

Thomas County Board of Commissioners  
Historic Courthouse, Board Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
225 North Broad St  
May 26, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Commissioners met on the above date in a regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p .m. at the Historic Courthouse, Commission Chambers, with the following board members present:

Mark NeSmith, District 4, Chairman	Donnie Baggett, Vice-Chair, District 5
Rev. Jeremy G. Rich, District 1	Moses Gross, District 2 -
Kenneth E. Hickey, District 3	Zippy Vonier, District 8
Phillip V. Brown, District 7	

Staff Present: County Manager Mike Stephenson, County Attorney Bruce Warren, County Clerk Tracy Dukes, Purchasing Agent Nisha Thurman, Public Works Director Jay Knight, Sheriff Tim Watkins

Chairman NeSmith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Brown offered the invocation.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2026, Board of Commissioners Meeting as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 28, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting to correct the attendance. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Vonier who made a motion to approve the May 26, 2026, Agenda. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Baggett who made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 26-5-1, for \$225,445 to Axon Enterprises, Inc. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Rich who made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 26-5-1, moving the Insurance Premium Tax from the General Fund to the Fire District Fund. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

**2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT 26-5-1  
GENERAL FUND (100)  
May 26, 2026**

Account	Description	Original 2026 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>				
100-39-9060	Carryover of Funds	1,034,598	1,260,043	225,445
	<b>Total</b>			<b>225,445</b>
<b>Net Increase to Revenues</b>				<b>\$225,445</b>

Account	Description	Original 2026 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Expenses</b>				
100-3300-52-2200	SO-Contracted Rep & Mt	177,000	402,445	225,445
	<b>Total</b>			<b>225,445</b>
<b>Net Increase to Expenses</b>				<b>\$225,445</b>

**2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT 26-5-1  
GENERAL FUND (100)  
May 26, 2026**

Account	Description	Original 2026 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>				
100-31-1100	Real Property-Current Year	7,600,000	10,100,000	2,500,000
100-31-6200	Insurance Premium Tax	2,500,000	0	-2,500,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Net Increase to Revenues</b>				<b>\$0</b>

**2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT 26-5-1  
Fire District 1, 2 & 3 (274)  
May 26, 2026**

Account	Description	Original 2026 Budget	Amended Budget	Difference
<b>Revenues</b>				
274-31-1102	F1-Real Property-CY	525,000	19,220	-505,780
274-31-1104	F2-Real Property-CY	670,000	24,528	-645,472
274-31-1106	F3-Real Property-CY	1,400,000	51,252	-1,348,748
274-31-6200	Insurance Premium Tax	0	2,500,000	2,500,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>0</b>
<b>Net Increase to Revenues</b>				<b>\$0</b>

**Reports**

County Attorney Bruce Warren informed the Board of the procedures for filling the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners created by the death of Commissioner Grady. Mr. Warren stated that the Probate Judge is required to call a special election within 30 to 60 days after the vacancy occurs. The election will be held on the second Tuesday in November. The elected individual will serve the remainder of Commissioner Grady's unexpired term.

Bruce also updated the Board on the closure/abandonment of McMath Road. He stated the Board needs to adopt a certification that McMath Road has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial purpose is served by it. This will have to be advertised in the newspaper for two weeks after which a public hearing will be held on June 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to adopt the certification to abandon McMath. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

### **Committees**

Emergency services: Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Brown who made a motion to ratify the approval to apply for the Firehouse Subs Grant (\$40,000, no match). Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Public Works: Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the sale of surplus property and authorize the sale on GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Baggett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

#### **Authorization Resolution Sale of Surplus Property**

Public Works is hereby authorized to sell the following listed Thomas County property on the [GovDeals](#) website:

#### **AUCTION SURPLUS LIST**

- Unit # 17-452 Z915E John Deere Zero Turn Mower – VIN # 1TC915EVHGT051443 (Public Works)
- Coffee Table (Transit)
- End Table - 002490- (Transit)
- Metal Mailbox (Transit)
- Wooden Cabinet -002522 (Transit)
- Wooden Desk (Transit)
- Sofa (Transit)
- Emerson VCR (Transit)
- Magnavox DVD Player (Transit)
- Sanyo DVD Player (Transit)
- Magnavox Combo DVD & VCR -002472- (Transit)
- Kyocera Printer -005797-
- Kyocera Printer -005803-
- 9- Metal Filing Cabinets (VA Office) 0002666-0002987-0002988-0002989-0002990-0002991-0002992-0002994-0002993
- Metal Magazine Rack (VA Office) -34095-
- Wood Bookshelf (VA Office) -0005918-
- 6- Red Fabric Chair (VA Office)0003078-0003077-0003081-0003080-0003079- missing number
- Small Wood Desk (VA Office) -0009092-
- 3-Blue Fabric Chairs (VA Office) -0009087-0009089-0009088
- Desk Chair on Wheels (VA Office) -0009119-
- Metal Storage Cabinet (VA Office) -0006936-
- 2- Wood Benches (VA Office)
- 4 Drawer Wood Cabinet (VA Office)
- Black Metal Rotating Magazine Rack (VA Office)
- 4- Six Foot Room Dividers (VA Office)
- 2- Clear Covid Barriers (VA Office)
- Wood Three-Sided Desk (VA Office)
- Stapler (VA Office)
- Red Cloth Chair No Wheels (VA Office)
- 3- Paper Trays (VA Office)
- 3- Wood Desk (VA Office)

- Unit # 19-526 VIN # 2C3CDXAT9KH627432 Dodge Charger (Sheriff Dept - Wrecked)
- Unit # 16-396 VIN # 2C3CDXAT2HII533613 Dodge Charger (Sheriff Dept - Wrecked)
- Unit # 15-318 VIN # 2C3CDXAT9FII817589 Dodge Charger (Sheriff Dept - Wrecked)
- Unit # 14-274 VIN # 2C3CDXAT8DII721966 Dodge Charger (Sheriff Dept)
- Unit # 19-525 VIN # 2C3CDXAT7KH627431 Dodge Charger (Sheriff Dept - Wrecked)

The sale shall commence on May 27, 2026, and end on June 27, 2026. All sales are absolute, to the highest bidder, with no reserve.

Any fee will be paid in full by the Buyer to GovDeals in connection with the sale of property. The fee is set by GovDeals and Thomas County has no responsibility for the fee rate. All funds shall be payable to the Thomas County Board of Commissioners in a manner to be prescribed by the Thomas County Finance Director. All funds from such sales shall be deposited in the appropriate Thomas County government fund.

If the above items do not sell on the GovDeals website within the set time frame, the Board of Commissioners declares the items salvage and authorizes Jay Knight, Director, to disassemble, destroy, discard, and/or recycle the salvaged items. The disposition of salvage items shall be certified in writing as prescribed by the Thomas County Clerk.

Authorized this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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Mark NeSmith, Chairman

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Tracy Dukes, County Clerk

Chairman NeSmith recognized Commissioner Hickey who made a motion to ratify the approval to purchase of 0.63 acres for the Metcalfe Sanitation Site for \$20,000. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Chairman NeSmith, and Commissioners Rich, Hickey, Brown, Baggett, Gross, and Vonier voting aye.

Commissioner Baggett announced a Public Property Meeting June 4, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Brown reminded everyone that Ms. Ward will be setting up recruiting appointments.

With there being no further business, Chairman NeSmith called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Baggett made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Mark NeSmith, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tracy Dukes, County Clerk