

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
June 17, 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Veterans Service Officer Rich Cook and Tyler Teahon.

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 June 5, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 17, 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 June 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 12, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men discussed rain damage to various roads and the repair.

River Road was widened by the Scranton Place to reduce the blind spot, another area further down the road was discussed about widening in a curve to reduce the blind spot.

Auto gate discussion was held on Atkins/Ryman/Rosehill rd. No action taken at this time, board members decided to look into this later. Discussion was also held on developing an auto gate policy for future questions.

Commissioner Moody reported that Thad Emerson, Hooker County Commissioner had reached out to see if Thomas County had any plans for crack sealing roads. Thomas County has no plans to crack seal this year.

The question was asked of Lloyd, if he had been able to create the new maintenance policy maps yet. He responded that he hadn't started that project yet.

The board directed Lloyd to prepare bids for the N. Seneca armor coat project. Once prepared to provide a copy to the Clerk for her to present to the County Board and then get it in the Thomas County Herald to fulfill the bidding requirements.

The County Board reviewed all informal bids for a used skid steer. Bobcat, John Deere and Case had provided several different options for the county. The New Holland tractor and attachments were listed on Auction Time and scheduled to sell on July 2nd.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to purchase the 2020 Case skid steer that had 495 hours and 1 year warranty in the amount of \$48,500. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve claims, except #06250092 & #06250098 pending further documentation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

	ADMNIN	
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	EXPENSE	535.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	1ST APP FERT	435.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	404.85
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	289.90
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	157.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	349.83
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEALS	221.88
LINDEMEIER LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	87.50
MIPS INC	SERVICES	221.19
NACO	DUES	1397.41
MARION RHOADES	JUNE LAWNCARE	1700.00
STRYKER SALES, LLC	SUPPLIES	368.00
ANDREA THOMAS	MILEAGE	344.40
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	436.83
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06

ROAD FUND-

KEITH HARTMAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	CELL PHONE	200.00
TITAN MACHINERY	CASE SKIDSTEER	48500.00
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	2350.16

EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	289.92
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	59.52
U S BANK	EQUIPMENT	1413.27

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

The clerk presented new language to add to the Employee Handbook that covers the health insurance coverage or stipend. The board will take official action on updating the Handbook at the July 1st meeting.

A new battery backup unit was purchased for the IT room equipment.

TERC hearing date and time was reviewed. The new date is July 21, 2025 at North Platte.

Discussion was held on setting the special meeting date for any Destroyed/Damaged real property. The board agreed that it would be held July 22nd at 8:30 a.m.

Fiscal Year end 2025 expenditure report was provided to the board.

Treasurer presented financial report from May and also provided a preliminary fund balance report for the fiscal year end.

Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported that he has order 3 new GEO COMM maps from Region 26.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve an hourly rate 2.5% cost of living increase for the road department employees. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Rich Cook, Thomas County VSO met with the board to review the Interlocal agreement with Logan County for Veterans Service Office.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Logan County for Veterans Service office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to reappoint Ted Taylor to the Thomas County Veterans Service Committee with term expiring 2030. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral for the pavilion on July 26th for the county fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the SDL application for Sandhills Corral for the arena area on July 26th for the county fair from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Public comment: Tyler Teahon came to visit with the board about a couple of trees on the courthouse lawn. The tree at the intersection of Hwy 2 and Oak Street needs trimmed for visibility purposes. The other tree is a spruce tree located on the east side of the library needs removed for various reasons. The Maple tree along Main Street was also discussed, it currently hangs over the village street and power line, Tyler recommended having Custer Public Power trim over the power line and he could also look at trimming it back even farther. Tyler will present an estimate for the July 1st meeting.

No other public comment was had at this time.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 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.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk