

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
July 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, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek and County Sheriff Joseph Smith.

Chair Moody stated open meeting guidelines are posted on the north wall of the commissioners meeting room.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on July 9, 2026.

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

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

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that he drove the Purdum Road prior to the armor coat project. He reported that the road is thinning and that the armor coat project will help but eventually the road will need to be redone again. The County is looking to apply for federal funding to help with an overlay project in the future. The last time the road was hot mixed was back in 2010 with federal money.

The Clerk read an email from John Copland on the estimated time frame for the Purdum Rd armor coat project.

Commissioner Daly reported talking with Wally Collier about the material request for 2026 & 2027. Typically, 4 loads of material are provided to Colliers for their road in southeastern Thomas County. The board agreed to provide four loads for 2026 and four loads for 2027 with all being delivered this year. Commissioner Moody will contact Bryan Rodocker about hauling the material.

Correspondence presented. Commissioner Moody had reached out to Paul Brune with NPPD to get clarification on allowable work along the transmission line with the court injunction that was put in place. The emailed information was shared with the board.

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

**GENERAL FUND-**

|                              |                 |         |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| AIDAN J BRYANT               | JULY LAWN CARE  | 1600.00 |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE           |                 |         |
| TECHNOLOGIES                 | DATA PROCESSING | 979.60  |
| CHARRON LAWN CARE            | FERTILIZING     | 435.00  |
| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT | UTILITES        | 540.58  |
| DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL | DATA PROCESSING | 150.00  |
| DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC     | PEST CONTROL    | 100.00  |

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| MENARD'S                       | SUPPLIES          | 11.51   |
| NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION | DUES              | 125.00  |
| REGION II HUMAN SERVICES       | ASSESSMENT        | 2952.75 |
| REGION II MENTAL SERVICES      | ASSESSMENT        | 1472.00 |
| THOMAS CO TREASURER            | POSTAGE           | 8.15    |
| VERIZON WIRELESS               | PHONE             | 120.15  |
| <b>ROAD FUND-</b>              |                   |         |
| BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC           | SUPPLIES          | 58.07   |
| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT   | UTILITIES         | 115.25  |
| KEITH HARTMAN                  | CDL PHYSICAL      | 135.00  |
| MENARD'S                       | SUPPLIES          | 12.99   |
| NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC      | FUEL              | 3705.00 |
| THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY       | SUPPLIES          | 54.78   |
| <b>EXTENSION FUND-</b>         |                   |         |
| BAILEY NEEDS                   | MILEAGE           | 56.66   |
| BECKY MUNDORF                  | MILEAGE           | 100.05  |
| CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF            | PUBLISHING        | 5.46    |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS         | SUPPLIES          | 45.35   |
| KWIK STOP - NORTH PLATTE       | FUEL              | 40.92   |
| MYRON DURFEE                   | MILEAGE           | 145.00  |
| TRISH WEBER                    | MILEAGE           | 29.00   |
| UNCLE BUCK'S                   | MEETING MEAL      | 332.05  |
| <b>LIBRARY FUND-</b>           |                   |         |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE             |                   |         |
| TECHNOLOGIES                   | DATA PROCESSING   | 218.50  |
| CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT   | UTILITIES         | 204.66  |
| EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS         | COPY METER        | 245.16  |
| MARCY ANDERSEN                 | POSTAGE           | 16.31   |
| MENARD'S                       | BUILDING SUPPLIES | 89.88   |
| <b>BOOKMOBILE FUND-</b>        |                   |         |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC    | BOOKS             | 400.14  |
| APPLIED CONNECTIVE             |                   |         |
| TECHNOLOGIES                   | DATA PROCESSING   | 99.00   |
| BRODART CO                     | BOOKS             | 241.50  |

#### Office reports:

Clerk reported on several webinar's available to county officials this week. LB663 – Land Use Toolkit Webinar on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Joint Public Hearing Refresher on Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to hold the Thomas County Budget hearing and tax request hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Assessor reported that the state had reported that railroad mileage had decreased in Thomas County this year, according to reports submitted to the County from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division.

Library statistic report for June presented to the board.

Treasurer presented the June financial report to the board. Fiscal Year audit 2025-2026 will be starting. The Treasurer and Clerk will have a zoom meeting on Wednesday with the new auditors.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

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

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2026-11, 12-month moratorium on battery energy storage systems, cryptocurrency-mining operations, data

centers, artificial-intelligence facilities, carbon dioxide capture, transport, and sequestrian facilities. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Marvin Planning and Associates have been contacted to aid the county in this process. The clerk will contact Keith Marvin about doing a Zoom meeting in the future to discuss the project.

A preliminary budget work session was held for the rest of the meeting.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 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