

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 a.m., in the Commissioner 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 Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, Bryan Rodocker-Loup 2 Loup race, and County Attorney Kurt Arganbright.

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 25, 2025.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the October 7, 2025 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the September 16 ,2025 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 25, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking with Carolyn Warren about material on her property. She has some crushed gravel that she would sell for \$15/ton and there is other material that we can get crushed to use for mix.

Commissioner Herbaugh expressed thoughts about any future road project contracts that the county lets out to bid should include language about safety procedures that will be followed during the project, example pilot cars and signage.

The Clerk will check on any federal transportation funding that may be available to help the county do road work on Purdum Ave next year.

The Treasurer presented information to the board that covers the grant application for the Mid Nebraska Foundation to apply for assistance in funding to purchase a smaller trailer to haul the skid steer and any attachments.

Correspondence presented. No action taken on the letter received from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment requesting the county join the National Flood Insurance program.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	205.93
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2828.38
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	979.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
CARROT TOP INDUSTRIES	FLAG	60.28
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	445.08
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	64.40
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING/SUPPLIES	1271.03
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	250.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/COPIER	831.53
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	168.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	12570.36
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1261.45
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/REPAIRS	370.54
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8010.40
THOMAS CO TREASURER	VOID 06250092	916.60
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	EXPENSES	641.49
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	142.70
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	448.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		27944.69

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1009.55
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS INC	ROAD SIGNS	387.27
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
CALLS GARAGE INC	REPAIRS	9.52
CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	1864.70
JEBRO INCORPORATED	ASPHALT OIL	20662.74
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	523.07

RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	2448.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2831.75
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	3052.94
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	168.72
SALARIES		10280.30

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	#234633	82.18
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	271.80
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.34
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	364.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NE SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MGMT	AREA 2 CONTEST	642.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	212.11
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1158.02
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	17.72
SALARIES		4641.89

PRESERVATION & MODERNAZATION FUND-

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	268.98
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	241.51
MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	14.17
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	470.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	111.27
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	83.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	439.20
SALARIES		1573.75

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	225.34
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	8.35
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
JOHN BRYANT	MILEAGE	97.30
EAST WEST BOOKS	BOOKS	304.82
RED BRICK RESOURCES	BOOKS	290.51
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2.58
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	51.41
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	26.86
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	267.88
SALARIES		156.15

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of September.

Reminders of upcoming meetings: NIRMA conference is October 23rd & 24th, NACO conference is December 17th-19th. Election conference is October 16th & 17th.

The Clerk's office has started using the MIPS Register of Deeds program. The next step will be adding the Indexes and Documents online in the future.

GFOA Risk modeling available through NACO, the Clerk will check on cost.

Treasurer reported that new staff will begin on November 3rd.

The Treasurer's office will be closed on Friday, October 24th.

Sheriff quarterly fee report was presented to the board.

Library usage report was presented to the board.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bryan Rodocker with the Loup 2 Loup race committee was present to request the board closed Purdum Road on August 6, 2026.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to close the Purdum Road on August 6, 2026, after the mail runs to Purdum, for the Loup 2 Loup race. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the maintenance/pickup work contract with Central Plains Valuation LLC. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none.

Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization.

Chair Moody reconvened the regular meeting at 10:32 a.m.

The board reviewed two proposals presented for audit services for fiscal year 2026, 2027, and 2028.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to accept the proposal from GBE Certified Public Accountants for audit services for fiscal years ending 2026, 2027, and 2028. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to designate Lorissa Hartman or Andrea Thomas as the eligible persons to cast votes at the NACO convention in December. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Public comment. Andrea Thomas visited with the board about the upcoming C4K meeting on Tuesday, October 14th at 6 pm at the library at the Thedford High School.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 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, County Clerk