

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 20, 2026

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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas 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 January 8, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the January 20, 2026 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 January 6, 2026 organizational meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 15, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the January 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 15, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

John Copland emailed the Clerk to inform the board that he will be in attendance at the February 3rd meeting to discuss 1 & 6 Year Road plan, bridge inventory & inspections schedule.

Projects discussed: W. North Loup Road and Purdum Ave armor coat project.

Patching on Windmill Road. Replacing signs discussed. Material options discussed.

New fuel/tool box needed for the county pickup needs replaced. Board agreed to purchase new fuel box rather than trying to weld and repair the old one.

Quote from Applied Connective for new Security cameras and equipment for the shop was reviewed. Different options were discussed. The Clerk is to contact Applied Connective to see if they have other options. No action taken.

The Highway Superintendent Agreement with John Copland/Dickinson Land Surveyors, Inc was reviewed. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the Highway Superintendent Agreement with John Copland. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. Notice of Appeal from TERC, County Attorney will represent the Thomas County BOE during the telephonic hearing on March 17th. NACO county board chair workshop presented. Letter from Hooker County Commissioners regarding the Mullen Hospital District read.

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-

AXON ENTERPRISE, INC	SERVICES	1136.96
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC LLO	ATTY FEES	1084.40
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	4.95
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	33.98
MID-WEST ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CENTE	DUES	100.00
NACO	NACT DUES	75.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	STAMPS	156.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6408.34
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	99.44
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.04
WEST CENTRAL DIST CO ASSESSORS ASSC	DUES 2026	25.00

ROADS FUND-

BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	SUPPLIES	190.87
MID-AMERICA RESEARCH CHEMICAL	SUPPLIES	38.24
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE	15.00
WENQUIST, INC	SUPPLIES	116.93

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.15
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EXTENSION FUND-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	94.64
GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	SERVICES	102.73
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	32.47
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	DUES	50.00

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	SUPPLIES	49.18
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BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	338.94
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

No action taken on the Thomas County Visitors Committee claim from S & B Fencing. Tabled until further information is provided to the board.

Office/fee reports:

Assessor reported that personal property statements were mailed to previous filers, May 1st deadline to file the 2026 returns.

Homestead Exemption applications will be mailed out at the end of January.

Assessment actions taken for 2026 values include: 10% increase in value to Thedford homes that have an average to good condition rating, the market indicates that this increase is needed. Ag land values are still being considered at this time.

Pickup work being completed by Central Plains Valuation.

Thomas County Visitor Committee members discussed. Resolution from 2013 decreased the number of committee members down to five members rather than seven. County Board asked that the Clerk contact the County Attorney to advise the Visitors Committee of the Open Meetings Act and rules.

Treasurer presented the December 2025 financial report. The Treasurer advised that she will be advertising the delinquent tax list for three weeks in February.

Sheriff reported on the new body camera he purchased and gave an activity report.

The safety meeting that was scheduled for today was moved to Friday January 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

Library statistic report was given to the board.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the office/fee reports as presented.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The lease agreement for the propane tank located on county property was tabled. The signed lease agreement from the new owners was not received before the meeting today. Tabled until the February 3rd meeting.

Public comment. Andrea Thomas told the board that was made aware of a grant through AARP and hoping we could partner with the village for a project. The AARP grant application is due by March 4th.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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