

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:31 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 Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, Richard Jameson, Beth Ferrell-NACO, 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 was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on April 30, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt May 5, 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 April 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on April 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Moody reported that the Halsey Tree dump was closed and that we couldn't take the cut trees from Purdum Road to their dump. The road guys will work on cleaning them up.

Clay material for South Seneca discussed. Keith has been in contact with Josh Call about using some material.

The road personnel discussed needing to replace an impact wrench for the shop. The board agreed that they could proceed with purchasing the new impact wrench.

Public Comment: Richard Jameson visited with the board about using the county skid steer for fair setup at the fairgrounds. The board told them they would check on the insurance.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	376.30
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	2852.20
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	961.80
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	3270.00
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9195.61
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	107.42
RICHARD COOK	WEED EXP	228.51
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1738.86
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	57.83
GIS WORKSHOP LLC	SERVICES	5890.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.52
NACO	REGISTRATION	225.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1082.60
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSN	2026 DUES	50.00
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	DUES	200.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	308.72
SANDHILLS WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	DUES	200.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7699.23
THOMAS CO AG SOCIETY	USDA RENTAL	3500.00
THOMAS CO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT	COURT EXPENSE	39.00
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	600.00
THOMAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2026 UTILITIES	2000.00
U S BANK	NOTARY	122.40
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24
SALARIES		28383.97

ROAD FUND-

ACCESS TRUCK PARTS	WATER TANK PARTS	572.37
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	40.88
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	947.86
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1541.67
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	750.00
MASEBERG RANCH	SUPPLIES	191.90
NATIONAL SIGN COMPANY, LLC	SIGNS	1475.98
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	475.15
POWERPLAN	SHOP TOOLS	142.42
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	4090.49
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2944.98
SALARIES		9870.54

PRE-TRIAL FUND-

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	82.38
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VISITORS FUND-

SANDHILLS SECURITY LLC	SERVICES	125.00
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VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND-

THOMAS CO AG SOCIETY	BLEACHER GRANT	20000.00
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EXTENSION FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	304.25
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	235.23
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	FAIR BOOKS	192.87
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	6.24
MYRON DURFEE	MILEAGE	39.15
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
MICHELLE MILLESON	MILEAGE	89.90
JOHN MONAHAN	MILEAGE	55.10
BECKY MUNDORF	MILEAGE	5.80
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	203.52
BAILEY NEEDS	MILEAGE	43.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	156.05
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1158.87
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	55.10
BLAIR SPECK	SUPPLIES	38.45
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	87.00
SALARIES		4575.82

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-

MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
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LIBRARY FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	242.37
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	150.14
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.05
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	134.07
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER EXPENSE	223.16
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	79.48
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	406.64
TOBY KID KLAUENBERG	SUMMER READING	430.00
SALARIES		1574.44

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	29.53
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	99.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	7.70
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	142.13
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	110.20
SALARIES		645.39

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for April. Election calendar updates given. Statewide Equalization hearing with TERC and Property Assessment Division was discussed. Planning/Zoning issues discussed. A meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming months to discuss Data Centers, Battery Energy Storage Systems and Nuclear energy.

Treasurer gave a financial report. She also reported on receiving additional forest money that will need to be disbursed through Resolution at the May 19th meeting.

Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported that he has not received a new Forest Contract yet for patrolling at the forest.

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

Beth Ferrell with NACO gave a legislative update on the bills that were passed that would pertain to county business. She also provided information on upcoming education sessions for county officials to attend.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral for the June 13, 2026 wedding reception at the Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan reviewed. The plan had a 4.68% increase for medical insurance.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan for Thomas County at the \$1,100 deductible/\$35 OV Copay rate. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 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, Thomas County Clerk