

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 16, 2025

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 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 Keith Hartman and Doug Heavican, TL Meyer, County Highway Superintendent Lloyd Smith, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, John Copland and Miranda Stoll.

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 December 4, 2025.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the December 2, 2025 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on December 11, 2025. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Discussion was held on keeping road equipment maintenance up to date.

New Kohler trailer purchased and reimbursement check has been received from Mid Nebraska Community Foundation to pay for the purchase of trailer.

Upcoming projects: road sign inventory to be completed. Trees needed trimmed along roadways.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to enter into a 50/50 cost share agreement with Shane Pettit with an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the county share to remove trees on the east side of S. Seneca Ave (by Pettit mailbox) and the trees to be piled on Pettit land and be disposed of. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Daly will contact Shane Pettit.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the Consolidated ROW permit. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve claims as presented, except claim #12250087 pending further information. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE

TECHNOLOGIES

SERVICES

979.80

DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	327.99
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	4.99
GALLS LLC	SUPPLIES	894.43
LINCOLN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER	INMATE FEE	55.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16411.98
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SUPPLIES	641.20
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.90
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	332.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.04

ROAD FUND-

KRIS GANOUNG	2025 LOT RENT	300.00
KOHLER TRAILER SALES, INC	TRAILER	9225.85
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS	511.96
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	36.40
CAROLYN WARREN	MATERIAL	2250.00

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

CONDON SIGNS, LLC	REPAIR	970.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY	BUILDING RENT	35.00
COMFORT INN	LODGING	139.00
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	70.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	104.35
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	5.49
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	31.22

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	15.05

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
THOMAS COUNTY LIBRARY	TRANSFER TO LIBRARY	18000.00

Office reports:

Clerk reported on a Press Release about a possible penny shortage in the future and how to handle cash payments.

Upcoming meeting dates given to the board.

January 6th meeting will begin at 8:15 a.m., for the organizational meeting and the regular meeting to proceed immediately following the close of the organizational meeting.

Treasurer financial report presented to the board.

Library usage report presented to the board.

Sheriff reported on completing his accreditation audit and the approval making the office compliant January 2026 until December 2028.

Sheriff will be submitting final reimbursement for the forest contract.

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

Lloyd Smith provided certifications of Highway Superintendent, Surveyor and Bridge Inspection to the County Board to express his continued interest in the County Highway Superintendent position.

John Copland of Dickinson Land Surveyors met with the county board to address questions and interest in the Thomas County Highway Superintendent position.

No action taken pending further information for the appointment to the Thomas County Highway Superintendent position.

Discussion was held on the 2027-2030 elected officials' salaries. No action taken at this time. A decision will be made on the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to enter into a five year cylinder agreement with Island Supply Welding Company. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Miranda Stoll of Healing Hearts met with the board to review the Memorandum of Understanding for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services aid.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the MOU for 2026 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid with Healing Hears & Families. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

The next meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 with the organizational meeting to begin at 8:15 a.m. and the regular meeting to commence immediately at the conclusion of the organizational meeting, 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