

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 NEBRAKSA 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.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk

