

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
October 6, 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, Bob Broweleit, Thomas County Librarian Marcy Andersen, Brent Steffen and Shaylee Scranton.

Chair Moody recognized the Open Meetings Act.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on September 24, 2026.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the October 6, 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 September 15, 2026 budget hearing minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on September 24, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to approve the SDL application from Sandhills Corral for the celebration of life at the Thomas County Fairgrounds on October 16, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes - Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:
Discussion was held on contacting temporary part-time workers to assist with snow removal for the upcoming winter season. Commissioner Moody will reach out to Jim Sevier and see if he is still available to help, if needed. Miles Maseberg, Troy Collins and Thayne Rodocker will also be contacted to see if they are available for an on call basis.

Grading of Childers Ln was discussed.

Auto gates and sills were discussed. A winter project will be to inventory the information on all auto gates and road signs.

Correspondence presented. No action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1773.84
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	967.55
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	9625.97
BORDERS & FURROW LAW PC LLO	ATTORNEY FEES	2805.03

CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE BILL	433.83
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	2375.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	614.41
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	PEST CONTROL-AUGUST 26	50.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPY METER	412.45
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	VOTING EXPENSES	2003.86
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	89.83
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	OCTOBER CONTRACT PAYMENT	1560.00
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	1877.86
NACO	POSTCARD PRINTING/POSTAGE	1049.04
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	482.97
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2866.55
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	15.99
THOMAS COUNTY CLERK PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	12.90
THOMAS COUNTY COURT	COURT COSTS	441.00
THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER	POSTAGE	8.79
U S BANK	VACUUM	290.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	466.68
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
WILLIAM JOSEPH SMITH	MILEAGE-MEETINGS	212.80
SALARIES		38050.10
ROAD FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	579.69
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	HEALTH INSURANCE	1525.21
BOMGAARS SUPPLY, INC	SUPPLIES	239.92
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	102.31
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDANT SALARY	750.00
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	907.35
LLOYD SMITH PLS, CFS	SURVEYOR FEES	123.72
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	2081.89
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	1005.14
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	186.72
SALARIES		13186.06
PRE-TRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	SHERIFF CELL PHONE	82.40
VISITORS FUND-		
KAYLA BANDY	WEBSITE	500.00
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	20.27
ELIZABETH WERNER KRELL	LODGING REIMBURSEMENT	400.00
SANDHILL RIVER TRIPS, LLC	SPONSORSHIP-MLR CHALLENGE	1500.00
THEDFORD SERVICE CLUB	FAIR SPONSORSHIP	5000.00
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	188.02
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	217.79
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	5.19
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	181.52
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	193.58
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	478.82
SALARIES		6259.16
PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-		
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	119.40
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	152.55
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	PHONE	110.19
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	203.48
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	166.00
SALARIES		2631.25
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS	352.69
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	21.01
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	81.77
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	47.62
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	153.94
SALARIES		311.25

EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS-

AFLAC	INSURANCE	376.30
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	94.02
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1842.53
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	84.65
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	257.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2007.88
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	8399.86
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24

Office reports:

Clerk presented fee report for the month of September for the office. Early voting in person began on October 5th.

Reminder that the zoning webinar is Wednesday, October 7th at 2 p.m.

NACO registration for the December conference was discussed.

Library statistic report was presented to the board.

Sheriff quarterly fee report was presented to the board.

Treasurer presented the delinquent tax report of parcels available for county tax sale. No action taken by the county board to obtain county tax sale certificates.

Commissioner Moody reported talking with a Blaine County Commissioner about joining forces to apply for a Deb Fischer appropriation grant for the Purdum Road. Blaine County works with someone from the North Central Development District in writing grants. Thomas County may look into contacting the West Central Development District on grant writing.

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

Bob Broweleit met with the board about appointing Kimme Simmons to the Thomas County Visitors Committee to take his position.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to appoint Kimme Simmons to the Thomas County Visitors Committee. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Bob also visited with the board about upgrading the picnic tables and merry go round at the Seneca park. The board advised Bob to reach out to the Seneca Historical Preservation Society about the project, as they are the lessee of the property.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the SDL application from B.O.B. Enterprises LLC DBA The Corner Pub for a wedding reception on November 7, 2026 at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Marcy Andersen met with the board to discuss the placement of the lending library.

Motion made by Moody and second by Herbaugh to approve the proposed placement of the lending library on the east side of the library. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Brent Steffen was present for the board to ask questions about the proposed conservation easement on the Horseshoe Bar Ranch, LLC. The board reviewed the current zoning districts and alignment with current conservation easements already in place. Motion made by Moody and second by Daly that finding of fact conforms with the current Thomas County Comprehensive Plan for the area included in the conservation easement application. Roll call vote: Daly, Herbaugh, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Conservation easement application for Monsour Ranch was next reviewed. No landowner or representative of the Nebraska Land Trust were available in person for the meeting. The board also reviewed the current zoning districts and alignment with the current conservation easements already in place.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody that finding of fact conforms with the current Thomas County Comprehensive Plan for the area included in the conservation easement application. Roll call vote: Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the contract with Central Plains Valuation for upcoming maintenance work.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve the contract with Central Plains Valuation for maintenance/counseling services. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

The board reviewed information put together by the Thomas County Sheriff on a new patrol vehicle. The current Tahoe has experienced transmission issues within the last week.

Three informal bids were obtained for the trade in purchase of the Tahoe.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to surplus the 2021 Chevy Tahoe and authorize a trade-in with Husker Auto Group for a 2026 Chevy Tahoe contingent on financing with a local lending institution. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 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, County Clerk