

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 15, 2026

The Budget Hearing of Thomas County was held on the 15th day of September 2026 at 8:34 a.m., in the Commissioner meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Notice of the budget hearing was published in the Thomas County Herald on the 10th day of September 2026. Board members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly, and Lewis Herbaugh. No members absent. Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek and Shaylee Scranton

The budget hearing was opened at 8:34 a.m. with three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public, if in attendance.

County Treasurer Andrea Thomas and County Clerk Lorissa Hartman made a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year’s budget.

The floor was opened to public comment on the proposed budget. No public comment was received on the budget.

Chair Moody closed the budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned the budget meeting.

Thomas County Board of Commissioners	Attest:
Pamela S. Moody, Chair	Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk

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Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioners meeting room of the Thomas County Courthouse, Thedford, NE. Members present were Pam Moody, Charles Daly and Lewis Herbaugh. Others present were board secretary/County Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek and Shaylee Scranton.

Chair Moody stated open meeting guidelines are posted and copies are available, if requested.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on August 20, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt September 15, 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 September 1, 2026, regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 10, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes- Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Motion carried.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt Resolution #2026-15, adopting the 2026-2027 Thomas County Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Road discussion:
Commissioner Moody reported that Sta-Bilt Construction received positive comments from the public on their crew and work.

Discussion was had on fuel pricing.

Discussion was held on material needed for making mix for the roads. Shouldering material was also discussed. The county will try to find a crusher to come up and crush some material. The County Clerk will reach out to John Copland, Thomas County Highway Superintendent to see if he has any contacts.

Johnston Lane material will be hauled sometime this week.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
AIDAN J BRYANT	LAWN CARE	1600.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	967.55
ARGANBRIGHT LAW OFFICE	ADMIN EXPENSE	1075.00
COW COUNTRY ANIMAL CLINIC, LLC	ANIMAL CONTROL LICENSE	60.67
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	DATA PROCESSING	150.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	20.76
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	CLEANING SUPPLIES	8.06
	TREASURER DEPOSIT	
SECURITY FIRST BANK	BOOKS	117.76
THOMAS COUNTY ATTORNEY	CELL PHONE	150.00
THOMAS COUNTY CLERK PETTY CASH	ELECTION POSTAGE	15.75
THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER	STAMPS	82.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE	120.27
ROAD FUND-		
POWERPLAN	REPAIRS TO 524K	1716.79
STA-BILT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	ARMOR COAT	226890.99
EXTENSION FUND-		
BRITTNEY WALKER	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT	45.96
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	55.95
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	353.11
LIBRARY FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	207.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	380.48
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	99.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50

Office reports:

Clerk presented the fee report for the month of August for the office.

Upcoming meetings announced: Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m., Pink Postcard meeting at the Thedford School on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m., West Central District meeting on September 24th, October 7th Planning and Zoning zoom meeting at 2 p.m.

Library statistic report presented for August.

Treasurer presented the August financial report to the board. A report on tax payments received as of September 1st was given.

The DMV office on October 7th may not be open; people should call before coming in to check. This is due to staffing issues with the Nebraska DMV.

Andrea also reported on assisting the Village with a grant from the Childers Fund for cleanup at the village park.

Sheriff reported on his response to the auditors. He also reported on the multiple public records requests that the offices have been receiving for commercial purposes. The County Attorney has been asked to prepare a response to these commercial public records requests.

The Sheriff reported receiving funds for part of the forest contract work.

He also reported on upcoming meetings he will be attending.

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

Discussion was held on the proposed work for handyman projects around the courthouse. Work items were power washing the courthouse, cleaning gutters, replacing window screens, and cleaning windows. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to accept the proposal from Charles Bateman to complete the projects of power washing, cleaning gutters, replacing window screens and cleaning windows. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody recessed the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m. to enter the Property Tax request hearing.

The County Clerk reviewed all the information required in the property tax request. Question about centrally assessed value included into the county total value was addressed. This information will be sent out after the meeting by email.

Commissioner Moody closed the property tax request hearing at 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-16, setting the 2026-2027 final tax request at \$860,929.04. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No other public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 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:

Pamela S. Moody, Chair

Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk