

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 2, 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, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chair Moody stated open meeting guidelines as 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 21, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the June 2, 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 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on May 28, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

No armor coat bids were received for the Purdum Ave and W North Loup Rd project the bid letting process was unsuccessful. More discussion on the project will be held at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chair Moody opened the 1- & 6-Year Road plan hearing at 9:00 a.m.

No public present for hearing.

Chair Moody closed the public hearing at 9:24 a.m.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2026-10, Thomas County 1- & 6-Year Road plan. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported to the board that Seth Ray has a trailer with fuel tanks available for \$3,000.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the purchase of the portable fuel storage trailer from Seth Ray for \$3,000. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

ALICE L. HODGES	ELECTION	30.00
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1629.85
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	4681.64
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	9195.61
BROUILLETTE, TROSHYNSKI, KINGSTON PC	ATTY FEES	12.50
CHARRON LAWN CARE	SERVICES	435.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	849.21
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	493.69
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	410.71
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	559.49
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	22.07
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	185.72
KEVIN HOOD	ELECTION	30.00
MIPS INC	SERVICES	1532.52
NACO	DUES	1306.25
RICHARD COOK	REIMBURSEMENT	95.68
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	902.31
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2650.69
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.90
THOMAS CO TREASURER	ROAD TRANSFER	261000.00
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	312.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		27,661.58

**ROAD FUND-**

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	499.21
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	1457.02
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	108.51
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	SERVICES	750.00
DOUG HEAVICAN	PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	200.00
KEITH HARTMAN	PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	200.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3989.91
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	898.67
SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS INC	GPS	630.00
SALARIES		9127.63

**PRE-TRIAL FUND-**

VIAERO WIRELESS	PHONE	292.33
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**EXTENSION FUND-**

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	14.58
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	172.82
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	219.04
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	35.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	746.20

GATEWAY MOTORS, INC.	SERVICES	166.28
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	297.14
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	429.93
TL MEYER	REIMBURSEMENT	61.50
U S BANK	SUPPLIES	79.12
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	312.00
SALARIES		4616.46
<b>PRESERVATION &amp; MODERNIZATION FUND-</b>		
MIPS INC	SERVICES	115.92
<b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	131.62
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	1622.88
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.05
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	129.66
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	137.68
SALARIES		1530.78
<b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	4.81
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	145.06
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	22.95
SALARIES		136.27
<b>EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS</b>		
AFLAC	WITHHOLDINGS/INSURANCE	376.30
AFLAC INC	WITHHOLDINGS/INSURANCE	81.76
AMERITAS	WITHHOLDINGS/RETIREMENT	1657.98
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	WITHHOLDINGS/INSURANCE	84.65
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	WITHHOLDINGS/INSURANCE	257.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	WITHHOLDINGS/STATE TAXES	1779.01
SECURITY FIRST BANK	WITHHOLDINGS/FEDERAL TAXES	7522.61
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	WITHHOLDINGS/INSURANCE	48.24

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

Office reports:

Clerk reported on the new payroll and accounts payable system.

May office fee report presented.

Change of value notices were mailed out of Lincoln on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The second county board meeting in June was moved to Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the County Clerk workshop.

Treasurer reported on the treasurer's workshop next week.

The treasurer's office is looking into offering direct deposit options for monthly collection disbursements to political subdivisions. The office is also looking into the option of paying taxes online. Software products from MIPS will be available to offer the new options.

Emergency manager reported on the budget for Region 26, 2026-2027 budget request will remain the same as the previous fiscal year.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Library report presented to the board.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the Sandhills Area Sheriff's Association Mutual Aid agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to surplus the Dell Tower serial #263CRN3 at the Thomas County Library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Sandhills Corral for the County fair beer garden (pavilion) at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on July 25, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application for the Sandhills Corral for the County fair beer garden (grandstands-bull fighting) at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on July 25, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Herbaugh, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to designate NACO/State Print Shop to print the LB644 postcards. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to reappoint Bobbi Scott to the Thomas County Veterans Service Committee with a term expiring in 2031. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to sign the US Forest Service cooperative law enforcement agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the response from NIRMA about the use of county equipment outside of county purposes. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to deny the request of use of the county skid steer after the consultation with the insurance carrier about liability. Roll call vote: Ayes - Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, June 15, 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.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, Thomas County Clerk