

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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, President's Day – February 17<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday – April 18<sup>th</sup>, Arbor Day – April 25<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day – May 26<sup>th</sup>, Juneteenth Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>, Independence Day – July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day – September 1<sup>st</sup>, Columbus Day – October 13<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after – November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day – December 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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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.

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 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
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	VALUATION 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk