

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk