

Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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 and Charles Daly. Absent – Lewis Herbaugh. Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to excuse board member Herbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Also present were board secretary/Clerk Lorissa Hartman, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek, County Sheriff Joseph Smith and County Weed Superintendent Rich Cook.

Chair Moody recognized the Open Meetings Act.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on October 8, 2026 and on the county website at <https://thomascountyne.gov>.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to adopt the October 20, 2026 regular meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

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

Road discussion:

Roads have been graded up at this time and will need to watch for soft spots if the weather continues to be dry.

Dodge pickups have recall notice that will need to be taken care of. Discussion was held about setting up a schedule to replace equipment/pickups one at a time in the future.

Discussion was held on Jim Johnston patching holes on Windmill Rd with cold mix.

No correspondence.

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

GENERAL FUND-

AIDAN J BRYANT	LAWN CARE	1600.00
CHARLES W. BATEMAN	COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE	5400.00
CHARRON LAWN CARE	FERTILIZER	435.00
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	482.10
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL	DATA PROCESSING	150.00
DEWROCK PEST CONTROL LLC	SEP PEST CONTROL	50.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ELECTION COSTS	2324.61
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	CLEANING SUPPLIES	24.56
HAMPTON INN-KEARNEY	LODGING-SHERIFF	464.85
MENARD'S	STEP LADDER & BATTERIES	68.98
NACO	REGISTRATION	825.00
NPZA C/O JUDY CLARK	2026 DIGITAL FALL WORKSHOP	40.00
NSA/POAN CONFERENCE	MEMBERSHIP DUES	30.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	ELECTION SUPPLIES	13.00
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	WINDOW SCREENS	264.99
THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER	2026 TAHOE TITLE FEE	15.00
THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER	Q2 EXTENSION CLAIM FY27	6617.35
THOMAS COUNTY TREASURER	2ND QTR FY26-27 BOOKMOBILE	1177.47
U S BANK	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	1643.09
U S BANK	SHERIFF SUPPLIES	101.96
VERIZON WIRELESS	SHERIFF PHONE	80.06

ROAD FUND-

CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY	103.19
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	BATTERY	2.49
NEAL OIL AUTO CENTER, INC	BULK FUEL	5199.00
RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	518.00

EXTENSION FUND-

HOLIDAY INN	LODGING	139.95
KWIK STOP-NORTH PLATTE	FUEL	233.28

LIBRARY FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	FLAG & BRASS PLATES	45.48
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	207.50
CUSTER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	ELECTRICITY-LIBRARY	145.38
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER LEASE	240.14
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE FEE (HALF)	270.00
VILLAGE OF THEDFORD	UTILITIES	186.72

BOOKMOBILE FUND-

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICE, INC	BOOKS OCT 2026	66.97
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	110.00
BRODART CO.	BOOKS	241.50
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	OVERDRIVE FEE (HALF)	270.00

Office reports:

Clerk gave a report on upcoming election deadlines, testing of equipment and poll worker training.

An ad will run in the October 22nd and 29th paper about snow removal at the courthouse and library.

The Clerk's office will be closed December 7th & 8th so that staff can attend training in Ogallala.

Treasurer presented the September fee report.

The treasurer's office will be running a help wanted ad for 2 weeks for office assistant.

Distress warrants will be turned over to the Sheriff's office for collection.

Sheriff reported on the Law Enforcement Conference that he attended.

The new patrol vehicle has arrived he is currently installing equipment and lights from the old vehicle. The Sheriff is also applying for various grants to help with the upgrade.

An activity report was also given to the board.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to approve office/fee reports. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Daly, Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to designate Lorissa Hartman or alternate

Andrea Thomas as the individuals for the NACO conference in December. Roll call vote:

Ayes – Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Motion made by Moody and second by Daly to finance the 2026 Chevy Tahoe with Security

First Bank in the amount of \$34,464.00 at 5.60% interest rate. Roll call vote: Ayes – Daly,

Moody. Nays – none. Absent – Herbaugh. Motion carried.

Chair Moody recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m. to enter into the Board of Equalization.

Chair Moody reconvened the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Rich Cook, Thomas County Weed Superintendent provide maps of the Middle Loup

Phragmites survey that was recently completed. A grant through the Sandhills Weed

Management Area has been received to fly and spray the area. Landowners affected will be contacted prior to the spraying.

Rich Cook also provided the board with the Thomas County Weed Program Evaluation

report, showing that Thomas County received the maximum points allowed, giving the

County a good report card.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 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