

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
May 19, 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 County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

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 May 7, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the May 19, 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 May 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 14, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

NPPD maps were reviewed showing the county roads that will be heavily used during the installation of the transmission line.

Current projects for road work include Peaceful Plains Rd and Connell Ln since Rodeo Bible Camp is scheduled at the end of the month. S. Seneca project includes covering some of the old pavement that is exposed.

Shoulder work discussed for areas along the Purdum Rd and a portion of Windmill Rd west of Amsberry hill.

The board also discussed purchasing a portable fuel trailer. Commissioner Herbaugh will see what he can find.

Application and fee of \$500 have been received from Austin Barnes to rename Andersen Ln to Heartbeat Ranch Rd. Alma Beland from Region 26 has agreed to the change. Motion made by

Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the requested road name change from Andersen Ln to Heartbeat Ranch Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

CONNIE BROWELEIT	ELECTION	225.00
	MAY LAWN	
AIDAN J BRYANT	CARE	1600.00
BARBARA BRYANT	ELECTION	225.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SERVICES	100.00
RONDA HAUMANN	ELECTION	225.00
ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	225.00
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	30.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SERVICES	244.20
NACO	REGISTRATIONS	250.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	SERVICES	472.50
SEERY DOOR & CONSTRUCTION	SERVICES	4360.00
SENECA HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY	ELECTRICITY	2000.00
THOMAS CO TREASURER	POSTAGE	78.00
THOMAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	COURT COSTS	108.00
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	523.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	80.02
HELEN WHITE	ELECTION	225.00
KAROL YOUNG	ELECTION	30.00

ROAD FUND-

KELLY SUPPLY CO.	SUPPLIES	250.12
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	92.74
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	100.50
HOOKER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PUBLISHING	6.67
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	40.33
	EXT BOARD	
DONNA J REYNOLDS	MEAL	135.00
THOMAS, THERESA	SHIRT	57.50
WALKER, BRITTNEY	SHIRT	57.50

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	192.64
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Assessor reported on TERC correspondence received in regards to Statewide Equalization and TERC protests.

MIPS will be printing Change of Value notices and mailing them out on May 29th.

The Clerk's office will be changing software systems for claims and payroll next week. The office will be closed on May 27th for this training.

The 2026 Primary Election will be canvassed on May 21st.

Treasurer gave a financial report showing comparison totals from this current fiscal year and the previous fiscal year.

Sheriff gave an activity report. He also reported that he has still not received a forest contract.

Emergency Manager report given, Alma Beland will be retiring from Region 26 after many decades of service. A retirement ceremony is planned for some time in June.

The 2026-2027 preliminary budget numbers from Region 26 look to remain the same or maybe lower than the previous budget.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-9, disbursing forest reserve money between bookmobile and road fund per regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from the Thedford Volunteer Fire Department Poker Run/BBQ Fundraiser on June 20, 2026 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 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