

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 4, 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, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, Rahn Bek, and Paul Brune-NPPD also including various members from Forbes Construction and WSP-contractors for the Transmission Line.

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 23, 2026, and posted on the county website: www.thomascountyne.gov.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 4, 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 July 21, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on July 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays -none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Commissioner Herbaugh reported that the cemetery road had washed some and needed repairs.

Commissioner Moody asked about shoulder work needing done on the hill south of Mulligan Ln. She also discussed the need to mow along W. North Loup before the armor coat project starts.

Patching holes with cold mix along Purdum Rd and W. North Loup needs done before the armor coat project.

Commissioner Moody reported that she had talked with Bryan Rodocker about trucking material down to Colliers. He will contact Colliers when he is available to haul.

Commissioner Herbaugh and Clerk Hartman met with Senator Deb Fischer's mobile office last week. Contact information for transportation funding was discussed. Clerk Hartman reached out to Jacob McMeekein with Senator Fischer's office to get information on applying for transportation grants for 2027. The County Highway Superintendent will need to be involved in applying for this grant with the assistance of the NDOT. Early 2027 the application will be due with grant announcements announced in December 2027.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-12, Certification of Program Compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
3 B'S STUDIO INC	OIL CHANGE	307.89
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1631.21
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	967.55
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9625.97
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	433.66
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	811.22
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL	50.00
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	BUILDING SUPPLIES	42.74
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK	FY 25-26-PROBATION EXPENSE	825.69
LORISSA HARTMAN	MILEAGE	183.92
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	1719.74
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	152.98
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	404.45
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2701.08
THOMAS CO TREASURER	1ST QTR BOOKMOBILE	1177.47
UNITED STATES POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	29.00
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WEST CENTRAL NEBR AREA AGENCY	ASSESSMENT	565.11
SALARIES		28178.24
ROAD FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	575.83
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1525.21
CROELL, INC.	MATERIAL	2088.00
	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT AUG	
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	26	750.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	3146.48
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1000.77
SALARIES		10097.64
PRE-TRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	CELL PHONE	82.40
VISITORS FUND-		
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	14.58
SANDHILLS SECURITY LLC	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	187.50
THEDFORD JR HIGH RODEO	2026 SPONSORSHIP	750.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	195.54
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE/INTERNET	222.28
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	33.20
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	177.98
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	104.20
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	455.83
TL MEYER	OFFICE SUPPLIES	52.00
SALARIES		4840.43
PRESERVATION & MODERNAZATION FUND-		
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	119.40
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETRIREMENT	158.79
CHARLES W. BATEMAN	TOILET REPLACEMENT	300.00
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.19
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	175.37
SALARIES, INCLUDING BOOKMOBILE		1917.90
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	7.59
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	79.78
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8.61
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS-		
AFLAC	INSURANCE	376.30
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	94.02
AMERITAS	RETRIEMENT	1745.09
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	84.65

COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	257.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1892.17
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7997.42
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24

Office reports:

Clerk presented the revised June 2026 and July 2026 fee report for the office.

The Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on August 12th at 2:00 p.m. to review a conservation easement application.

Assessor will be receiving Centrally Assessed values from the state by either Friday, August 7th or Monday, August 10th.

Treasurer has contacted Tyler Teahon for tree trimming and wood vine in some of the trees. The Treasurer and Clerk have both started the onboarding process for the new audit process.

Sheriff reported that he has submitted an invoice to the Forest on the contract hours. County Court has been moved to the 1st Friday of each month starting in September. He also reported complaints from cell phone tower beacon lights. He was advised that the beacon is allowed on the specific tower. Loup to Loup race will be held August 6th on the Purdum Rd.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to surplus the 2017 Asus Antec 7th Gen Desktop computer, serial #MNDB7-GxFV7-7W2YY-2M763-QRR7G (library computer). Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve Resolution #2026-13, reaffirming the petty cash fund balances. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Contract with Marvin Planning & Associates was reviewed along with email information from the County Attorney.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the contract with Marvin Planning & Associates to update the Thomas County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Paul Brune with NPPD along with various members from Forbes Construction and WSP- contractors for the Transmission Line gave an update on the R-Line project. Discussion centered around what type of activities that is allowed and wasn't allowed with the preliminary injunction in place, specifically in Thomas County. Other discussions included Timberline/NPPD meeting with the local fire departments to review policies and procedures and landowner easements.

2026-2027 budget was reviewed again. August 18th meeting the valuation will be available to determine tax asking limits and levy.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 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