

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 2, 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, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff, County Attorney Kurt Arganbrigh, West Central Area on Aging representatives Torey Franzen, Vicki Gleason and Erin Arensdorf.

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 August 21, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the September 2, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the August 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 28, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Johnston Lane material arrangement of 9 loads has been hauled. Wild Horse Creek material (7 loads) was hauled by Rodocker Trucking. Rodocker Lane material request has been fulfilled, the material was paid for by the landowner and trucking cost covered by the county.

Discussion was had about the missing STOP signs, the Windmill Road sign was replaced by the Nebraska Department of Transportation, any STOP sign that abuts a state highway is the property of the State of Nebraska. Another reported missing STOP sign is the cut across at the Fairgrounds.

Bid bond has been received for the N. Seneca Armor Coat project.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported driving around Seneca and the condition of the streets. Road Employee Hartman reported taking over his mower and weed eater and cleaning up the lot that the county parks on.

MSHA training for road employees will be on Thursday, September 11th in Valentine. NIRMA will be putting on the training for the county employees.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to pay payroll and claims as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	239.85
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2900.36
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
CHARRON LAWN CARE	LAWN CARE	435.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	454.47
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	207.15
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	527.08
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	131.10
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	36.05
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	4095.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE/MEAL	409.06
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	688.20
	CONSULTANT	
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	FEE	2000.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1411.92
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1206.83
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION	200.00
KRIS RASMUSSEN	MILEAGE	170.80
REGION 26	MAPS	110.74
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	237.70
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7892.70
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	99.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		28719.61

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	920.48
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS	26.74
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2873.78
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	483.32
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2209.99

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2841.06
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	23.67
SALARIES		9715.23

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.18
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VISITORS FUND-

OMAHA MAGAZINE	ADVERTISING	1707.50
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	SPONSORSHIP	750.00
THEDFORD SERVICE CLUB	GRANT	5107.50

EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	286.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	216.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.63
TL MEYER	SUPPLIES	44.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	218.42
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	129.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1182.62
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	REGISTRATION	115.00
SALARIES		4676.58

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	199.03
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.41
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	198.61
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	74.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	366.28
SALARIES		1353.64

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	436.37
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	24.30
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	6.10
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	29.53
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	63.76
SALARIES		368.93

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August in the office.

Pink Postcard hearing for political subdivisions was discussed. The County will not have to participate in the hearing.

Notice from the County Weed Superintendent. The Thomas County weed control authority **will be controlling noxious weeds** along the Dismal River Thomas County. This project is being done by Nebraska-Iowa Helicopter out of Tekamah, NE. **The approximate date of this project will be between September 22nd and October 13th.** This service will be provided at no cost to the landowners. Landowners not interested in this program are encouraged to call the weed

control superintendent in Thomas County (308-636-6157) if you do not wish to participate in this program.

Those not participating in this program should have a weed management plan for the control of noxious weeds that has been approved by the Thomas County weed control authority.

Major funding for this project has been provided through the Sandhills Weed Management Area. The funding was the result of a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant.

Sheriff presented an activity report along with a report on the Forest Contract.

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

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to accept the audit report from Don Wilson for period ending June 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Audit report will be kept on file in the Thomas County Clerk's office.

Representatives with West Central Area on Aging visited with the board about the services they provide and what assistance is offered in Thomas County currently. Brochures were left with the County Clerk about the services. They also asked for any volunteers to help individuals with the Medicare Prescription Drug plan open enrollment from October 15th – December 7th. Any interested volunteers would receive training before assisting individuals.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 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