

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 21, 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 Sheriff Joseph Smith and Michael Haumann-AFLAC.

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 April 9, 2026.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to adopt the April 21, 2026 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the April 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 16, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

E. Antelope Valley Road discussed. Current condition on the east portion of the road and loads of mix hauled on the soft spots discussed.

Purdum Road discussion included trees that have been cut down and are lying in the right of way. Commissioner Moody will check on the availability to dispose of these trees so that they are not lying along the roadside. Other discussion included replacement/repair of road signage.

Water tank attachments should arrive by the end of the week. If we receive no moisture the road department will start hauling water to portions of roads that need repaired.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Moody to reject the bid from Midwest Coatings Company, Inc for the Purdum Ave project due to identified discrepancies in the bid submission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to reject the bid from Midwest Coatings Company, Inc for W. North Loup Rd project due to identified discrepancies in the bid submission. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to authorize the Thomas County Highway Superintendent to modify the bid proposal for W. North Loup Rd as an add on project to the Purdum Ave bid rather than a separate project and to readvertise the project and solicit new bids. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve and sign the Heavy Use Agreement with NPPD. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No correspondence to present.

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

GENERAL FUND-

BROUILLETTE,TROSHYNSKI,KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	25.00
AIDAN J BRYANT	1/2 APR LAWN CARE	800.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	458.76
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	150.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	2331.39
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	8.99
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	24.50
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SERVICES INMATE	244.20
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	SERVICES	75.78
SANDHILLS AREA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	2026 DUES	150.00
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	11.95
THOMAS CO TREASURER	EXTENSION	6408.32
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	657.48
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	106.80
MID-AMERICA DIESEL	REPAIRS	3776.41
NMC EXCHANGE LLC	REPAIRS	115.62
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	SERVICES	126.33
RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF NEBRASKA INC	REPAIRS	981.06
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	37.17

EXTENSION OFFICE-

EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	64.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	TITLE EQUINOX	14.00

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	144.18
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROG	SUMMER READING	178.46
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	MARKERS	17.12
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	SERVICES	25.26

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	156.78
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, LLC	SERVICES	12.63

Office reports:

Assessor reported that the Reports & Opinions from the Property Tax Administrator for Thomas County is available online at the Department of Revenue website.

Statewide Equalization with Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) began Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Thomas County preliminary hearing will be held on Thursday, April 23rd.

The decision from the TERC jurisdictional hearing held on March 17th with Kurt Arganbright representing the Thomas County Board of Equalization was received.

Election updates:

Testing of the election equipment will be held on April 27th.

The last day to register to vote/change political party affiliation for the Primary Election is Friday, May 1st. The County Clerk office will be open until 6 p.m. that day.

Sheriff gave an activity report. Starting in September the Thomas County Court will be in session of the first Friday of the month rather than the first Tuesday.

Emergency Management report: A special budget meeting for Region 26 will be held tonight in Taylor.

NEMA funding for disasters is a concern going forward.

PSAP funding bill that passed in the legislature was discussed.

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

Michael Haumann met with the board and employees for open enrollment for AFLAC throughout the morning.

Discussion was held on changing the June 2nd meeting. No action taken.

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 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, Thomas County Clerk