

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 3, 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 Highway Superintendent John Copland, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, 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 given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on January 22, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the February 3, 2026 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 January 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on January 29, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men reported on activities.

Commissioner Moody reported a sign down in the ditch along Mulligan Ln.

John Copland met with the board to review the 2025 1 & 6 Year road plan and to discuss the upcoming projects for 2026.

Road maintenance map was presented to John. Changes to the current map were provided to John. A new map will need to be created.

John discussed with the board about the state money reimbursement for the County Highway Superintendent position. He will be providing more information in the future.

Armor coat bids will be prepared for Purdum Ave and W. North Loup Road. The Clerk will provide old bid documentation to John.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to pay 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	2775.52
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	979.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BROUILLETTE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	138.24
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	434.68
RICHARD COOK	WEED EXPENSES	358.43
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	774.16
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	509.76
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	18.48
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	543.00
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	94.25
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1654.24
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS	2026 DUES	50.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1066.74
NEXTONER, LLC	SUPPLIES	95.80
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	190.51
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7582.54
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	44.40
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	588.23
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		27934.23

ROAD FUND-

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	923.81
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	EQUIPMENT	1339.89
CALLS GARAGE INC	SUPPLIES	139.04
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	115.33
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	HIGHWAY SUPT	750.00
NATIONAL SIGN COMPANY, LLC	SIGNS	167.10
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	465.98
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	1895.31
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2887.78
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	70.45
SALARIES		9716.41

VISITORS FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	18.54
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	302.23
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.44
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PRINTING	5.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	202.75

SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	55.25
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1174.69
SALARIES		4687.49

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	217.79
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	146.30
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	203.20
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	76.82
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	375.50
SALARIES		1399.05

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	22.78
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	7.23
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	103.94
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	87.82
SALARIES		513.50

Office reports:

Clerk presented the January fee report for the office.

Election dates: February 17th last day for incumbents to file and March 2nd the las day for non-incumbents to file for office.

Assessor presented the assessment actions for 2026.

Zoning discussion was held on updating regulations to include Data Centers, BESS, and Crypto.

Reminder given about grinding the tree stump in front of the library given, Commissioner Moody will contact Tyler Teahon.

Treasurer presented the delinquent property tax list to the board. These will be advertised in February 5th, 12th, and 19th in the Thomas County Herald. The Treasurer also reported on the changes to statute 77-1818, mainly the change in advertising fee and administration fee.

Sheriff reported on the upcoming changes to the Interlocal agreement for Region 26.

Region 26 also received congressional funding from Senator Deb Fischer in the amount of \$415,000.

The Sheriff will prepare LEOP training for the board and elected officials in the future.

He provided a safety committee report and an area activity report.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to reappoint the following members to the Thomas County Planning Commission with a term expiring in 2028: Rahn Bek, Cay Ewoldt and Miles Maseberg. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

New Applied Connective quotes were reviewed for the road department shop security cameras. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept Option 1 from Applied Connective to replace the existing security equipment at the road department shop. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Lease agreement with Sock's Garage for the propane tank was tabled. The County has not received back from the Title Company the signed document.

The easement with Flying A was discussed. After conversation with the County Attorney it was decided that the landowner or trustee needs to contact the County Attorney about proceeding with the easement. The County Clerk will notify Bob Broweleit with the Thomas County Visitors Committee.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 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