

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 CONTROAL	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
EXTENSION FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	110.00
HOOKE 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

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.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk