Thomas County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 3, 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, road personnel Doug Heavican and Keith Hartman, Rahn Bek, County Treasurer Andrea Thomas, County Sheriff Joseph Smith, County Attorney Kurt Arganbright, and Shaylee Scranton.

Chair Moody recognized the Open Meetings Act.

Notice of meeting was given by publication in the Thomas County Herald on October 22, 2026 and on the county website at https://thomascountyne.gov.

Motion made by Herbaugh and second by Daly to adopt the November 3, 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 October 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes as published in the Thomas County Herald on October 29, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Road discussion:
Doug reported that he has been grading the high travel roads after the moisture we had received.

Request to grade Childers Ln reported by Commissioner Daly.

Keith asked about contacting Triple G about the dirt/material pile and using this material for shouldering on county roads.

The board has also received questions about using the material produced by the holes dug by NPPD on the county roads. The decision was made by the board to let the landowners choose to have the material spread on the road and graded out by NPPD contractors.

Commissioner Herbaugh questioned if the county should contact the airport authority about the concrete at the airport and to see if the county would have the opportunity to have it crushed for material.

Commissioner Moody reported a request for a replacement of an 18' auto gate on Atkins Rd. The landowner will take out the old auto gate and sills and install the new auto gate and sills. The board agreed to provide the replacement auto gate and sills, but the county would retain the old auto gate and sills.

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve Resolution #2026-17, the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Ayes – Herbaugh, Moody, Daly. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Correspondence presented with no action taken.

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

GENERAL FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1685.64
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	967.55
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	9625.97
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER PRODUCTS	TONER CARTRIDGE	199.99
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	441.63
CREATIVE PRINTERS, INC.	PUBLISHING	1277.84
EWOLDTS GROCERY INC	SUPPLIES	14.99
GBE CPA	FY2026 AUDIT	10000.00
MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	SUPPLIES	721.90
MARVIN PLANNING CONSULTANTS, INC	SERVICES	1580.00
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	1877.86
RICHARD COOK	MILEAGE	71.44
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL	294.04
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	2760.85
U S BANK	ELECTION & BUILDING SUPPLIES	39.12
U S BANK	SUPPLIES FOR NEW TAHOE	380.63
VISION CARE DIRECT	INSURANCE	4.66
SALARIES		36668.46

ROAD FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	444.41
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	1525.21
DICKINSON LAND SURVEYORS, INC	HIGHWAY SUPT SALARY	750.00
GREAT PLAINS URGENT CARE	CDL TESTING	52.00
JEFFRES SAND & GRAVEL	MATERIAL	2680.64
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC	CDL TESTING	36.00
RODOCKER TRUCKING	TRUCKING	1554.00
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL-ROADS	449.46

SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	851.82
THEDFORD LUMBER & SUPPLY	SHOP SUPPLIES	10.92
SALARIES		11181.95
PRE-TRIAL FUND-		
VIAERO WIRELESS	CELL PHONE-SHERIFF	80.78
EXTENSION FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	186.77
BAILEY NEEDS	MILEAGE	94.24
BECKY MUNDORF	MILEAGE	50.16
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	218.56
CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF	PUBLISHING	5.46
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER LEASE	181.52
MALLORY SIKES	MILEAGE	114.00
PITIZER DIGITAL, LLC	PUBLISHING	8.50
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL-EXTENSION OFFICE	25.52
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	464.56
TRISH WEBER	MILEAGE	142.88
SALARIES		6072.73
PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND-		
MIPS INC	DATA PROCESSING	119.40
LIBRARY FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	146.73
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	208.50
CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	TELEPHONE	111.12
KEVIN HOOD	LENDING LIBRARY BOX	500.00
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	157.11
SALARIES		2203.75
BOOKMOBILE FUND-		
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	16.96
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	DATA PROCESSING	87.00
KNOWBUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	358.86
SANDHILL OIL COMPANY INC	FUEL-BOOKMOBILE	169.40
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	38.44
SALARIES		502.50
EMPLOYEE WITHHOLDINGS		
AFLAC	INSURANCE	376.30
AFLAC INC	INSURANCE	94.02
AMERITAS	RETIREMENT	1686.12
BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD	INSURANCE	84.65
COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS CO	INSURANCE	257.56
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	1842.69
SECURITY FIRST BANK	FEDERAL TAXES	7647.52
VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC)	INSURANCE	48.24

One snow removal bid for courthouse & library was received and opened by the Chairman.

Motion made by Daly and second by Moody to reject the bid submitted by Bryant Lawn Care. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.
The board directed the county attorney and county clerk to readvertise with the following specifications: monthly retainer fee, hourly rate for snow removal and use of their own equipment.

Office reports:
Clerk presented the October fee report for the office.
Election update: 82 early voters with a request for ballots out of 480 total registered voters. Unofficial Write-In results will be released on November 4th. The canvas board will meet on November 12, 2026.
The Clerk is preparing a letter to be sent out to interested parties to serve as the Thomas County Surveyor with a term beginning in 2027.

Treasurer reported that distress warrants had been turned over to the Sheriff for collection. The Treasurer reported on interest in the open position in the office.

Sheriff reported that he had collected all distress warrants that were issued to him. He also reported completing the required continuing education and firearm training for the year. He also reported on the upgrade of equipment to the new patrol vehicle.
An activity report was also given.

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

Motion made by Daly and second by Herbaugh to approve the participation in the Albertsons Opioid Settlement. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moody, Daly, Herbaugh. Nays – none. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Chair Moody adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Thomas County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 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 Count Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Pamela S. Moody, Chair

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Lorissa Hartman, County Clerk