

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 1, 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 Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, TL Meyer-Central Sandhills Area Extension Office and Kylie Joyce-Region II.

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 19, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the July 1, 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 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on June 26, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that work is scheduled to begin on Peaceful Plains/Ringgold Road next week. The road men will be hauling material up from Logan County to complete this project.

Shouldering on Windmill Rd is still needed.

Johnston Ln material was discussed.

The road maintenance classification map was discussed with Lloyd. He is still needing to create the new map.

Lloyd reported driving the N. Seneca route after the last meeting. He estimates that is will be 27,104 square yards needed for the armor coat project. He started at just North of the bridge up to the county line. Once he prepares the bid letting, he will share with the Clerk.

Discussion was held on developing an auto gate policy. The Clerk had information that was prepared back in 2022 to share with the board. Lloyd will meet with the County Attorney to discuss.

Lloyd also reported on receiving a phone call from Barb Welch about material for Swift Lane. The Clerk will send out the 3rd party agreement for additional maintenance to Barb and email a copy to Lloyd.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that the skid steer was delivered. He discussed obtaining a GPS unit for the skid steer.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay payroll and claims as presented along with claim 06250098 after receiving further documentation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	188.97
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2809.34
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1124.99
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	225.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	432.38
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	141.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	413.15
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	437.92
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	214.13
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	49.55
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1324.12
NIRMA	INSURANCE	14014.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	338.29
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8402.60
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		30367.19

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	973.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3009.41
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	97.28
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	432.98
NIRMA	INSURANCE	12573.00

NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS	SERVICES	2809.20
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3636.47
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2583.84
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		8927.64

VISITORS FUND-

NIRMA	INSURANCE	81.00
THEDFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	SPONSORSHIP	1500.00

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	290.05
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	222.29
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	28.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPY LEASE	170.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	220.22
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	191.95
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1192.27
SALARIES		4702.33

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	250.56
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.14
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	135.89
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	42.29
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	87.10
NIRMA	INSURANCE	2910.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	73.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	463.64
SALARIES		1585.08

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	176.50
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22.02
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	5.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	136.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	59.92
SALARIES		346.98

Office reports:

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of June.

Handyman wage was discussed; Commissioner Herbaugh agreed to the \$18/hour.

Upcoming meetings, July 15th the Board of Equalization will meet for the final protests filed by June 30th. On July 22nd another Board of Equalization meeting will be held for Form 425 Destroyed property applications that may be filed with the County by July 15th deadline. Road Budget forms were distributed to the board.

Sherrif fee report presented to the board.

Treasurer advised of the PILT money receipted; it was down 17% from last year's distribution. The office will be closing out the books for the month of June and completing the fiscal year. DHHS vehicle vouchers were discussed, she is waiting to get further information before proceeding.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to accept the bid from TT Tree Service for removal of tree on the courthouse lawn. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the additional language added to the Health Insurance benefits in the Thomas County Employee Handbook. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Kylie Joyce of Region II Services gave an annual update of services and funding for the program.

TL Meyer presented the 2025/2026 Extension Budget to the board for review. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the Extension budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Kroger Opioid settlement allocation. Region II can no longer receive the allocation money. The board directed the Clerk to reallocate the Kroger Opioid Settlement to the Nebraska's Remediation Account Funds.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 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