

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
March 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Highway Superintendent John Copland, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, TL Meyer-CSA Extension Office, 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 the meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on February 19, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the March 3, 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 February 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on February 26, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes - Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Reviewed bridge inspection reports from Mainelli Wagner & Associates.

Reviewed the 2025 One & Six Year Road plan projects to determine what was completed and what new projects needed added to the 2026 plan. The plan is to have the 1 & 6 Year Road plan hearing on May 5, 2026.

Rick Licking contacted Commissioner Herbaugh about old concrete at the old Buechler place along Riverside Rd. The County would take any clean concrete if they wanted to haul the concrete to the county stockpile site.

Commissioner Moody reported on a request for material on the Atkins hill. The road men will mix some crush material up and haul onto the hill.

John Copland reported to the board that we would like to attend the NACO West Central District meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> in Ogallala.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to proceed with advertising for proposed bids for armor coat projects on the Purdum Ave and West North Loup Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

John Copland reported talking with NPPD about the heavy use agreement for county roads. He was told that the ROW/Legal Department will review the agreement and get back to him. No action taken at this time.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to direct the Clerk to transfer \$4,756 from the Thomas County Imprest Account back to the County Treasurer account for the voided check #12250087. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

TL Meyer presented the board with the information on three bids for a new vehicle for the extension office. The Extension board had previously approved the purchase of the 2026 Chevy Equinox from Gateway Motors.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the purchase of the 2026 Chevy Equinox from Gateway Motors in Broken Bow. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Bailey Needs to the Central Sandhills Area Extension Board. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

AFLAC	INSURANCE	205.93
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2727.59
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	973.80
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC LLO	ATTY FEES	1584.39
BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	450.00
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	429.93
RICHARD COOK	EXPENSES	265.66

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	834.85
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	538.30
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	6.79
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.52
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1058.20
NEBRASKA PLANNING & ZONING ASSOC	REGISTRATION	235.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	820.27
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7516.85
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	48.67
ANDREA THOMAS	BATTERIES	22.83
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	267.28
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		27610.69

**ROAD FUND-**

AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	836.10
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	116.66
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	HWY SUPT	750.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC	INSPECTIONS	2300.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	432.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL/PROPANE	2519.35
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2679.14
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
SOCKS GARAGE, LLC	SUPPLIES	171.08
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	48.41
SALARIES		9153.89

**VISITORS FUND-**

U S BANK	DOMAIN	143.52
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	275.86
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	217.65
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	13.69
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
NE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY EXTENSION	2026 DUES	100.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	192.72
SANDHILLS RANCH EXPO, INC	FEE	250.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1091.33
SALARIES		4393.79

**PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-**

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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**LIBRARY FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	231.79
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	113.92
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	143.40
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	81.64
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	PROPANE	488.22

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	413.01
SALARIES		1565.89

**BOOKMOBILE FUND-**

MIDAMERICA BOOKS	BOOKS	925.44
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	45.29
SOCKS GARAGE, LLC	REPAIRS	2642.42

**Office/fee reports:**

Clerk presented the office fee report for the month of February. Primary 2026 Election candidates discussed and which races will auto advance.

Assessor reviewed some of the most current sales of real estate in the County.

Treasurer presented a report on the sales of delinquent taxes.

Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported receiving a distress warrant from the Treasurer and the contacts he has made on getting the correct people notified to pay on the distress warrant.

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

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk