

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 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, 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 23, 2026, and posted on the county website: www.thomascountyne.gov.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the August 18, 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 August 4, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on August 13, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:

Road men have been grading and fixing washouts.

Commissioner Herbaugh reported talking to NDOT about the cut across road by the fairgrounds. He was informed that the State plans to do some repair along this portion. He also reported a wash out along Scenic River Rd.

Patching on W North Loup Rd needs to be done before the armor coat project begins.

Discussion was had on financial assistance available from the road race, several commissioners have been contacted by concerned taxpayers. More questions will be asked of road race board members.

John Copland visited with the board about the Federal grant application on Purdum Road. He believes that if we can get Blaine County to apply with us that would make the application look better. Blaine County will be approached on this project and also find out if they have any plans from their last federal project.

Discussion was held on Milroy Ave and the local landowners dragging the county road and placing railroad rock along the road and being drug out onto the bridge surface. The board decided to have the County Attorney send letters to the landowners involved.

Norway Ave complaint of washed road. Road employee Doug Heavican reported just grading this road yesterday.

Amsberry Hill needs shoulder work and the portion of road that has millings needs more shoulder work completed along Windmill Road.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AIDAN J BRYANT	JULY LAWN CARE	1600.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	581.51
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	SERVICES	282.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	212.07
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	55.20
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES LLC	SUPPLIES	152.99
NACO	REGISTRATION	25.00
REGION 26	ASSESSMENT	16669.97
THOMAS CO CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	34.68
TT TREE SERVICE	TREE SERVICE	425.00
U S BANK	ADOBE	315.35
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	120.31

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	97.81
KOHLER TRAILER SALES, INC	PARTS	33.90
MENARD'S	SUPPLIES	117.90
POWERPLAN	SUPPLIES	761.31
SOCKS GARAGE, LLC	SUPPLIES	82.76

EXTENSION FUND-

CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PRINTING	12.61
HOOVER COUNTY TRIBUNE	PRINTING	5.78
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	REGISTRATION	125.00

LIBRARY FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	207.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UTILITIES	215.30

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	SERVICES	99.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk informed the board of the upcoming West Central District Meeting on September 24th in Ogallala.

Assessor reported that the centrally assessed values were supplied to the County on Monday, August 10th by late afternoon. Then on Tuesday, August 11th we were informed that a mistake had been made in the State's certification. Values were then certified by August 13th to all political subdivisions using the County website rather than mailing them out. Upcoming election deadlines were discussed.

Treasurer presented the July financial report. The Treasurer also reported on the interest rates for county money.

Library usage report for July presented to the board.

Sheriff gave an activity report.

Commissioner Daly reported on the email he received from West Central Development District asking for a letter of support from the County for a grant.

Commissioner Moody reported on the Knox County federal lawsuit.

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

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-14, setting final levy authority to the political subdivisions subject to the county levy authority. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Budget work session held to finalize the numbers. The budget hearing will be held on September 15th.

Public comment. Rahn Bek thanked the board for the work they have put into the budget and the decisions that must be made.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 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