

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
August 5, 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 and Charles Daly. Absent – Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to excuse board member Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Elaine Menzel-NACO, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbrigt, County Court Assistant Clerk April Smith, County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook and County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith.

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 July 24, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the August 5, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the July 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 24, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Bryan Rodocker will be hauling material for W. Collier road and Rodocker Ln.

Johnston Ln material will be hauled by the county.

Discussed work being completed on Paxton Ranch Road and portion of Connell Ln.

Cold mix patching to be done on N. Seneca, S. Seneca and Windmill Rd

Discussion was also held on the possibility of not receiving any armor coat bids for N. Seneca. More discussion to be held later in meeting.

Elaine Menzel-NACO, met with the board to discuss legislation passed and possible new legislation. Reminded the board of upcoming NACO meetings in September and October.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve payroll and claim items as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	188.97
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2897.48
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	851.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BORDERS LAW OFFICE	ATTY FEES	62.50
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	188.98
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	2501.25
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	437.53
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	216.30

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	981.65
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	666.19
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	187.77
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	117.85
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	PROBATION FEES	1008.35
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER	VETERANS SERVICE	7000.00
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	54.86
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
PAMELA MOODY	MILEAGE-TERC	134.54
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB	TESTING	105.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1351.23
REGION II HUMAN SERVICES	ASSESMENT	2923.52
MARION RHOADES	JULY LAWNCARE	1700.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	256.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8589.94
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE FEE	1177.47
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE @ LIBRARY	2700.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	285.50
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		31138.30

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1084.82
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	3009.41
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	61.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	92.05
	WATER	
MASEBERG RANCH	TANK/SUPPLIES	6200.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	482.45
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	6251.00
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	3810.75
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3763.37
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2843.11
TRIPLE G REDIMIX, LLC	MATERIAL	1192.22
SALARIES		9640.84

**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.18
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	304.25
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	223.37
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	116.89
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	SERVICES	146.22
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	94.50
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	22.61
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	51.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	226.53
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	BOX RENT	162.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	178.91
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1182.46
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	51.80
PATRICK WRIGHT	MILEAGE	32.20
SALARIES		4529.22

**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	258.90
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.89
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	225.02
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	203.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	89.55
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	483.03
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		1639.68

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	4.93
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00

BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
MID-AMERICA DIESEL	REPAIRS	4149.60
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	0.63
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	99.34
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	6.72
SALARIES		37.92

**Office reports:**

Clerk presented the office fee report for July. Discussion was held on finding a new auditor for the 2025/2026 budget year. Current auditor Don Wilson reported that he will be retiring after this year. He also suggested a few names to solicit bids from and advised the board the cost will be quite a bit more than what he has charged in the past.

Advised the board about the meeting with Deb Fischer’s staff last week during the mobile office. Commissioner Herbaugh and the Clerk met to discuss the possibility of obtaining federal money to assist with the cost of work on the Purdum Road.

Assessor report included the July sales of:

Parcel 860013502: R. Licking to B. Purdum - \$40,000

Parcel 860013529: R. Licking to A. Kuntz - \$10,000

Parcel 860012883: C. Albertus to A. Bryant - \$130,000

Parcel 860022021, 860020991, 860021998, 860027528: J. Duran to G. Needs - \$375,000

Assessor/County Attorney discussed the AG Opinion about the process to make physical inspections of property for valuation purposes.

Library statistic report presented to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Emergency Manager reported that next year when working on the Region 26 budget a preliminary budget will be prepared by May.

Treasurer reported on staff in the office.

April Smith met with the board to discuss a new monitor for the county court office that will be available to use for questions by Zoom when nobody is in the office in Thedford. Discussion was held on mounting on the wall vs. setting up a table in the hall outside their door. Board advised they would like to see it on a table rather than mounting on the wall, for now.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-9, reauthorizing the Petty Cash fund within the Clerk and County Court office. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to authorize the Treasurer to obtain county tax sales certificates on the following delinquent parcels: 860012069, 860015351, 860015378, 860013804, 860015599, 860015602, 860015610, 860015629, 860018482, 860027477, 860029402, 860029421, 860015335, 860014665, 860012646, and 860012689. Roll call vote: Ayes -Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to surplus and destroy the following equipment from the Sheriff office:

- Dual Strobe Light AS-200 (acquired – 1994; value \$180) Obsolete/LE
- Flashlight (acquired – 2011; value - \$169.95) Damaged/Unserviceable

- Flashback Five Light Baton (acquired – 2008; value \$30) Damaged/Unserviceable
- 15 ft. Trooper 11 Metro Spikes (acquired 2011; value - \$450) Obsolete/LE
- Rescue response kit (acquired- 2004; value \$150) Expired/Obsolete
- WatchGuard Body Camera (acquired – unknown; value – unknown) Obsolete/LE

Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

The request to change a current road name, tabled. No application fee received at this time.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to participate in the Purdue Opioid settlement.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve Resolution #2025-10, Annual certification of program compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

No bids were received for the advertised N. Seneca Ave armor coat project. Lloyd reported emailing out bid specs to five companies. The County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will reach out to the contractors to see if he can get a couple of bids turned in and be reviewed on the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Rich Cook met with the board to review a release and hold harmless agreement with Custer County for the equipment maintained by the Sandhills Weed Management Area. The County Attorney advised not signing the agreement. Suggested getting insurance directly from NIRMA for the equipment or changing language in the agreement.

The board began working on the budget with the various office holders.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Members present were Pam Moody and Charles Daly. Also present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Budget work session continued throughout the afternoon.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioner will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioner 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