

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>GENERAL FUND-</b>		
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
<b>ROAD FUND-</b>		
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
<b>PRE-TRIAL FUND-</b>		
VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.30
<b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>		
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
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
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
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
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 30<sup>th</sup>. Ron Elliott of Central Plains will be in the county on June 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk