLIES	187.04
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEE	1650.66
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	100.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	47.00
FREY'S HEATING AND AIR COND INC	BLDG REPAIR	6028.00
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5890.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEE	412.50
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	250.00
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	REGISTRATIONS	125.00
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY TREASURERS	REGISTRATIONS	175.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	292.00
MARION RHOADES	MAY LAWN CARE	1700.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	106.88
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES	1103.78
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	31.96
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.10
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	168.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	499.51
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	6580.73
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EXTENSION FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	110.00
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	7.11
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	25.39

LIBRARY FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	5.82
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	67.56
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
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Office reports:

Clerk presented the board with the current monthly budget expenditures spreadsheet that she utilizes in the office rather than the computer generated reports.

The AFLAC representative will be here on Tuesday, June 3rd to visit with all employees about additional insurance available at their cost.

Preliminary budget work will begin at our July 15th meeting. Discussion was held on the possibility of creating a sinking fund to pay for road projects in future years.

Change of value notices will be mailed out by MIPS by June 1st.

Discussed options of hiring an additional part time office assistant to help cover those days when schedule conflicts arise due to education workshops and life schedules.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of April and reviewed those funds available in the county.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Emergency Manager stated he supports the decision of the local fire chiefs and what they decide to say on the Stage 1 fire restrictions at the forest.

Safety committee update from Sheriff Smith; discussion has been held on the visibility issues with some of the trees located on the courthouse square. Commissioner Moody will reach out to Tyler Teahon for estimates and opinions about the trees.

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

No public comment.

Chairman Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford Ne. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE.

Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Carla Jensen-AFLAC and Michael Haumann-AFLAC.

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

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on May 22, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 3, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the May 20, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 29, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported on phone call from Mick Coffman in regards to old concrete from a pivot available, if the county wants it.

Good moisture, so the road department has been out grading and shaping roads. Areas needing material added discussed.

N. Seneca bidding on hold until we hear from Cherry County and see if we can bid together. Board members attending the county board workshop will try to visit with the Cherry County Commissioners about the project.

Checked with Lloyd to see where we are at in producing the new road maintenance classification map. He hasn't had a chance to create the new maps.

Reminded him that we are still needing a copy of the 1 & 6 year road plan for 2024 & 2025.

Discussion was held on surplus of the New Holland tractor and attachments. The county could get more use out of a skid steer.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to surplus the New Holland tractor and attachments and list with Auction Time. Roll call vote: Ayes- Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to designate Lewis Herbaugh to shop for a used steer skid with a ceiling limit of \$50,000, preferably after the New Holland tractor is sold. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays- none. Motion carried.

No action taken on the road application submitted to the County.

Correspondence presented. Letter from Bridge of Hope requesting continued financial support of their services.

TERC notice of hearing for June 12th hearings in Broken Bow presented to the board.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	190.51
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2853.66
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	910.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	8728.60
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	762.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	451.63
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	405.79
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	413.67
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	153.64
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	50.27
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1380.21
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1299.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	376.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8287.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	CHECKS	225.45
APRIL SMITH	SUPPLIES	19.18
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	10.70
THOMAS CO TREASURER	XFER TO ROADS	300000.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	235.06
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		30145.56

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	944.60
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	2860.87
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	261.14
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	97.88
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS	107.19
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	412.76
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	90.38
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2141.92
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2478.19
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS SERVICE	630.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	59.59
SALARIES		8629.97

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.30
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	293.35
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.01
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES-LINC	LODGING	110.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	213.91
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	101.64
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1115.96
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	930.89
SALARIES		4348.38

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	193.29
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	213.02
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	111.28
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	132.06
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	12.87

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	75.28
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	371.65
SALARIES		1344.46

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	101.62
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	12.53
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	3.27
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	55.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	34.12
SALARIES		197.42

Office reports:

Assessor reported that change of value postcards was mailed out by MIPS on Friday, May 30th. Ron Elliott of Central Plains will be in the county on June 18th to conduct preliminary hearings with any taxpayer wishing to discuss the change in value. People are encouraged to contact the office to set up a time to meet with him on that day.

Clerk will be attending continuing education workshops in Kearney the remainder of the week.

May 2025 fee report presented to the board.

Treasurer: Interest income report for June '24 to July '25 presented to the board.

Sheriff: Gave a report on the Sanctuary list that was released on May 29, 2025 that was incorrect and the work he and the County Attorney have worked on getting Thomas County removed from the list. Region 26 budget update.

County Attorney will complete a form Constituent service form from Adrian Smith's office to assist the county with contacting Homeland Security on our behalf.

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

Carla Jensen with AFLAC had a presentation for all employees.

Motion made by Herbaugh second by Moody to designated CSG print service as the printer for the LB644 pink postcards. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to authorize County Board Chair to sign the SLCGP Sub-recipient agreement with NEMA for the cyber-security grant. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment, Michael Haumann visited with the board in regards to information on the Health compass program.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Veterans Service Officer Rich Cook and Tyler Teahon.

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 5, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 17, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the June 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 12, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men discussed rain damage to various roads and the repair.

River Road was widened by the Scranton Place to reduce the blind spot, another area further down the road was discussed about widening in a curve to reduce the blind spot.

Auto gate discussion was held on Atkins/Ryman/Rosehill rd. No action taken at this time, board members decided to look into this later. Discussion was also held on developing an auto gate policy for future questions.

Commissioner Moody reported that Thad Emerson, Hooker County Commissioner had reached out to see if Thomas County had any plans for crack sealing roads. Thomas County has no plans to crack seal this year.

The question was asked of Lloyd, if he had been able to create the new maintenance policy maps yet. He responded that he hadn't started that project yet.

The board directed Lloyd to prepare bids for the N. Seneca armor coat project. Once prepared to provide a copy to the Clerk for her to present to the County Board and then get it in the Thomas County Herald to fulfill the bidding requirements.

The County Board reviewed all informal bids for a used skid steer. Bobcat, John Deere and Case had provided several different options for the county. The New Holland tractor and attachments were listed on Auction Time and scheduled to sell on July 2nd.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to purchase the 2020 Case skid steer that had 495 hours and 1 year warranty in the amount of \$48,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve claims, except #06250092 & #06250098 pending further documentation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

	ADMNIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	535.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	1ST APP FERT	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	404.85
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	289.90
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	157.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	349.83
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	221.88
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	87.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	221.19
NACO	DUES	1397.41
MARION RHOADES	JUNE LAWNCARE	1700.00
STRYKER SALES, LLC	SUPPLIES	368.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	344.40
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	436.83
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06

ROAD FUND-

KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
TITAN MACHINERY	CASE SKIDSTEER	48500.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2350.16

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	289.92
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	59.52
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	1413.27

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

The clerk presented new language to add to the Employee Handbook that covers the health insurance coverage or stipend. The board will take official action on updating the Handbook at the July 1st meeting.

A new battery backup unit was purchased for the IT room equipment.

TERC hearing date and time was reviewed. The new date is July 21, 2025 at North Platte.

Discussion was held on setting the special meeting date for any Destroyed/Damaged real property. The board agreed that it would be held July 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

Fiscal Year end 2025 expenditure report was provided to the board.

Treasurer presented financial report from May and also provided a preliminary fund balance report for the fiscal year end.

Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported that he has order 3 new GEO COMM maps from Region 26.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh 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 approve an hourly rate 2.5% cost of living increase for the road department employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Rich Cook, Thomas County VSO met with the board to review the Interlocal agreement with Logan County for Veterans Service Office.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Logan County for Veterans Service office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to reappoint Ted Taylor to the Thomas County Veterans Service Committee with term expiring 2030. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral for the pavilion on July 26th for the county fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral for the arena area on July 26th for the county fair from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Public comment: Tyler Teahon came to visit with the board about a couple of trees on the courthouse lawn. The tree at the intersection of Hwy 2 and Oak Street needs trimmed for visibility purposes. The other tree is a spruce tree located on the east side of the library needs removed for various reasons. The Maple tree along Main Street was also discussed, it currently hangs over the village street and power line, Tyler recommended having Custer Public Power trim over the power line and he could also look at trimming it back even farther. Tyler will present an estimate for the July 1st meeting.

No other public comment was had at this time.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 1, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session 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, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension Office and Kylie Joyce-Region II.

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 19, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 1, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the June 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 26, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that work is scheduled to begin on Peaceful Plains/Ringgold Road next week. The road men will be hauling material up from Logan County to complete this project.

Shouldering on Windmill Rd is still needed.

Johnston Ln material was discussed.

The road maintenance classification map was discussed with Lloyd. He is still needing to create the new map.

Lloyd reported driving the N. Seneca route after the last meeting. He estimates that it will be 27,104 square yards needed for the armor coat project. He started at just North of the bridge up to the county line. Once he prepares the bid letting, he will share with the Clerk.

Discussion was held on developing an auto gate policy. The Clerk had information that was prepared back in 2022 to share with the board. Lloyd will meet with the County Attorney to discuss.

Lloyd also reported on receiving a phone call from Barb Welch about material for Swift Lane. The Clerk will send out the 3rd party agreement for additional maintenance to Barb and email a copy to Lloyd.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that the skid steer was delivered. He discussed obtaining a GPS unit for the skid steer.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay payroll and claims as presented along with claim 06250098 after receiving further documentation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	188.97
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2809.34
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1124.99
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	225.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	432.38
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	141.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	413.15
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	437.92
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	214.13
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	49.55
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1324.12
NIRMA	INSURANCE	14014.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	338.29
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8402.60
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		30367.19

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3009.41
CLUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	97.28
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	432.98
NIRMA	INSURANCE	12573.00

NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	2809.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3636.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2583.84
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		8927.64

VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	81.00
THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	SPONSORSHIP	1500.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	290.05
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	222.29
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	28.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	220.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	191.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1192.27
SALARIES		4702.33

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	250.56
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.14
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	135.89
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	42.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	87.10
NIRMA	INSURANCE	2910.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	73.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	463.64
SALARIES		1585.08

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	176.50
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22.02
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	5.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	136.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	59.92
SALARIES		346.98

Office reports:

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

Handyman wage was discussed; Commissioner Herbaugh agreed to the \$18/hour.

Upcoming meetings, July 15th the Board of Equalization will meet for the final protests filed by June 30th. On July 22nd another Board of Equalization meeting will be held for Form 425 Destroyed property applications that may be filed with the County by July 15th deadline. Road Budget forms were distributed to the board.

Sherrif fee report presented to the board.

Treasurer advised of the PILT money receipted; it was down 17% from last year's distribution. The office will be closing out the books for the month of June and completing the fiscal year. DHHS vehicle vouchers were discussed, she is waiting to get further information before proceeding.

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 accept the bid from TT Tree Service for removal of tree on the courthouse lawn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the additional language added to the Health Insurance benefits in the Thomas County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Kylie Joyce of Region II Services gave an annual update of services and funding for the program.

TL Meyer presented the 2025/2026 Extension Budget to the board for review. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the Extension budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Kroger Opioid settlement allocation. Region II can no longer receive the allocation money. The board directed the Clerk to reallocate the Kroger Opioid Settlement to the Nebraska's Remediation Account Funds.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, County Sheriff Joseph Smith 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 July 3, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 15, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the July 1, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 10, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Daly reported receiving a phone call from Wally Collier about the agreed road material for the past two years for exchange of them taking care of their roads.

Suggestion was made to see if Bryan Rodocker would be available to truck the material from Jeffres, Brewster pit down to Collier's. We also have an application on file from Wayne Rodocker for rock on Rodocker Lane, rock to be paid by the landowner and hauled by the county. Commissioner Moody will reach out to Bryan Rodocker to see if he could haul both loads for the county.

The road work along Paxton Ranch Road/Connell Ln was discussed. Clay and gravel need to be hauled in on the portion of road that was built up. This project had been on the 1 & 6 year road plan.

The invitation to bid on the N Seneca Ave armor coat project was reviewed. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will get it advertised in the Thomas County Herald on July 24th & 31st. The bid opening will be held on August 5th at 11:00 a.m.

The auto gate policy resolution was reviewed. Board suggested language change and suggested to table this until the new road maintenance policy is updated.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	851.80
CHARRON LAWN CARE	SERVICES	435.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	146.71
ANGELA M. FRANZ	ATTY FEES	350.00

LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	25.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	503.95
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	454.00
REGION II MENTAL RETARDATION SER	ASSESSMENT	1445.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16411.98
ROADSIDE INN	LODGING	84.50
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE DUE	0.79
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	73.56
U S BANK	FUEL	67.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.95
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	548.55
ROAD FUND-		
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	SUPPLIES	61.97
KEITH HARTMAN	CDL PHYSICAL	135.00
PRETIRAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.30
LIBRARY FUND-		
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	5.11
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk gave a budget calendar update and reminded the board of the special Board of Equalization meeting scheduled for July 22nd at 8:30 a.m. to review any Form 425 applications that may be submitted.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of June, along with the semi annual report that will be printed in the paper. The treasurer will also present the delinquent taxes that will be available for the county to obtain tax sale certificates at the August 5th meeting.

Sheriff gave an activity report and a report on the forest contract.

Safety committee report on CPR, Stop the Bleed, Fire Extinguisher and Active Shooter training that was completed with the courthouse staff on July 9th.

The library statistic report was presented to the board.

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

The opioid settlement agreement for Purdue & Sackler was tabled until the paperwork arrives.

A short budget work session was held on the Revenue and Road budget. The August meetings will have more intense budget work sessions.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:38 a.m. to enter into Board of Equalization meeting.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m. with a continuation of a budget work session.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for

public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours.
Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE.

Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Absent – Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to excuse board member Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Elaine Menzel-NACO, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbrigt, County Court Assistant Clerk April Smith, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook 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 July 24, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the August 5, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the July 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 24, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Bryan Rodocker will be hauling material for W. Collier road and Rodocker Ln.

Johnston Ln material will be hauled by the county.

Discussed work being completed on Paxton Ranch Road and portion of Connell Ln.

Cold mix patching to be done on N. Seneca, S. Seneca and Windmill Rd

Discussion was also held on the possibility of not receiving any armor coat bids for N. Seneca. More discussion to be held later in meeting.

Elaine Menzel-NACO, met with the board to discuss legislation passed and possible new legislation. Reminded the board of upcoming NACO meetings in September and October.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	188.97
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2897.48
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	851.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	62.50
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	188.98
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	2501.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	437.53
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	216.30

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	981.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	666.19
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	187.77
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	117.85
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION FEES	1008.35
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	VETERANS SERVICE	7000.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	54.86
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE-TERC	134.54
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	TESTING	105.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1351.23
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESSMENT	2923.52
MARION RHOADES	JULY LAWN CARE	1700.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	256.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8589.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE FEE	1177.47
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE @ LIBRARY	2700.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	285.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		31138.30

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1084.82
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3009.41
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	61.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	92.05
	WATER	
MASEBERG RANCH	TANK/SUPPLIES	6200.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	482.45
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	6251.00
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	3810.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3763.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2843.11
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1192.22
SALARIES		9640.84

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.18
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	304.25
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	223.37
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	116.89
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	SERVICES	146.22
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	94.50
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	22.61
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	51.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	226.53
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	162.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	178.91
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1182.46
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	51.80
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	32.20
SALARIES		4529.22

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	258.90
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.89
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	225.02
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	203.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	89.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	483.03
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		1639.68

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	4.93
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MID-AMERICA DIESEL	REPAIRS	4149.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	99.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6.72
SALARIES		37.92

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for July. Discussion was held on finding a new auditor for the 2025/2026 budget year. Current auditor Don Wilson reported that he will be retiring after this year. He also suggested a few names to solicit bids from and advised the board the cost will be quite a bit more than what he has charged in the past.

Advised the board about the meeting with Deb Fischer's staff last week during the mobile office. Commissioner Herbaugh and the Clerk met to discuss the possibility of obtaining federal money to assist with the cost of work on the Purdum Road.

Assessor report included the July sales of:

Parcel 860013502: R. Licking to B. Purdum - \$40,000

Parcel 860013529: R. Licking to A. Kuntz - \$10,000

Parcel 860012883: C. Albertus to A. Bryant - \$130,000

Parcel 860022021, 860020991, 860021998, 860027528: J. Duran to G. Needs - \$375,000

Assessor/County Attorney discussed the AG Opinion about the process to make physical inspections of property for valuation purposes.

Library statistic report presented to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Emergency Manager reported that next year when working on the Region 26 budget a preliminary budget will be prepared by May.

Treasurer reported on staff in the office.

April Smith met with the board to discuss a new monitor for the county court office that will be available to use for questions by Zoom when nobody is in the office in Thedford. Discussion was held on mounting on the wall vs. setting up a table in the hall outside their door. Board advised they would like to see it on a table rather than mounting on the wall, for now.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-9, reauthorizing the Petty Cash fund within the Clerk and County Court office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to authorize the Treasurer to obtain county tax sales certificates on the following delinquent parcels: 860012069, 860015351, 860015378, 860013804, 860015599, 860015602, 860015610, 860015629, 860018482, 860027477, 860029402, 860029421, 860015335, 860014665, 860012646, and 860012689. Roll call vote: Ayes -Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to surplus and destroy the following equipment from the Sheriff office:

- Dual Strobe Light AS-200 (acquired – 1994; value \$180) Obsolete/LE
- Flashlight (acquired – 2011; value - \$169.95) Damaged/Unserviceable

- Flashback Five Light Baton (acquired – 2008; value \$30) Damaged/Unserviceable
- 15 ft. Trooper 11 Metro Spikes (acquired 2011; value - \$450) Obsolete/LE
- Rescue response kit (acquired- 2004; value \$150) Expired/Obsolete
- WatchGuard Body Camera (acquired – unknown; value – unknown) Obsolete/LE

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

The request to change a current road name, tabled. No application fee received at this time.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to participate in the Purdue Opioid settlement.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-10, Annual certification of program compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No bids were received for the advertised N. Seneca Ave armor coat project. Lloyd reported emailing out bid specs to five companies. The County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will reach out to the contractors to see if he can get a couple of bids turned in and be reviewed on the August 19th meeting.

Rich Cook met with the board to review a release and hold harmless agreement with Custer County for the equipment maintained by the Sandhills Weed Management Area. The County Attorney advised not signing the agreement. Suggested getting insurance directly from NIRMA for the equipment or changing language in the agreement.

The board began working on the budget with the various office holders.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Budget work session continued throughout the afternoon.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioner will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 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 19, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Alma Beland-Region 26, 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 August 7, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 19, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the August 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 14, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported of sign missing on the Purdum Road coming down into Halsey before the school and stop sign. Commissioner Daly reported that the Windmill Road sign along Highway 83 is gone. Thedford Heights Blvd sign needs ordered also.

Commissioner Moody reported on a request for material on Rosehill Road. The road department will haul some mix material to put over top of the railroad rock.

Commissioner Daly reports that the shoulders along Windmill need attention especially after the last rain.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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	1767.00
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	1248.64
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	300.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	615.59
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	16.29
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE HOUSING	55.00
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	479.76
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS	REGISTRATION	25.00
NEBRASKA NOTARY ASSOCIATION	HARTMAN NOTARY	108.99
NIRMA	CPR TRAINING	216.00
MARION RHOADES	AUG LAWN CARE	1700.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION 1ST QTR	6408.34
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	454.50
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	139.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.97
WESTFIELD PHARMACY	INMATE MEDICAL	22.89

ROAD FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	94.27
EXTENSION FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	10.91
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	6.40
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	6.67
LIBRARY FUND-		
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	13.98
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	442.42

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the microfilming project in progress. This will hopefully set the County up to start having documents online.

Election training in North Platte this week for both Kris and myself.

The Assessor workshop will be next week from August 25th – 28th.

Treasurer presented the July financial report.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-11, final levy setting authority to political subdivisions. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the Management Representation letter with Don Wilson. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Alma Beland with Region 26 met with the board to review the LEOP manual.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2025-12, Thomas County LEOP (Local Emergency Operations Plan). Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-13, the 5 year Interlocal agreement with Region 26. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. to enter back into regular session.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the US Forest Service cooperative law enforcement agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none.

Budget work session was conducted.

One armor coat bid was submitted by Midwest Coatings for the N. Seneca Ave road project.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the bid from Midwest Coatings in the amount of \$29,854 to lay armor coat, not including the cost of oil and gravel. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Oil prices will be obtained from Jebro for the project. Approximately 400 ton of armor coat gravel will be needed for the project. Time frame for the project to start will be late September. The road department will fill holes with cold mix before project begins.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff, County Attorney Kurt Arganbrigh, West Central Area on Aging representatives Torey Franzen, Vicki Gleason and Erin Arensdorf.

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 21, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 2, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the August 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 28, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Johnston Lane material arrangement of 9 loads has been hauled. Wild Horse Creek material (7 loads) was hauled by Rodocker Trucking. Rodocker Lane material request has been fulfilled, the material was paid for by the landowner and trucking cost covered by the county.

Discussion was had about the missing STOP signs, the Windmill Road sign was replaced by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, any STOP sign that abuts a state highway is the property of the State of Nebraska. Another reported missing STOP sign is the cut across at the Fairgrounds.

Bid bond has been received for the N. Seneca Armor Coat project.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported driving around Seneca and the condition of the streets. Road Employee Hartman reported taking over his mower and weed eater and cleaning up the lot that the county parks on.

MSHA training for road employees will be on Thursday, September 11th in Valentine. NIRMA will be putting on the training for the county employees.

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	239.85
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2900.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	435.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	454.47
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	207.15
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	527.08
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	131.10
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	36.05
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	4095.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	409.06
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	688.20
	CONSULTANT	
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	FEE	2000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1206.83
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	200.00
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	170.80
REGION 26	MAPS	110.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	237.70
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7892.70
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	99.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		28719.61

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	920.48
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS	26.74
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2873.78
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	483.32
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2209.99

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2841.06
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	23.67
SALARIES		9715.23

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.18
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VISITORS FUND-

OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	1707.50
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00
THEDFORD SERVICE CLUB	GRANT	5107.50

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	286.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	216.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.63
TL MEYER	SUPPLIES	44.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	218.42
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	129.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1182.62
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	115.00
SALARIES		4676.58

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	199.03
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.41
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	198.61
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	74.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	366.28
SALARIES		1353.64

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	436.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	24.30
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	29.53
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	63.76
SALARIES		368.93

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August in the office.

Pink Postcard hearing for political subdivisions was discussed. The County will not have to participate in the hearing.

Notice from the County Weed Superintendent. The Thomas County weed control authority **will be controlling noxious weeds** along the Dismal River Thomas County. This project is being done by Nebraska-Iowa Helicopter out of Tekamah, NE. **The approximate date of this project will be between September 22nd and October 13th.** This service will be provided at no cost to the landowners. Landowners not interested in this program are encouraged to call the weed

control superintendent in Thomas County (308-636-6157) if you do not wish to participate in this program.

Those not participating in this program should have a weed management plan for the control of noxious weeds that has been approved by the Thomas County weed control authority.

Major funding for this project has been provided through the Sandhills Weed Management Area. The funding was the result of a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant.

Sheriff presented an activity report along with a report on the Forest Contract.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to accept the audit report from Don Wilson for period ending June 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Audit report will be kept on file in the Thomas County Clerk's office.

Representatives with West Central Area on Aging visited with the board about the services they provide and what assistance is offered in Thomas County currently. Brochures were left with the County Clerk about the services. They also asked for any volunteers to help individuals with the Medicare Prescription Drug plan open enrollment from October 15th – December 7th. Any interested volunteers would receive training before assisting individuals.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 16, 2025

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held on the 16th day of September, 2025 at 8:35 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on 4th day of September, 2025. Board members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent. Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and County Sheriff Joseph Smith. 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 9:01 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 Minutes
September 16, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:01 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 Sheriff Joseph Smith 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 September 4, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 16, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to the September 2, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 11, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt Resolution #2025-14, adopting the 2025-2026 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported a need for work on Railroad Street in Seneca.

Discussion was held on auto gate cleaning policy. Discussion was held on grading up to auto gate and excess road material getting into auto gate.

Commissioner Moody reported that Blaine County is doing some road work on their portion of Purdum Ave. The company is Hall Brothers out of Marysville, Kansas.

Discussion was held on applying for a Childers Grant to aid in purchasing a trailer and rotary mower for the skid steer. The next application period is due October 15th. The board directed County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and Commissioner Herbaugh to work on this application.

Custer Public Power will be here on Thursday at the courthouse to trim the tree over the sidewalk out front. The Sheriff will place safety cones around the area until the road employees can get it cleaned up later in the day.

Correspondence from the State of Nebraska on the bridge match program was read. Commissioner Herbaugh expressed interest in applying for the grant program to replace the wood deck on Daly Lane bridge. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will check to see if this project would meet the requirements of the bridge match program.

Correspondence presented. Letter from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment asking that Thomas County join the National Flood Insurance program was reviewed. More information from the Thomas County Attorney is needed before proceeding.

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

GENERAL FUND-B32A1:C35

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	905.80
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	594.48
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	92.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.69
NE SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECTION DIV	REGISTRATION	60.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	78.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16411.98
	SEPT LAWN	
MARION RHOADES	CARE	1700.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SUPPLIES	108.21
ANDREA THOMAS	COFFEE POT	64.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.97
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	8986.40

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	785.73
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	PARTS	35.60
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	525.03
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	4562.38
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00

EXTENSION FUND-

HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	32.78
KALEB PUNCHAR	SUPPLIES	84.00

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	182.42

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk reported on West Central meeting September 25th in Ogallala. NACO conference will be December 17- 19th in Kearney. Election workshop is scheduled for October 15-16th in Kearney.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of August. New employee in the Treasurer's office was discussed.

Sheriff reported on upcoming meetings he will be attending for the required continuing education requirements.

Discussion of Region 26 fees were reviewed. There is a federal mandate that requires counties provide 911 services. The budget increase covers 911 services and emergency management paperwork to help fire and rescue recover costs associated with disasters.

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

Commissioner Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to enter into the Property Tax request hearing.

No public present for the property tax request hearing.

Commissioner Moody closed the property tax request hearing at 11:40 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-15, setting the 2025-2026 final tax request at \$861,743.22. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other 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 Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 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, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Bryan Rodocker-Loup 2 Loup race, 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 September 25, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the October 7, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 16 ,2025 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 25, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the September 16, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 25, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Carolyn Warren about material on her property. She has some crushed gravel that she would sell for \$15/ton and there is other material that we can get crushed to use for mix.

Commissioner Herbaugh expressed thoughts about any future road project contracts that the county lets out to bid should include language about safety procedures that will be followed during the project, example pilot cars and signage.

The Clerk will check on any federal transportation funding that may be available to help the county do road work on Purdum Ave next year.

The Treasurer presented information to the board that covers the grant application for the Mid Nebraska Foundation to apply for assistance in funding to purchase a smaller trailer to haul the skid steer and any attachments.

Correspondence presented. No action taken on the letter received from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment requesting the county join the National Flood Insurance program.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	205.93
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2828.38
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	979.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	60.28
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	445.08
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	64.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING/SUPPLIES	1271.03
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	250.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPIER	831.53
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	168.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	12570.36
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1261.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/REPAIRS	370.54
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8010.40
THOMAS CO TREASURER	VOID 06250092	916.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	641.49
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	142.70
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		27944.69

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1009.55
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	ROAD SIGNS	387.27
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	9.52
CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	1864.70
JEBRO INCORPORATED	ASPHALT OIL	20662.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	523.07

RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2448.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2831.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	3052.94
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		10280.30

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	#234633	82.18
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	271.80
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.34
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	364.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NE SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MGMT	AREA 2 CONTEST	642.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	212.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1158.02
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	17.72
SALARIES		4641.89

PRESERVATION & MODERNAZATION FUND-

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	268.98
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	241.51
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	14.17
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	470.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	111.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	83.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	439.20
SALARIES		1573.75

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	225.34
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	8.35
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
JOHN BRYANT	MILEAGE	97.30
EAST WEST BOOKS	BOOKS	304.82
RED BRICK RESOURCES	BOOKS	290.51
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	51.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	26.86
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	267.88
SALARIES		156.15

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of September.

Reminders of upcoming meetings: NIRMA conference is October 23rd & 24th, NACO conference is December 17th-19th. Election conference is October 16th & 17th.

The Clerk's office has started using the MIPS Register of Deeds program. The next step will be adding the Indexes and Documents online in the future.

GFOA Risk modeling available through NACO, the Clerk will check on cost.

Treasurer reported that new staff will begin on November 3rd.

The Treasurer's office will be closed on Friday, October 24th.

Sheriff quarterly fee report was presented to the board.

Library usage report was presented to the board.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote:

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

Bryan Rodocker with the Loup 2 Loup race committee was present to request the board closed Purdum Road on August 6, 2026.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to close the Purdum Road on August 6, 2026, after the mail runs to Purdum, for the Loup 2 Loup race. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the maintenance/pickup work contract

with Central Plains Valuation LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none.

Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:32 a.m.

The board reviewed two proposals presented for audit services for fiscal year 2026, 2027, and 2028.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the proposal from GBE Certified Public Accountants for audit services for fiscal years ending 2026, 2027, and 2028. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to designate Lorissa Hartman or Andrea Thomas as

the eligible persons to cast votes at the NACO convention in December. Roll call vote: Ayes –

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

Public comment. Andrea Thomas visited with the board about the upcoming C4K meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 6 pm at the library at the Thedford High School.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Doug Heavican, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Kris Rasmussen 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 October 9, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 21, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the October 7, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 16, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Rain damage to roads discussed. Some areas received up to 3 inches of rain.

Atkins road work not done by the County was discussed.

River Avenue water hole repair discussion held.

Application from Heath Rasmussen reviewed. Request for grader work and material discussed. Commissioner Herbaugh will take a look at the current road to determine what kind of work and material will be needed. He will be able to come up with an estimate of cost for equipment work. Tabled until the November 4th meeting.

No correspondence to present.

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-

BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTORNEY FEES	100.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	449.85
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	463.53
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	323.98
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	37.06
HEARTLAND PRECISION RIFLE, LLC	SUPPLIES	235.00
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	960.00
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	170.90
MARION RHOADES	OCT LAWN CARE	1700.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	2ND QTR EXTENSION	6408.34
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	222.96
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE/ENVELOPES	484.60
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.04

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	100.62
JEBRO INCORPORATED	N SENECA PROJECT	520.00
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	686.03
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	5423.27
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	10872.74

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	46.06
HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	134.95
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	31.58
SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	57.89
THOMAS, THERESA	MEAL	20.70

LIBRARY FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	150.95
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	203.20
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE FEE	250.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE FEE	250.00

Office reports:

Clerk presented the quote from Applied Connective to replace the security camera in the Treasurer’s office. Unanimous decision made to update the wiring and camera for the office. The old jail door was discussed. Sheriff Smith will contact Neben’s to get their opinion on repair. The board unanimously agreed to participate in Operation Green Light for Veterans November 4th – 11th.

Treasurer presented the September financial report to the board.

The Treasurer turned over the Distress Warrants to the Sheriff for collection.

Sheriff gave an activity report for his office. He also reported attending Sheriff's conference the first part of October to obtain his continuing education requirement.

The Sheriff is currently working on updating and submitting his accreditation policy.

