

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 17, 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, and Keali Florea-Titan Machinery.

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 February 5, 2026.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the February 17, 2026 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve the February 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 12, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Maintenance report given. The need for moisture was a topic of conversation.

The Peterbilt dump truck should be ready to be picked up in North Platte.

Kalei Florea introduced herself to the board and explained what Titan Machinery had to offer. Discussion was held on an attachment for the skid steer to trim/cut thickets in the roadside ditches.

The discussion of millings availability was had. The State of Nebraska no longer sells off the millings from their road projects. Commissioner Herbaugh stated that if we could find a crusher that would be agreeable to come to Thomas County that we could crush the milling pile at Carolyn Warren's.

Discussion was had on the type of water valve we need for the water tank. He will find the company online that he thought sold what we needed.

Discussion was also had on the future funding for a major road project on Purdum Ave. Commissioner Herbaugh believes we will need to do a major project on the road similar to what was done in 2010. The hope is to find federal funding to assist with this project in the future.

Discussion was held on a heavy use road agreement. The previous Highway Superintendent had presented one to NPPD during the previous discussion of the R-Line but never received a response back. With recent discussion of the R-Line starting the county board would like to present another heavy use agreement.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-6, confirming appointment of Thomas County Highway Superintendent John Copland and requesting interim compliance recognition for state aid purposes. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to send the transmittal letter to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads and Classifications and Standards requesting written acknowledgment of continued State Aid eligibility. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Commissioner Moody presented correspondence that she had received from NPPD.

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

GENERAL FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	587.50
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION, LLC	SERVICES	8043.75
CROWNE PLAZA-KEARNEY	LODGING	149.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	100.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	17.07
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1333.58
NACO	REGISTRATION	25.00
SANDHILLS R C & D	DUES	50.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	23.90
U S BANK	FUEL	41.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	REPAIRS	159.74
SOUTHWEST FARM & AUTO SUPPLY LLC	REPAIRS	109.45

PRETRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.47
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EXTENSION FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	11.08
MYRON DURFEE	MILEAGE	81.20
GRANT COUNTY NEWS	PRINTING	41.40
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES-LINC	LODGING	110.00
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	6.22
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	17.92
TL MEYER	FUEL REIMB	30.01
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	53.65
JOHN MONAHAN	MILEAGE	97.15
RYAN RIDENOUR	MILEAGE	37.70
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	36.25
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	53.65

LIBRARY FUND-

MARCY ANDERSEN	POSTAGE	7.81
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	460.68

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	391.85
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	88.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC.	SERVICES	460.68

Office reports:

Clerk reported that today was the last day for incumbents to file for office. Non-incumbents filing deadline of March 2nd.

Assessor reported the discussion she had with the Property Assessment Division on February 10th, and that grass value was recommended to increase by 3% going from \$650/acre to \$670/acre to bring our county within the range. Property Assessment Division reports that surrounding counties are increasing between 5% to 10% in grass value.

Clerk reported hearing back from Cay Ewoldt of the Thomas County Visitors Committee and that the easement with Flying A will not be proceeding along with the fencing claim.

Treasurer presented the January financial report. Treasurer also reported that she has received payment on some of the delinquent taxes.

Commissioner Moody reported on the County Board Chair workshop she attended in Kearney. Commissioner Moody will also be attending the Planning/Zoning workshop in Kearney the first week of March.

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

Commissioner Moody recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to enter into Thomas County Board of Equalization meeting.

Commissioner Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Discussion was held on the library participating in the School to Work program. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to participate in the School to Work program at the Thomas County Library in an unpaid capacity. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion and review of the Applied Connective quote to replace the old analog security cameras inside the courthouse. Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the quote from Applied Connective to replace the old analog cameras inside the courthouse. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the old jail. No action taken at this time.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8:30 a.m., 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, County Clerk