

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m., in the Commissioners 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 and Keith Hartman, and County Sheriff Joseph 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 November 6, 2025.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 18, 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 November 4, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on November 13, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:
Commissioner Herbaugh reported trying to purchase millings from the Nebraska Department of Transportation. At this time the State is not interested in selling any leftover millings.

Topkote surplus equipment brochure was presented to the board. Commissioner Herbaugh felt the county would be better off leasing any specialty equipment as needed, rather than purchasing the equipment.

Purchase of 770G grader tires was discussed. Keith will research prices.

Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith reported on the conversation he had with Hall Brothers on the cost per square yard to do the Blaine County portion of Purdum Road. The price quoted was \$1.65/square yard. More information needs obtained in regards to what all is included in this price. Example: oil and material.
Commissioner Moody will contact Mike Peterson of Blaine County to get a few questions answered.
Commissioner Moody reported some road signs missing on West Purdum Ave.

Correspondence presented. Letter from John Copland, Dickinson Land Surveying was presented to the board. After review the board directed the Clerk to send out notice of Thomas County seeking letters of interest for the County Highway Superintendent position.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	112.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	41.94
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INAMTE COST	55.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.51

MARION RHOADES	NOV LAWN CARE	1700.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	4.99
U S BANK	POSTAGE	416.28
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.06
ROAD FUND-		
BOMGAARS SUPPL INC	#90920961	192.95
MIDWEST COATINGS COMPANY, INC	ROAD PROJECT	32007.80
NIOBRARA VALLEY CONSULTANTS LLC	SERVICES	4338.60
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	1619.21
EXTENSION FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	10.91
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	111.34
HOOKE COUNTY TRIBUNE	SUBSCRIPTION	46.67
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	42.60
PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-		
MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIR	408.20

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the various filing fees for elected office for the 2026 election. January 5th will be the first day to file for office. Incumbent filing deadline is February 17, 2026 and nonincumbent filing deadline is March 2, 2026.

Clerk reported on the question for sick leave on part time employees. After consulting the County Attorney he advised that the new sick leave law does NOT include political subdivisions. He noted the definition of political subdivision to statute 32-112.02.

The clerk also reported on the status of the 2025/2026 budget submitted to the State Auditor’s office.

Information presented on the Courthouse closing for the power outage planned by Custer Public Power District on Thursday, November 20th.

Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of October. She noted that the board would need to plan on transferring from Bookmobile to Library during the month of January.

Library statistic report presented to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

Andrea Thomas presented the board with an updated Infectious Disease policy. Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to approve the updated Thomas County Infectious Disease policy. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials’ salary. More information was provided to the board about surrounding counties wage and benefits. No action taken. A Resolution will need adopted prior to January 15, 2026.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 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