- Emergency Manager reported on the mutual aid meeting held in Thedford last week.
- Safety committee chair gave a report on the Safety meeting held prior to this board meeting. Topics discussed were new security camera for Treasurer's office, Tyler Teahon to inspect tree in front of courthouse since trimming by Custer Public Power, gutter cleaning, various safety report filings and grants possibly available for a generator for the courthouse.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral, LLC for December 12, 2025 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 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
November 4, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:33 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, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Veterans Officer Rich Cook, 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 23, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 4, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the October 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Repair work done on River Ave, Peaceful Plains Rd and Paxton Ranch Rd was discussed.

Equipment maintenance discussed.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported driving out to Rasmussen house to check on the road leading to their house. He reported that the county could not do any repairs to the road since the previous road was not built to minimum standards. He did talk with the landowners about options they could do to fix the road themselves.

The auto gate at the old Ewoldt place will need replaced. The county should be able to replace with and old auto gate in stock.

Lloyd Smith reported that he is seeking more information from the project completed in Blaine County/Purdum Road, to see what the cost per mile is compared to armor coating.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-16, Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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	205.93
AFLAC	INSURANCE	224.43
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2600.31
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2706.10

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHOTO	433.27
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	76.30
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	459.57
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	41.94
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.98
MIPS INC	PINK POSTCARD	736.56
PAMELA MOODY	REFUND	7.77
NACO	DUES	1272.41
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1159.26
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	175.00
NPZA C/O JUDY CLARK	REGISTRATION	20.00
POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBRASKA	DUES	30.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	288.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7468.31
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	REFUND	7.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	1177.47
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FEES	219.00
U S BANK	FEES/SUPPLIES	652.26
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		26523.89

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	INSURANCE	1003.67
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	126.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	520.17
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2223.42
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	3038.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2188.84
SALARIES		10243.29

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.15
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	316.43
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	236.17
MYRON DURFEE	MILEAGE	16.80
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	FOOD	135.84
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	30.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	231.93
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	82.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1232.05
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	116.20
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	123.90
SALARIES		4731.14

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	239.42
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.55
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	84.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	439.99
SALARIES		1509.42

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	128.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	28.48
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.08
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	170.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	90.88
SALARIES		529.10

Office reports:

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

CTL report is ready to submit to the State. Once balanced with the State the tax list will be delivered to the Treasurer by November 21st.

Election 2026 dates were reviewed.

Sales review on properties sold is being completed. Sales will be used to set values throughout the county for 2026.

Treasurer reported that her new employee, Karie Dailey started November 3rd.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Weed Superintendent gave a report on new locations of weeds in the County.

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

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials' salaries. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Thomas County and the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Rich Cook presented the Thomas County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation report that was recently completed by Tim Stortz.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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
November 18, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, 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 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 6, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 18, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the November 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported trying to purchase millings from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. At this time the State is not interested in selling any leftover millings.

Topkote surplus equipment brochure was presented to the board. Commissioner Herbaugh felt the county would be better off leasing any specialty equipment as needed, rather than purchasing the equipment.

Purchase of 770G grader tires was discussed. Keith will research prices.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported on the conversation he had with Hall Brothers on the cost per square yard to do the Blaine County portion of Purdum Road. The price quoted was \$1.65/square yard. More information needs obtained in regards to what all is included in this price. Example: oil and material.

Commissioner Moody will contact Mike Peterson of Blaine County to get a few questions answered.

Commissioner Moody reported some road signs missing on West Purdum Ave.

Correspondence presented. Letter from John Copland, Dickinson Land Surveying was presented to the board. After review the board directed the Clerk to send out notice of Thomas County seeking letters of interest for the County Highway Superintendent position.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	112.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	41.94
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INAMTE COST	55.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.51

MARION RHOADES	NOV LAWN CARE	1700.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	4.99
U S BANK	POSTAGE	416.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06
ROAD FUND-		
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	#90920961	192.95
MIDWEST COATINGS COMPANY, INC	ROAD PROJECT	32007.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	4338.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1619.21
EXTENSION FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	10.91
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	111.34
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	46.67
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	42.60
PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-		
MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIR	408.20

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the various filing fees for elected office for the 2026 election. January 5th will be the first day to file for office. Incumbent filing deadline is February 17, 2026 and nonincumbent filing deadline is March 2, 2026.

Clerk reported on the question for sick leave on part time employees. After consulting the County Attorney he advised that the new sick leave law does NOT include political subdivisions. He noted the definition of political subdivision to statute 32-112.02.

The clerk also reported on the status of the 2025/2026 budget submitted to the State Auditor's office.

Information presented on the Courthouse closing for the power outage planned by Custer Public Power District on Thursday, November 20th.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of October.

She noted that the board would need to plan on transferring from Bookmobile to Library during the month of January.

Library statistic report presented to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

Andrea Thomas presented the board with an updated Infectious Disease policy.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the updated Thomas County Infectious Disease policy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials' salary. More information was provided to the board about surrounding counties wage and benefits. No action taken. A Resolution will need adopted prior to January 15, 2026.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 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
December 2, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, 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 November 27, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the December 2, 2025 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 November 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 27, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

The Clerk presented the board with information/specs emailed by Lloyd Smith on the Purdum Road project that Blaine County put down this summer. The board agreed to see how the portion of road held up over the winter months to see if this was an option for the Thomas County portion of the road.

Discussion was held on various roads and upcoming projects that needed done in the future.

Clutch repair on the semi was discussed.

Commissioner Herbaugh asked that the road men begin hauling the material located on Carolyn Warren's pit area to the airport site.

County Treasurer Andrea Thomas reported on the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation grant that she submitted for Thomas County to purchase a trailer and skid steer attachments. The initial request was for \$25,000, the grant approved was for \$10,000. Thomas County had obtained two quotes on trailers, one from Kohler Trailer-North Platte for \$9,195 and V-Bar-Broken Bow in the amount of \$13,874.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to purchase the trailer from Kohler in the amount of \$9,195 and to add the brake control package for the county pickup. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board expressed their gratitude to Andrea for the work on applying for the grant.

Discussion was held on 770G grader tires. Road employee Hartman obtained pricing from several locations with all offering the same price on the Michelin tire with state pricing.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to purchase the grader tires through Sandhill Oil for the 770G grader. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Abstain – Moody. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on questions about Gaston Road & Bridge maintenance. The Clerk provided the file on Gaston Bridge to the County Attorney for review. The County made an agreement back in 1965 with the USFS, Department of Ag, at this time the county relinquished all right, title and interest for the road and bridge.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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	205.93
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2702.25
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	444.72
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	330.28
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	415.63
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	80.91
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.51
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1163.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	556.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7557.86
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	1023.45
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		27239.50

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	906.82
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	14.36
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	85.75
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	477.25
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1436.96
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2808.59
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	862.39
SALARIES		9628.56

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.15
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VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS, LLC	PROMOTION	1500.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	275.86
COMFORT INN	LODGING	135.24
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	218.71
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
TL MEYER	FUEL	27.90
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	213.92
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	144.65
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1114.91
SALARIES		4349.01

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	197.54
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COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.98
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	131.17
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	70.28
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	195.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	345.68
SALARIES		1233.68

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	159.38
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	16.70
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	4.36
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	112.80
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	45.44
SALARIES		263.24

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of November.

Central Plains will be out in the county the week of December 15th to do pickup work for remodels and new buildings.

Discussed the Christmas holiday courthouse schedule with the board.

Christmas Eve – open until noon, Christmas Day – closed, Friday December 26th – closed.

New Years Eve – open all day. New Year’s Day – closed. Friday January 2nd – open.

Treasurer reported that tax statements had been mailed out by MIPS with several people in the area already receiving their statements.

Sheriff reported collecting on all distress warrants issued. As Safety Committee chairman he reported installing signage throughout the courthouse and discussing the need to clear out the back storage room aisles.

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

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials’ salary. No action taken.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford NE. An agenda will be kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the Thomas County Clerk during regular business hours. Additions to the agenda may be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, road personnel Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, TL Meyer, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, John Copland and Miranda Stoll.

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 4, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the December 16, 2025 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 December 2, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 11, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on keeping road equipment maintenance up to date.

New Kohler trailer purchased and reimbursement check has been received from Mid Nebraska Community Foundation to pay for the purchase of trailer.

Upcoming projects: road sign inventory to be completed. Trees needed trimmed along roadways.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to enter into a 50/50 cost share agreement with Shane Pettit with an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the county share to remove trees on the east side of S. Seneca Ave (by Pettit mailbox) and the trees to be piled on Pettit land and be disposed of. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Daly will contact Shane Pettit.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Consolidated ROW permit. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve claims as presented, except claim #12250087 pending further information. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-
APPLIED CONNECTIVE
TECHNOLOGIES

SERVICES

979.80

DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	327.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	4.99
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	894.43
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE FEE	55.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16411.98
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES	641.20
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.90
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	332.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.04

ROAD FUND-

KRIS GANOUNG	2025 LOT RENT	300.00
KOHLER TRAILER SALES, INC	TRAILER	9225.85
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	511.96
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	36.40
CAROLYN WARREN	MATERIAL	2250.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CONDON SIGNS, LLC	REPAIR	970.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY	BUILDING RENT	35.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	139.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	70.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	104.35
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.49
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	31.22

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	15.05

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	TRANSFER TO LIBRARY	18000.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported on a Press Release about a possible penny shortage in the future and how to handle cash payments.

Upcoming meeting dates given to the board.

January 6th meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m., for the organizational meeting and the regular meeting to proceed immediately following the close of the organizational meeting.

Treasurer financial report presented to the board.

Library usage report presented to the board.

Sheriff reported on completing his accreditation audit and the approval making the office compliant January 2026 until December 2028.

Sheriff will be submitting final reimbursement for the forest contract.

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

Lloyd Smith provided certifications of Highway Superintendent, Surveyor and Bridge Inspection to the County Board to express his continued interest in the County Highway Superintendent position.

John Copland of Dickinson Land Surveyors met with the county board to address questions and interest in the Thomas County Highway Superintendent position.

No action taken pending further information for the appointment to the Thomas County Highway Superintendent position.

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials' salaries. No action taken at this time. A decision will be made on the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to enter into a five year cylinder agreement with Island Supply Welding Company. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Miranda Stoll of Healing Hearts met with the board to review the Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services aid.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the MOU for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid with Healing Hears & Families. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 with the organizational meeting to begin at 8:15 a.m. and the regular meeting to commence immediately at the conclusion of the organizational meeting, 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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