

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 16, 2025

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held on the 16th day of September, 2025 at 8:35 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on 4th day of September, 2025.

Board members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent. Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith and County Sheriff Joseph Smith. No other members of the public were present.

The budget hearing was opened at 8:35 a.m. with three copies of the proposed budget statement were available to the public, if in attendance.

County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget.

The floor was opened to public comment on the proposed budget. No public present to discuss the budget.

Chair Moody closed the budget hearing at 9:01 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

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Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:01 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 Sheriff Joseph Smith 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 September 4, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the September 16, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to the September 2, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 11, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt Resolution #2025-14, adopting the 2025-2026 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported a need for work on Railroad Street in Seneca.

Discussion was held on auto gate cleaning policy. Discussion was held on grading up to auto gate and excess road material getting into auto gate.

Commissioner Moody reported that Blaine County is doing some road work on their portion of Purdum Ave. The company is Hall Brothers out of Marysville, Kansas.

Discussion was held on applying for a Childers Grant to aid in purchasing a trailer and rotary mower for the skid steer. The next application period is due October 15th. The board directed County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and Commissioner Herbaugh to work on this application.

Custer Public Power will be here on Thursday at the courthouse to trim the tree over the sidewalk out front. The Sheriff will place safety cones around the area until the road employees can get it cleaned up later in the day.

Correspondence from the State of Nebraska on the bridge match program was read. Commissioner Herbaugh expressed interest in applying for the grant program to replace the wood deck on Daly Lane bridge. County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith will check to see if this project would meet the requirements of the bridge match program.

Correspondence presented. Letter from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment asking that Thomas County join the National Flood Insurance program was reviewed. More information from the Thomas County Attorney is needed before proceeding.

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

GENERAL FUND-B32A1:C35		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	905.80
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	50.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	594.48
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	92.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.69
NE SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECTION DIV	REGISTRATION	60.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	78.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16411.98
	SEPT LAWN	
MARION RHOADES	CARE	1700.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	SUPPLIES	108.21
ANDREA THOMAS	COFFEE POT	64.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	133.97
DONALD D WILSON	AUDIT	8986.40
ROAD FUND-		
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	785.73
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	PARTS	35.60
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	525.03
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	4562.38
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	32.78
KALEB PUNCHAR	SUPPLIES	84.00
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	205.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	182.42
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	70.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk reported on West Central meeting September 25th in Ogallala. NACO conference will be December 17- 19th in Kearney. Election workshop is scheduled for October 15-16th in Kearney.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of August. New employee in the Treasurer’s office was discussed.

Sheriff reported on upcoming meetings he will be attending for the required continuing education requirements.

Discussion of Region 26 fees were reviewed. There is a federal mandate that requires counties provide 911 services. The budget increase covers 911 services and emergency management paperwork to help fire and rescue recover costs associated with disasters.

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

Commissioner Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to enter into the Property Tax request hearing.

No public present for the property tax request hearing.

Commissioner Moody closed the property tax request hearing at 11:40 a.m.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-15, setting the 2025-2026 final tax request at \$861,743.22. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 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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