

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:33 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, road personnel Doug Heavican, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Veterans Officer Rich Cook, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, 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 October 23, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 4, 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 October 21, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 30, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:
Repair work done on River Ave, Peaceful Plains Rd and Paxton Ranch Rd was discussed.

Equipment maintenance discussed.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported driving out to Rasmussen house to check on the road leading to their house. He reported that the county could not do any repairs to the road since the previous road was not built to minimum standards. He did talk with the landowners about options they could do to fix the road themselves.
The auto gate at the old Ewoldt place will need replaced. The county should be able to replace with and old auto gate in stock.

Lloyd Smith reported that he is seeking more information from the project completed in Blaine County/Purdum Road, to see what the cost per mile is compared to armor coating.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2025-16, Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
AFLAC	INSURANCE	205.93
AFLAC	INSURANCE	224.43
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2600.31
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	2706.10

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHOTO	433.27
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	76.30
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	459.57
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	41.94
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	10.98
MIPS INC	PINK POSTCARD	736.56
PAMELA MOODY	REFUND	7.77
NACO	DUES	1272.41
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1159.26
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION	DUES	175.00
NPZA C/O JUDY CLARK	REGISTRATION	20.00
POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBRASKA	DUES	30.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	288.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7468.31
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	REFUND	7.65
THOMAS CO TREASURER	BOOKMOBILE	1177.47
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	FEES	219.00
U S BANK	FEES/SUPPLIES	652.26
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		26523.89

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	INSURANCE	1003.67
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	126.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	520.17
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2223.42
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	3038.97
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2188.84
SALARIES		10243.29

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.15
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	316.43
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	236.17
MYRON DURFEE	MILEAGE	16.80
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	FOOD	135.84
JAY HOLTHUS	MILEAGE	30.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	231.93
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	82.86
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1232.05
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	116.20
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	123.90
SALARIES		4731.14

LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	239.42
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.55
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	84.23
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	439.99
SALARIES		1509.42

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	128.92
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	28.48
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	8.08
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	170.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	90.88
SALARIES		529.10

Office reports:

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

CTL report is ready to submit to the State. Once balanced with the State the tax list will be delivered to the Treasurer by November 21st.

Election 2026 dates were reviewed.

Sales review on properties sold is being completed. Sales will be used to set values throughout the county for 2026.

Treasurer reported that her new employee, Karie Dailey started November 3rd.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Weed Superintendent gave a report on new locations of weeds in the County.

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

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials’ salaries. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Thomas County and the Nebraska Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Rich Cook presented the Thomas County Noxious Weed Program Evaluation report that was recently completed by Tim Stortz.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 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.

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Attest:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk