

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NEMAHA COUNTY KANSAS

MARCH 2023

APPENDICES



PHOTO CREDITS: TIM STRATHMAN

SUBMITTED BY:

DICK HORTON CONSULTING AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS





APPENDICES



The 2023 Nemaha County Comprehensive Plan APPENDICES can be found at the County Website:

<https://www.nmcoks.us/planning-commission>

CITIZEN SURVEY BENCHMARKS	4
CITIZEN SURVEY OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES	7
CITIZEN SURVEY TABULAR DATA	33
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT MAP	58
NEMAHA COUNTY TOWNSHIP MAP	59
NEMAHA COUNTY ROADS AND CITIES MAP	60
NEMAHA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS MAP	61
NEMAHA COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS	62
NEMAHA COUNTY ELECTRIC MAP	63
NEMAHA COUNTY EMS DISTRICTS MAP	64
LOCATION MAP OF NEMAHA COUNTY TO OTHER COUNTIES	65
NEMAHA COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY PROMOTIONAL NEWSPAPER AD	66



Benchmarks

CITIZEN SURVEY BENCHMARKS

Benchmark data provided by the ETC Institute compares responses to selected survey questions in Nemaha County to other similar counties throughout the United States where the same question was asked.

National Benchmarks

Note: The benchmarking data contained in this report is protected intellectual property. Any reproduction of the benchmarking information in this report by persons or organizations not directly affiliated with Nemaha County is not authorized without written consent from ETC Institute.

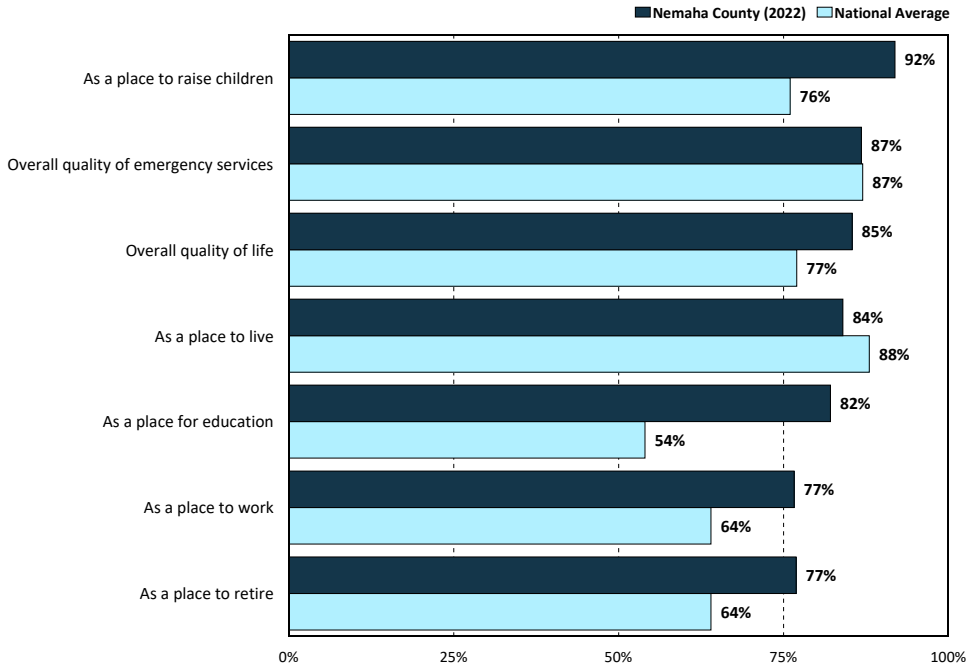
ETC Institute (2022)

44

Nemaha County, KS 2022 Survey

Rating Aspects of Nemaha County

by percentage of respondents who rated the item as either "excellent" / "good" or "satisfied" / "very satisfied"

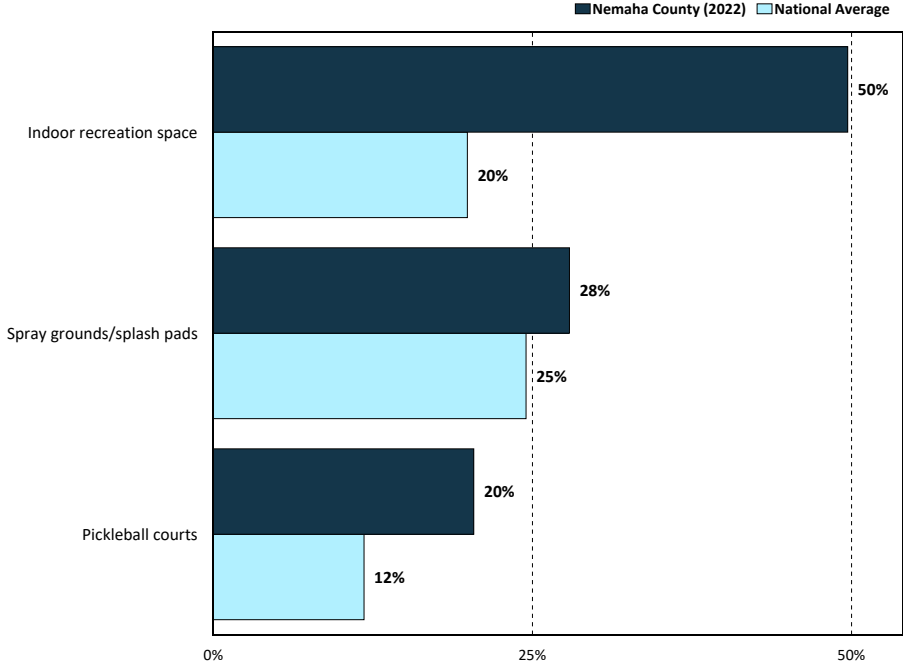


ETC Institute (2022)

45

Need for Facilities or Amenities

by percentage of respondents who indicated need for item



Open-Ended Responses

CITIZEN SURVEY OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

The citizen survey allowed open-ended responses on several questions: 11, 20, and 25. Open-ended responses were copied verbatim with a small number of redactions that were made to protect individual privacy.

Q20—"Other": Please indicate your level of support for the following types of development in Nemaha County

- Amenities: telephone/internet/housing
- Any income source
- Arts
- ATV PARK
- Catholic education schools
- EDUCATION, ARTS, YOUTH PROGRAMS
- ENERGY PRODUCTION
- entertainment & grocery
- Fine Arts and Entertainment Business.
- FOOD SERVICE
- HOUSING
- HOUSING AFFORDABLE
- HOUSING TOO EXPENSIVE
- improvement of roads
- indoor rec center
- Indoor Recreation - and - Biking and Hiking Trails
- industrial wind energy
- INFANT DAY CARE
- jobs/housing
- lake recreation
- MEALS ON WHEELS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
- medical/ hospitals
- Need housing developments on the outskirts of the communities. People want to live outside city limits, but within a mile or two of town.
- Parks and recreation
- photovoltaic array
- RECREATION
- RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT!
- RESTAURANTS
- RESTAURANTS
- RESTAURANTS
- RESTAURANTS/PLACES TO EAT AT
- retail business
- ROADS AND BRIDGES
- SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING
- services for repairs of all types
- Steak house
- "tech workers who can work from home;
- organic farming;
- with the availability of inexpensive renewable energy close by, Nemaha County is well positioned to attract data centers, similar to the Google and Amazon data centers in Iowa."
- WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS AND INDOOR REC
- WIND ENERGY
- Youth programs

Q25—"Please share any additional comments you feel are important to this Comprehensive Plan":

- No county zoning
- #15: resident retention- nc recreational opportunities added. Sabetha has indoor facilities, sycamore spgs & heated pool. Seneca falls very short. Multiple communities throughout ks. Other communities have far more opportunities for all ages which promotes health & wellness.
- #8: its unfortunate that our state gave out of state companies huge tax breaks and incentives & neglected any benefit, such as means to benefit communities as much as nebraska & others
- The gold/oneida road needs asphalt or a concrete surface. Maybe some state or national grants could get this done. 2. Do not want county wide zoning
- Do not want county wide zoning. 2. Be sure to put windmills 3 to 4 miles away from cities, towns, etc. They have already ruined the landscape views in southern part. 3. The planning committee should consider all sides of a situation such as the nemaha co aa plant intended area. After the "meeting" they ignored concerns and voted immediately according to the press coverage.
- 1. If renewable energy such as solar and wind develops here the energy provided from such projects stays in northeast ks. The profits from such programs are given to the residents of county. Major focus on water conservation and retention needs to be addressed. Prevention of fires and dealing with high winds should be on agenda. Clean up the town of oneida. It is an environmental hazard conducive to fires, diseases, and vermin.
- Some streets in sabetha need improvement. 2. Infrastructure such as water pipes being upgraded so we do not have boil our water. Replace failing water mains. Hope we can make use of the bill that was passed by the senate.
- A city should not zone ag land. Ag already has fed and state regulations. Wind tower has generated money for the schools, rock roads are a wonderful upgrade.
- A good/quality hospital is important to the long-term survival of a small town. Unfortunately, the local hospital has burned a lot of bridges throughout the scam of covid. They required students to wear masks in school, they pressured everyone to get a jab that is not and never has been a true vaccine. Further, they prevented the use of ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine for those that did contract the virus. They are now using more taxpayer money to expand the hospital, when patients (revenue) have left in droves over the last 18 months. In the latest ad in the paper, they advertised a school integration program. This comes the same week as the cdc voting 15-0 to add the covid jab to the list of standard childhood immunizations.
- A landowner has the right to do what he wants but when they live in another county and put a wind turbine next to your house and you have to listen to it and to look at the ugly thing, that is not fair.
- A plan is important or you get a hodge-podge development with no consideration of how it effects everyone
- Absolutely do not want county-wide zoning
- Affordable housing and education is the most important things to me. Affordable housing is number 1
- Agriculture is the economic driver in nemaha county. So maybe a bigger emphasis on the county fair and protecting land owner rights and minimizing the red tape for nemaha county. Impressive cattle indutry-feeder cows, cow/calf and dairy

- All four resident voters in our household have similar negative opinions on industrial wind turbines for nemaha county and all north east kansas. We would support nemaha county developing solar generation on industrial, business and residential locations.
- Allowing soldier creek wind project into the southern part of the county, was a very bad move byu the 3 commissioners, in my opinion. We now need to take steps to protect our county from further deterioration of the rural character
- Alternative energy is important but not at the expense of losing why we live in the country. None of that energy is used for us. Put up towers where they use the most energy, in the cities.
- Appreciate the churches and pastors.
- Appreciate your efforts. Remember any gov't service decreases use of private business. (i.e.: food programs)
- As a resident affected by soldier creek wind farm, i am supportive of zoning.
- Better support with tax dollar in southern county for roads, etc. Stop the blinking red light on the turbines, it is very distracting. It should be required that those that sign up for industrial development that they live close to it. An industrial change that affects a community should be voted on by the people. Keep a percent of the energy from the turbines in the community.
- Bike paths would be a very nice addition.
- Both adults in this house do not support industrial wind or solar energy projects.
- Both adults in this household share these same opinions. Please protect the rural integrity, land rights, and freedoms of all county residents to ensure we have something worth protecting for future generations.
- Both members of our household agree on the answers provided. Question 2(04): the part of the county we live in (northern), our rural character is such a blessing, i would rate it a ""5"". However, when i travel to the southern part of the county, rural character has been converted to a fail, i would rate it a ""1"". Question 2 (06): public education as a whole i feel has been compromised, that is not unique to nemaha county. Our school boards need to be diligent to sticking to the basics of teaching children as best they can. The priority should be to teach children to think and to read, and the rest will come together. On a different note, having the highland center at baileyville is a good addition to the overall education picture in nemaha county. Question 5: we feel only residents of the county should have a say in industrial wind projects. Non-resident land owners should not. This is about so much more than money obtained in a lease agreement. Question 17: absolutely not. It's a scam imposed on the public. The production of wind energy does not carry a "green" footprint, and it threatens our quality of life. In regards to the ""anonymous"" flyer we received in the mail on zoning, it appears this was done very underhanded, and does not provide fully accurate information. I feel any comments you receive that are stated as the flyer requested in big red letters, should not be validated, because it appears the flyer was produced in an unethical way. I would question the planning commission as to their knowledge of where this flyer generated from. Obviously, as rural citizens our preference would be to do life without restrictions of zoning, but our bigger preference is to do life without being in the shadow of industrial wind energy. We trust the current county commissioners to work through zoning such is necessary to protect the citizens of the county. We extend a big thank you to the current county commissioners and the planning commission for their time and effort in working towards maintaining and growing nemaha county as a great place to live and raise families.

- Both my wife and i agree that wind and solar should not ruin our county landscape especially when the energy generated by it goes to cities elsewhere that dream "green." if they want "green" energy put it in their backyard. Besides that the companies promoting this crap are mostly foreign owned as well.
- Both of us agree to these answers.
- Bringing anymore wind and solar farms into our community is a mistake. The promises that these companies make fall flat, and when push comes to shove the local residents are left with an ugly landscape and a ton of ugly junk when technology advances. These wind turbines create very few american jobs as they are manufactured outside of the united states. If our county wants to better itself, it should look into residential development. We have zero housing for any new families to join our community. On top of that, costs to build are sky high compared to surrounding metropolitan communities. In today's world, an hour commute means nothing to many professionals. What that means is that any professional jobs we add will not increase tax revenue for our community or increase community members who have a vested interest in the welfare of our community. Look at the conditions of rental properties around town. Some of these people should be ashamed of the conditions they allow other human beings to live in. Look at the lack of any residential development - why? \$325 a square foot to build a midgrade home is unbelievable. Especially when any professional looking for housing can go to manhattan or topeka and build or find quality new construction for less than half that cost. In short - no we do not need wind farms - we need to clean up housing in our community, build new homes, and invest money into things that will grow it before it starts to die off like many other rural communities through out kansas.
- Cell phone service is very poor and needs to be addressed immediately
- Childcare is a huge problem. Creating jobs and housing does no good if people cant find childcare. Do not zone our county. Farmers own most of county not people that live in town
- Children who enjoy community arts are deprived of a decent theater-look at sabetha's. With the success of our athlewtic team, we also dont have a decent gym to host these events.
- Commissioner needs to listen to the folks they serve, not their own agenda
- Corporate farming ruins rural america
- County commission to support health better.
- County growth, schools are important.
- County road-do a good job of grinding up rock with grader, grade road often. We have lots of rock drift.
- County wide zoning is needed
- County wide zoning is not something we want. Once you open that door it allows an easier avenue for more government control on our lives in the future. I live rurally to have the freedom to choose what i do with my property and how i want to update it.
- County zoning is acceptable. We support zoning against ag (hog) lots. We support wind energy and do not support zoning against such. All county roads should be prioritized not just certain ones. Why is bern and onaga black top prioritized? Landfill for construction demo is a mess. County road culverts need to be extended for large farm equipment safety. Proceeds to county from windmill should be placed in general and not prioritized to just that area. County should not be involved in food service more than they are. Kitchen at community building is adequate.

- County zoning is very important. Illegal immigration needs to stop here. County attorney and sheriff need to be hired , not elected. County has not control over these positions. They are not doing their job.
- County zoning should not be implemented in nemaha county
- Disappointed that no questions were asked about county health services/ there is a need to know about the need for how the county handles and doesnt handle health care situations
- Disregard comments on unsolicited flyer.
- Diversity in church, businesses, housing, schools, school subjects and pathways are a must. We have no job base to attract others to this community. I want a say in what happens on my farm. I do not believe the city should have a say in what i do on my property and i do not want a county-wide zoning committee or regulations.
- Do not allow anymore wind farm projects. Get rid of the lousy township boards that play favoritism & let the county maintain all roads.
- Do not allow anymore wind turbines in nemaha county
- Do not allow anymore windmills in nemaha county
- Do not implement county-wide zoning.
- Do not like idea of county wide zoning. Keep our county free to think for themselves.
- Do not support county wide zoning **(x112 Responses)**
- Do not support zoning
- Do not think county wide zoning is something we need landowners have the right to do with there property as they see fit and don't need to have to get government approval to build or demolish structures
- Do not want county wide zoning. Farmers & businesses do not need anymore taxes & costly regulations. Namaha county needs to use their funding more wisely and get their roads & bridges in shape. We also need better broad-band access in the rural area.
- Do not want county wide zoning. Thank you for your continued work
- Do not want county wide zoning. Basic law of government: your rights end where my nose begins.
- Do not want county wide zoning. Desperate need for infant daycare. Regular daycares refuse infants till 18 mo old. Sabetha golf club needs financial support.
- Do not want county wide zoning. Farmers and small business will be burdened with increased taxes.
- Do not want county wide zoning. Good jobs and schools are very important as well as childcare and safety and affordable housing
- Do not want county wide zoning. No solar or turbines.
- Do not want county wide zoning. Nor do i want any more wind turbines flashing in all directions from my house
- Do not want county wide zoning. Solar/wind energy should be further developed with proper guidelines. It can bring addition revenue.
- Do not want county wide zoning. We have enough government regulations as is without the county telling us what we can or cant build on property we pay taxes on and own. No zoning
- Do not want county wide zoning. We support landowners making their own choice since they are the ones paying their taxes on their land

- Do not want county wide zoning. The county has not grown in population for the fact that there's nothing for kids or young adults to do. Why would young adults want to move back here after graduation? There's a bar, bowling alley, golf 2 restaurants and couple of fast foods but cant open before 11am because of lack of help. Impressive, huh? No need to have a county-wide zoning--you want to grow? Better allow wind farms for tax revenues.
- Do not want county wide zoning-don not want county wide zoning
- Do not want county wide zoning-keep the wind farms out
- Do not want county wide zoning-means more regulatory compliance and increased governmental oversight and increased costs
- Do not want zoning for nemaha county, we want to prevent industrial wind or industrial solar because they are inefficient, unsightly, and a big waste of government money for things that just never pay for their usage.
- Do not want zoning. We need stricter laws to prevent confined animal facility operations.
- Do not zone the county. Zonings always turn political. Quality of healthcare is completely politicized. Clinics offering conventional medicine have no respect to clients who desire alternative healthcare. Very little holistic healthcare is offiered and shame placed on those who practice it. Nemaha county as a place for education-excellent becauswe we have freedom to choose between public or private at home
- Don not want county-wide zoning. America needs to produce to keep the world safe. Our county should not pass the burden to produce for our country to a different county. To me that would be our county being lazy and saying somebody else should work hard to help our country because our county doesnt want to try. Our county is strong because we have a strong work ethic. Feel free to contact: [REDACTED]
- Don't like windmills and sorry the feel close to others not met. Like to see communities taken care of, homes and togetherness.
- Don't need additional wind turbines. Quality of schools is important but not important enough that we need 27 million dollar addition to school. The members who want the school addition can pay for it. Not the landowners
- Don't send me any more of these
- Don't want county wide zoning
- Don't want county wide zoning
- Due to age-most are a little late for me- the county has been a real nice to place to be born in, rear and raise my children in and hope the best for people who choose to live here. Thank you
- Energy costs are too high.
- Farmers are the backbone of this community. Please stop trying to regulate them by telling them what they can do on their ground. Period.
- Filled out by husband and wife
- Follow the constitution. Companies putting in windmills are subsidized by the gov't, which i believe to be illegal. I also believe zoning is illegal. No zoning,
- For my age, indoor facilities for recreation, fitness, etc. Are important, esp. When weather is cold. Suring winter months, there is nothing to provide community/social interaction
- For the common good
- Get info on projects out early and often. Allow voters to vote early.

- Give those that have to look at those disgusting turbines, some quality of life back by turning off the red blinking lights when no planes are flying over. They make noises depending on the weather, day and night, we cannot even look outside, cannot see the sunrise or sunset without hearing the noise on those lights. Worst decision ever.
- Housing in every community is very important.
- I am against zoning
- I am fine with wind farms, would like to see the money put back into the roads. The goff/oneida road is the worst road in the county, and goes right thru the farm.
- [REDACTED] i am always concerned about handicapped issues. I know the wind energy is a very hot topic. My brother has a windmill on his farm and they are not much in favor of them. I know we need an alternative source. It is an important topic.
- I am in favor of zoning against industrial wind turbines and industrial solar farms
- I am interested in solar or a battery back up for residential houses in seneca. I am concerned about noise from personal home generators but am not opposed. Thanks.
- I am living with the wind towers and i can state with no reserves that it has been and continues to be hell. These people don't care about you or your family. They destroyed our roads and lied multiple times. Nemaha county has no place for these giant fans in our county. Please don't let them expand in numbers if they are so good why do we have to subsidize them in order for them to be successful
- I am not opposed to county-wide zoning. I am strongly opposed to any additional wind energy development.
- I am on the township board. Nextera is giving us enough money to maintain the roads, they did so much damage.
- I am opposed to further industrial wind turbines development in nemaha county
- I am opposed to zoning in nemaha county
- I am strongly against the wind turbines. I chose nemaha county because of the rural character of the county. Turbines take away from that
- I am totally in favor of county wide zoning!!
- I am very torn about adding more turbines. Due to the negligence and incompetence of commissioners scobey, henry and burdick, the southern part of nemaha county will now have to suffer due to wind turbines. Letting them in the corning area has ravaged the community and neighbors now dont talk to neighbors and families dont speak anymore. No new homes are now being built in southern nemaha county due to turbines. It has been a shear disaster. Why shouldnt the northern half of the county have to deal with the same things we do now? Why all of a sudden is this such a big deal? Why wasnt this done prior to soldier creek? The answer... Now that the cities up north are threatened, its a problem.
- I believe if a person has a way to bring income into help their livelihood, they should. So i say no to county wide zoning for nemaha county in kansas
- I believe industrial wind farms would ultimately destroy the social fabric and rural character of nemaha county.
- I do not support county-wide zoning. Keeping young families ""coming back"" is important to the vitality of the county. Continuing to provide opportunities that attract them demographic need to be considered.

- I do not support construction of industrial wind turbines or solar in the county. Implementing zoning in our county is very important to control or regulate the industrial turbines and solar, but not limited to these. Our view shades have been ruined by soldier creek. The nearest turbine is 2 miles away and we can still hear the noise. Large land owners benefit more than the average landowner. Companies lease a lot of land by contracting with only a few people. Large land owners have more influence over our environment and lives than we do.
- I do not support corporate/private concentrated hog farms in residential & rural areas. Zoning is a mute point after letting windmills and large hog farms build in previous years. I resent foreign and domestic energy companies attempts to bully landowners so they can construct monstrosities across fertile farm ground and personal living spaces. These kinds of industries must be kept out to help preserve our landscape.
- I do not support county wide zoning. I think its sad how much power a few influential people in our county have in rallying people to their cause. I also think its pathetic that we as a society have come to a place where adjacent property owners have more power than personal property owners. Let capitalism work and keep government out of it. Our country came to be because people fought and died for independence from an out of touch government. Dont we learn?
- I do not support wind energy. Windmills for energy pay only a few people, while ruining the lives of others. They tear communities apart. People live in the country to enjoy sunrises and sunsets and to look at stars in the sky/ wind energy has no place in nemaha county. Solar is a good alternative-thank you for asking
- I do not support zoning in nemaha county.
- I do not support zoning of any kind
- I do not think tax money should pay for wind energy, but i cannot think of any other way to bring large amounts of money.
- I do not want county wide zoning and i think city control should be limited to city limits. Not several miles from town
- I do not want county wide zoning. I was in the process of signing with the windmill company when the city extended its reach. That cost me around 10k in needed extra income.
- I do not want county wide zoning. Nemaha county needs to crack down on drug dealers. Why is it apparent to lay people that drug activity is apparent yet law enforcement does nothing. Is someone getting paid off?
- I do not want county wide zoning. That would not be good for the people of the county
- I do not want county wide zoning-no zoning
- I do not want county zoning. Would be a major setback.
- I do not want industrial wind in the county
- I do not want nemaha county kansas county wide zoning
- I do not want to be zoned, and if a wind farm goes in, i want the say of where to put it
- I do not want zoning or wind turbines in my area. If i had to choose, i would prefer limited zoning with the freedom of operating my business
- I dont feel that nemaha county is a place that needs wind energy farms. We have plenty of other industries and we dont need turbines for a hazard and eyesore. I drive by the ones in marshall county every day and they are constantly broke down spewing oil and having other issues, and so i dont see the benefit at all.

- I don't have a windmill by my house and I don't want one. I feel sorry for people that do have them. All the power that is generated is sent out of state so we don't even get to use the power generated. Either put the windmills close to where they are needed or put them in a less densely populated area where they aren't by houses. The windmills also make it hard for young and beginning farmers. The large landowners have the most windmills and the payment puts down payments on buying more land. Makes it impossible for young farmers to get started/compete as it artificially raises land prices
- I don't know about the Soldier Creek industrial wind project
- I don't support any renewable energy, wind or solar, that requires tax payer subsidies to be profitable. I do not want county wide zoning
- I don't think Nemaha county should have any more wind turbines. They are not benefitting the county residents with more affordable energy and they require government subsidies to be viable.
- I don't want county wide zoning—too costly. Too many questions pertaining to wind turbines. Why not questions about the cost of county government? Very little noted of the 900,000 the government receives each year from the Soldier Creek wind project. What about industrial farms in Nemaha county? Nemaha county needs more adept county commissioners.
- I enjoy living here, appreciate you.
- I farm. I was raised on a hog farm so I accept the smell and flies. I do not understand why people are raising a stink over wind turbines. When the new wears off, turbines will be accepted.
- I feel blessed to have been born, raised, schooled and have lived in Nemaha county all of my 79 years. A good place to live. God bless this endeavor
- I feel gravel roads in the county are at one of the worst levels ever. We live on a fairly high travelled gravel road and earlier this year when it rained, a lot of it turned into a mudball. There are also so many chuck holes and rumble areas on them that it almost bounces you off the road if you are not careful. Need to figure out how to maintain gravel roads
- I feel strongly zoning would be bad for our county
- I feel that Nemaha county is an excellent place to live. We need to continue to be proactive and stay ahead of the curve on attracting young families to our communities.
- I feel the county needs some type of zoning to keep large companies from coming in and developing wind turbine projects or solar energy projects in the county.
- I feel the county should focus on getting better rural internet services as well as phone service to attract work from home jobs and help modern agriculture grow. Also schools and youth programs will help draw our young people back to raise their families. The improved internet will also draw young families back.
- I feel there is a very large need for improving roads within the county. I feel that zoning is government overreach especially the extraterritorial zoning cities have put in place. It is not fair to the individuals that are being zoned in the city extraterritorial zoning who cannot vote on the elected/appointed officials affecting the zoning.
- I hope my answers help but we certainly should not have much say one way or the other because of our ages.
- I like county how it is.
- I realize the commissioners have a difficult decision to make. I am not in favor of zoning the county but I am more opposed to wind energy.

- I have lived in county with zoning and it is beneficial not to have county wide zoning. Prefer to keep no county wide zoning. Also don't support taking valuable farmland away to make solar energy just to be taken to large cities. Hard to answer question about the current wind farm, because the newspaper reported all the negatives prior to implementation, but i haven't heard anything since. Like ... Is it really as bad as all the comments during the planning phase? How much \$\$ did the land owners get paid? How much traffic did it really increase and for how long?
- I live in the soldier creek project. While i have grown accustomed to the windmills, i do not believe my roads have improved. Roads to the windmills may have been rocked, but our road hasn't seen more materials. I believe the value of my home and acreage have declined due the wind turbines proximity as well as power lines. I would not recommend my children living close to wind turbines. Do you want the younger generation to return and keep our schools? I support land owner rights but nearby neighbors have rights too. No tax abatements and landowners with leased turbines should be taxed. The county commissioners group is too small, so a commission may better serve all voices in the county.
- I recently rented the community building-the microphone did not work, the coffee pot would not perk, and there is no wifi in the building to support being able to see/hear presentations. The kitchen is bare-no soap, paper towels, containers hot pads, utensils. If you're charging for it at 25\$ and event, then a person should not have to bring equipment that should be around. Create some kind of system to have an inventory that is available and checked after every use. There is too little handicapped parking and vehicles of walkers and hospital workers ignored the one sign for 2 spaces. The curb and cement with gravel surface is not conducive to a manual wheelchair at the south door. Why isnt there an automatic door opener as it was difficult to manage the door and wheel into the building. Also the height of the kitchen area are not convenient to someone in a wheelchair
- I think more outdoor recreational opportunities where people can experience nature are attractive to people and healthy for community
- I think the county commission has created a hostile environment within the county. They are trying to make the many changes that are intended to save the county money. But are winding up costing us more. And i think they have no understanding of what the older generation needs are in the community. Thank you
- I think the mailer we got trying to scare farmer's to think they will be affected by zoning was very under handed. Of course the mailer had no one claiming to be the one who sent it out-that shows what kind of people they are.
- I thought liberals had more than two choices. I think zoning nemaha county is a bad idea. That is making government bigger. That is the wrong direction, we need smaller government.
- I understand the desire to want to curtail widespread erection of turbines. I don't understand the blatant lies spread around the county to scaremonger people into being against renewable energy. Solar would be barely noticeable driving through the county, and would have no affect on adjacent landowners, so why the push to keep it out? If we are going to support the rights of landowners, then why do we restrict what the landowners can do with their land? I don't buy into the hype that wind energy will fix anything or that it is truly green, but i just don't understand the hard push back. I never though the nimby crowd would be in nemaha county, where we've always fought for the individual rights.
- I wish there was a place for the youth to gather and get them off the computers.

- I would be supportive of wind energy if they paid their fair share of taxes instead of paying what they want. Pilot. I do not think they are efficient at all. Maybe they will be in the future.
- I would like to request that you not start another beauracracy in order to control your fellowman. If you get the infrastructure-roads bridges, water, electricity, trash, crime in order all the other good things will come. There are bridges that are actually closed right now. There are lots of areas of the county that have no electricity or water. There are areas that have no phone service
- I would not live in seneca. Too much gossip elitism and judging people. Too many cliques and attitudes
- I would rather have wind turbines vs battery plant being built by eudora. Do not want county wide zoning. There are more farmers still wanting wind turbines. Who handles most of the money in the county? The industry or the farmers-revenue?
- I would very likely support further wind/solar development in nemaha co. Only if said resources were dedicated solely for production and use in nemaha co.
- If any additional energy developments are allowed in this county, the first place the energy should be used is in this county. Then send off the excess? Why generate here and ship it to some place away from the county?
- If my neighbor paints there house an ugly color, i cant zone them to make a change. Same goes for windmills. If the landlord wants them to change, that is their decision and not the county's.
- If not for corporate tax incentives, there would be no industrial wind energy (soldier creek, etc.) And surrounding counties. Remember rural character!
- If there's windmills too close to my property i would not be able to build a home on my property. We dont need these windmills. Theres people that have health issues from them. It makes bad neighbors. If someone gets hurt or sick, the helicopter cannot fly in to get them. I think we need to think about other people and not just ourselves. This is not the american way. Money isnt everything. Just remember that
- If you add regulation to city, you need to enforce the restrictions that we have now.
- If zoning is considered, i think it should be up to the township to decide.
- If zoning is required to control future wind farms and other objectional development then we are in favor of zoning. Windmills are profitable to the land owners but we all must look at them. They pollute our night skies with all the flashing red lights.
- If zoning is to be used to stop one industry like wind farms, then there should be oppportunity to stop other industries like hog farms, fertilizer plants, etc.
- Implementing county zoning is a terrible idea. Don't do it. Do not take away our private property rights
- Improving cellular capabilities, housing and new industry/jobs, should be a large priority as well as an indoor guy activity. This will bolster community health and add value to the younger generation
- In our opinion, a windmill is a farmer's choice. Personally, we would much rather live looking at a windmill, than having to smell a hog farm. We need to keep our downtown businesses and do something to renovate the buildings that are vacant
- Industrial wind has ruined our community by destroying relationships among neighbors and friends. It must be stopped.

- Industrial renewables are too one sided, the only winner is the corporation installing them. Soldier creek wind has ruined the community feel that had been here by pitting neighbors and family members against each other as well as failed to bring the “hundreds” of new jobs promised to the county. Leases have already been dropped/stopped payment by nextera as they aren’t needed for their land grabs anymore as was predicted by industrial wind opponents before the project commenced. Our previous county commissioners failed the majority of the residents of the southern portion of the county to benefit a handful of landowners. I pray this commission won’t continue a downward spiral of community solidarity in the rest of the county.
- Inflated land values above ag use value is a major problem. This comes from outside money from wind farms. Makes it hard for young farmers to get started-especially livestock. Same is true with the inflation of housing
- Invest more resources in southern part of county. Appears tax monies are invested in seneca and northern parts of county. We pay taxes also with little representation
- Investing through schools, small business, recreation space. New softball field. Wastewater infrastructure.
- It appears the county is looking for more power for themselves-much of these are not the county's job to do. That is not what the tax payer dollars were intended for.
- It is important to have a diverse job opportunities not just laborers in manufacturing or entry level agribusiness jobs that pay like the co-op does.
- It is incredibly hard to find housing here in the county, especially if you are single and new to the county. Most of the time, houses are far too expensive for a single person to afford. Then if an affordable house is for sale, it usually sells in a day or two to someone the seller knows. This makes it incredibly hard for someone new to the county, not knowing anyone, to find a place to live in. It really says something when a director of a county government department cannot find a house to buy that he can afford on his own before its bought by someone already living in the county
- It is miserable for an outsider/new to area. No sense of community, poor access to healthcare, soulless.
- It is time to oil all county roads.
- It would be non-sensible to bundle solar restrictions with wind turbines. Although they both happen to be renewables, their relation to the public could not be more different. Solar may not be economically efficient now, this could change given various market conditions. The county should not allow itself to be caught flat-footed in a quickly changing market.
- Keep hog farms away from homes and towns; stop urban sprawl; protect homes and crops from dicamba and other sprays; county should pave all county roads and keep brush out of ditches; get rid of junky stuffs in towns-people dont like it; do not want zoning
- Keep roperty taxes down. Every year it gets more expensive to own a home,. Do not want county wide zoning
- Keep the federal government and its agencies/policies out of our county. Sheriff needs to weild the huge stick he has. He can keep the feds and agencies out of our county, if he is willing to do so.
- Keep up the good work even though it is a thankless job.
- Keep utility prices affordable. Keep safe and prosperous.

- Land owner needs to be treated as any other business. They drive up the price of land and homes without paying their fair share of taxes as a percentage of property value
- Land owners are the people who should be writing the terms of contracts with regards to wind/solar. Upkeep of roads is continual.
- Landowners should decide what they want to do with their land. This is what freedom is all about.
- Let young land owners have all income possible, like oil wells 60 years ago.
- Let's grow brandon, he did not win the election
- Life is change. We must not be afraid to make and/or accept change to better grow and diversify our county.. I agree with all marked by my spouse except tyhe underlined language-uncluttered view sheds and night skies. We do not consider the wind farms as clutter in the night. We live outside the city limits and see the lights as a calming part of the night view. It is a part of the rural character just like the odors of the cow lot or hog farm when the wind shifts.
- Local government has exploded over last few decades. When the population was double what it is now we had 2 police officers in the county and now we have 3-7 on dusty at any given time. Need to get local government smaller. Work in several states in cities and counties that are zoned and it makes construction projects more costly and takes longer to complete. We do not want zoning.
- Lower taxes and better housing
- Make fairground more affordable.
- Mini malls, another grocery store-automatic door openers
- More attention by law enforcement to speeding on city streets
- More industrial wind turbines would be detrimental to our county. We support county wide zoning
- More physically handicap living-some like country place living, like seneca and low income, too. Two not enough when a (same size) town like beloit has approximately 6. Has public transportation but not living. Some residents may be able to work there. Doesnt seem real welcoming to adults with physical limitations because of birth, life or illness. Low income because may not have a job because of illness. Charge according to income. May make some houses or duplexes or 2 and 3 bedroom apartments because those people want to raise kids here instead of topeka. Poor people are not all bad people, some just unfortunate, trying to pay for things and a handicap. Good place to raise kids, not topeka. Not looking for all adults, but dont until you're in that situation.
- More recreation facilities. More events for busy moms.
- More recreational opportunities for seniors
- More restrictions on windmills and power lines. County needs to be zoned.
- More should be done about housing apartments and bringing in more retail & jobs than what seems to be your concerns in this about wind turbine and solar power. Nor do i believe county wide zoning as i believe should remain per city and county.
- My husband and i are surrounded by the wind turbines, they squeek, they squak, they blink red demon lights-they run sometimes-sometimes not. I do not trust anything that gets shoved down peoples throats, especially when the government is behind it and paying major money to the renewable green deal. Need total transparency-the real true facts. Sincerely, [REDACTED]

- My family farm operation writes checks exceeding \$60k in property taxes each year. I make financial decisions every day dealing in production agriculture involving livestock and crop production. Recently this also involves wind leases in nemaha county. This whole issue really comes down to property rights. We must protect the rights of the property owner, my ownership rights. I do not have any rights regarding another property owner. They are entitled to do what they want when they want. Just like i may not like someone else's siding on their house or their landscaping. I do not have a legal right or county have the right to tell them to change it or plant more trees, etc. That is government overreach. In addition, a town resident does not have any right to say what happens on my property. If someone thinks they have a say on what i do on my own property then they can pay a portion of my property taxes. The wind company had to expand and rock the roads they were working on. Now they are by far the best in the county in townships that have little to virtually no money. At least now we have better roads to drive on south of wetmore. Allowing the soldier wind farm did help in that aspect and future projects can also tune up some needed areas in the county.
- My husband and i both agree on these answers.
- My husband shares these same views concerning industrial renewables. The only people who profit from these projects are the corporations installing them and a few greedy farmers. The destruction in the soldier creek footprint is very sad!!! The beauty of our landscapes is forever littered with those obnoxious monstrosities during the day and our peaceful night skies industrialized with red flashing lights in every direction. That project has robbed so much joy from so many people. These companies sell these projects with sooo many lies ... Where are the "hundreds" of jobs that were promised? And the improved roads? It will take many, many years to repair the destruction done by nextera on our county and township roads and their promise that everything would be built back to better than before ... Ask the non-participating farmers who had damage to their crops, fences, etc. And how that worked out. Ask them how they had to fight and fight to get compensation for damages and some never got paid. Their lies are endless. But the saddest part of all is the relationships that have been forever scarred. These companies purposely pit family against family, neighbors against neighbors and friends against friends. This once tight knit, close community may never completely heal. Most people are trying to move on but many of these relationships will never be the same and some are completely destroyed. Our previous county commissioners failed the majority of the residents in southern nemaha county to benefit very few landowners who actually live there. I pray our current commissioners will do everything in their power to protect the rural character that we all genuinely love for the remainder of our beautiful county. Thank you for your time.
- My land, my choice.
- My question is why are people from town making decisions for people in the country? If a person wants a wind tower on their farm, so be it. Whats the difference between wind towers and stinking hog confinement sheds or cattle feed lots or having a chemical company near you? If it helps add revenue to your operation, it should be up to you and your neighbors -not some governing body.
- My spouse and i both share these answers and opinions. Our county needs zoning to protect our rural beauty and character
- My street , grant st, has never been repaired or repaved in 30 years.

- My wife & i share the same view on all the issues. We oppose the industrial wind development in our county
- My wife also shares my opinion on the survey-2 adults in the household- i can see 2 windfarms from my house and dont want to see anymore. More wind farms will drive people out of our area and will reduce the quality of life
- My wife and i both oppose the wind turbines in our county. We have 1 at 3700 feet from our house and some days it is like living by an airport, they are very noisy and intrusive. They can make us dizzy and some nights we can not sleep & feel the need to move. We wonder what type of long term health effects we will have from them.
- N more wind turbines
- Need a big picture focus. Go visit sioux city , iowa to see a town with vitality.
- Need a steak house, clothing stores, shore stores, and another grocery store
- Need for grocery store. One is not enough. Its time to stop wind projects in our area. Its ruined friendships between neighbors and family members. Its ruined the beautiful landscape
- Need for indoor pool/activities for seniors
- Need more affordable housing
- Need more diversity . This is not always the most welcoming for people that are not straight, white and catholic.
- Need night transportation from hospital to home. Perhaps an on all driver.
- Need program to help elderly with yard work.
- Need to control location of hog confinement buildings in rural areas as they are a nuisance to neighbors. Need better zoning within city limits to protect property values
- Need to do whatever it takes to gain ability to control county. Cost of zoning will only go up in time, so now is the time to do it.
- Need to do whatever it takes to keep our comunity as is with no wind vanes no nuclear waste or other large entities
- Need to get a zoning plan in place for everything, not just wind and solar. Should have been done a long time ago.
- Nemaha commissions did great job managing the soldier creek wind farm.
- Nemaha county does not need a comprehensive plan
- Nemaha county does not need county wide zoning in my opinion
- Nemaha county is a great place to live and build a business-especially outside of municipalities because there is no zoning. No permits, no costly engineering, no one telling if, when, and how to use your own property and it should stay this way.
- Nemaha county is a great place to live in part because we dont presently have a few beauracrats telling private land owners what we can or cant do with our private property. I do not want county wide zoning. Period
- Nemaha county is a safe and very aggressive county. Let's keep it like that.
- Nemaha county is a very special place. We need good family building efforts, quality schools and reasons for people to move here to stay.
- Nemaha county does not need anymore wind-farms. I live next to one & they do not produce electricity 24 hrs. A day so what good are they- stop wind farms

- Next gen of wind energy coming. Prepare for the salesman. Do not want any more turbines. Solar at least is low profile. It should be considered. Children are #1 resource. They need to be raised in a safe environment that promotes excellence, not mediocrity. Good family values, respect .
- Nemaha county needs to dedicate a portion of the county to organic farming, ranching, apiaries, and produce - where people can have an agricultural business and raise their kids without being constantly sprayed by glyphosate and other harmful chemicals. It is unfortunate that we live in one of the most productive agricultural areas in the world, but we cannot make local use of it. Our local agricultural is almost exclusively dedicated to industrial-scale monocrops for export.
- No additional comments- nemaha is a nice community and seneca the county seat, is well kept. Keep it free of turbines
- No county wide zoning
- No county wide zoning
- No county wide zoning, and no more windmills.
- No more damn industrial wind turbines or solar. They will ruin the county.
- No more industrial windmills.
- No more pig, cattle, wind, solar farms. Only farmers benefit, the rest of us lose. Air quality, water quality, sky quality
- No more walmarts anywhere in nemaha county-they have destroyed all businesses and stores in every single town and city they've entered
- No more wind farms, harmful to birds. Does not produce cost effective energy, ugly, and noisy
- No more wind generators in this county. They will cut the value of our farmland, not practical
- No more wind turbines in the county-stupid!
- No more windmills.
- No more windmills. Build better county roads. Keep our communities together
- No need for entire county to be zoned.
- No nemaha county wide zoning. No zoning for wind/solar development. Less restrictions on nemaha county residents
- No on county wide zoning.
- No turbines.
- No wind turbines
- No zoning
- No zoning
- No zoning for nemaha county land rights-wind turbines land owner rights zoning new county department means more taxes and selling permits to meet county budget. Taxes-ours more than doubled last ten years-nemaha county spending for departments increasing our taxes will probably double in the next 10 years-what about more money for nemaha from wind turbines in future-landowners cannot keep having taxes increase and survive as a farmer-cost of farming has increased about double last 2 years-prices for crops ok this year 2022 corn 7.00 bu 2018 3.25 bu soybeans 14.00 bu 2018 9.00 and below. Cattle prices up and down not same from year to year taxes increase-farmers may not be able to pay-land for sell are foreign countries going to buy? Nemaha county grew as a rural and farm community-zoning will not stop wind turbines do research for state of kansas

- Not against renewable energy. If not for tax incentives, windfarms would not exist. They are not cost effective in the long term. Put commission meetings back on internet so we can follow what is being discussed
- Nowhere were taxes mentioned-nothing being questioned except wind and solar produce income to keep taxes reasonable. We do not want county wide zoning. The best way to support agriculture is to keep taxes low
- On grand rd, washboards by stop signs
- On question 17. I think we have enough wind energy in the county. I prefer wind turbines in unpopulated places like the flint hills.
- Other nearby counties offer far more indoor and outdoor recreation and fitness facilities. As a young family in the community, the lack of recreation facilities initially deterred us from the area, as did the lack of affordable housing in seneca itself
- "our biggest concern for the future of our county is industrial wind energy projects. We feel that further development of wind energy projects will be detrimental to our county. Further projects will prevent young families from wanting to live in this area. Without vibrant young families, our flourishing communities and towns will slowly die. Sure a few folks may make some money and some comes into the county, but much money is lost by the taxes of folks no longer wanting to live in this area. Our schools will experience declined enrollment. Wind energy projects ruin our picturesque landscape, and peaceful, quiet outdoor recreation. They bring health concerns due to light flicker, low frequency noise, and ice/blade throw. And as evident with the soldier creek project, they rip apart tight knit communities of people.
- We hope the county will prohibit any further development of wind energy. If wind projects are not prohibited, then we hope the county will place large restrictions on setbacks from non-participants residences & also property boundaries, sound levels, light flicker, night-time light control, and decommissioning. We support creating zoning at the county level to achieve the above mentioned prohibition or restrictions. Three adults in the household share these same opinions."
- Our county road is terrible. Why aren't main county roads being oiled?
- Our responses should be counted twice as there are two of us vs a household of just one. Questions 17-19: until reliable energy storage is developed, industrial wind and solar are disruptive to our electrical generation systems and create redundancy and increased energy cost. Supportive of regulations/zoning to protect and enhance agriculture but also to restrict/prohibit undersirable industry or business
- Our south view is completely ruined by red flashing lights at night, and huge turbines during the day.
- People should be able to do what they want with the land they own. We don't need more government, so don't zone the county.
- Please do not allow any more wind turbines in nemaha county
- Please do not allow any more wind turbines. If you have to zone to keep them out, then do it. We have more than enough now, they will ruin our beautiful countryside and discourage people from living here.
- Please do not zone nemaha county. We need to do the better job protecting the natural resources-water quality, wildlife habitat
- Please do not zone the whole county.

- Please know that i am infavor of zoning against industrial wind turbines and industrial solar farms in nemaha county
- Please know that we both share the same opinion
- Please know that we both share the same opinions
- "please know that we both share the same opinions.
- We do not want county wide zoning if it limits our rights to build on or use my land as i want."
- Please no county wide zoning. We are losing our rights to do everything anymore.
- Please no more windmills
- Please publish where we can get more info
- Please put lines on the bern-sabetha road
- Please zone my county. All 6 of us filled this out.
- Please-please paint lines on the bern-sabetha road for the safety of all who travel on it. Its a lovely road but needs lines on it
- Political signs need to come down following a reasonable amount of time after elections! Both parties. Become eyesores and divide us as a community
- Prioritize the maintenance of roads.
- Programs to bring youth and elderly together more would benefit all. Climate change is a hoax. Stop spending to pad pockets of the elite. Some answers would be very different if we knew what was proposed.
- Promote votech to brin in repair men. Affordable housing is still a problem.
- Property tax is one big issue; dont want county wide zoning
- Property taxes are excessive.
- Put more effort into maintaining what we have.
- Question 16-if you want to keep rural character, you dont want to attract non county residents to nemaha county
- Raising kids and living in a rural setting has its challenges but nobody said it would be easy. Many younger families are moving back after covid because their job allowed them to or they felt the need to get away from where they were. I dont feel its the county's job to entertain them or create things for them to want to do. Industrial energy is something we are stuck with and probably wont go away. While i dont want to see more of it, restricting private landowners rights doesnt seem like the right answer either. Even if you zone out industrial energy, who's to say the next leaders couldnt alter the zoning to let them in anyway. We all know how the last commissioners cowed to big money!
- Regarding 19: not with related tax increase. Private payment only. Do not want county wide zoning. Do not want government funded programs.
- Renewable energy is a farce. A phenomenal source for information regarding the scam that is solar energy and wind energy
- Roanoke st in seneca needs replaced. It is a key road used to get into and out of seneca from the south
- Sales way too high
- Road and bridge dept is doing good. Turbines are too loud when you are down wind of them. Near unbearable some nites.

- Retaining and attracting new industry is vital to nemaha county remaining populated and above average kansas poverty levels. Losing businesses, losing employment, losing health insurance is never a good situation for any community and it is has been demonstrated in many of the communities around us. It would be nice for nemaha county to grow beyond just surviving/maintaining and create communities that are interesting, keep people living here, and attract new people/families, and have more opportunities for different types of retail, industries, jobs, character, and enjoyable outdoor spaces for biking, strollers, walking, and running.
- Roads roads roads; i have the idea of a different source of energy. Dont like how 'we the people' are treated and how we have no say. We live in america not russia
- Seneca has a very clean and friendly town
- Small town is why we live here, community support and pride. Family oriented and willingness to come together in time of need
- Some county roads are awful. Needs to be better maintained. Main roads should be chip and sealed especially j rd
- Stop wind projects, do not help induce industry and retention or gain of residents and doctors.
- Survey does not address water. Must protect our water. Where do we expect to get our electricity if not from renewables?
- Take the politics out of county.
- Take wind energy to less populated areas. In sabetha a seed store leaks dust on apartments, wengers fish food smell is annoying, the city power plant smells-all of these across from the elementary school. Get these things away from people.
- Taxes paid by residents who children attend nv school district should go to nv schools.
- Taxes too high
- Thank you and good luck, god bless our nation!
- Thank you for taking the time to survey our county. All members of our household agree with answers on this survey
- Thank you.
- Thanks to the commissioners for their foresight in planning for the future of the county and offering the households within the county the opportunity to voice their opinions on some timely and important topics
- Thanks to the wind farms, many families and friends have been torn apart. This should have been something everyone should have voted on
- The county does not want county wide zoning. Wind farms are very good foe nemaha county
- The county is a wonderful place to live esp. If you are retired. Not a big variety of business or department stores to choose from but big cities are no more than 3 hrs. Away.
- The elderly are treated like nobody because we don't have smartphones, computers, internet, etc. We get the news from the radio. The grocery store has digital coupons which leaves us out
- The old lake seneca on hwy 63 could easily be developed as a fishing, camping, etc. Destination.
- The people need to be making decisions including various ages, gender, social-economics, etc. It is important to embrace change and promote togetherness.
- The people should have the right to vote on green energy options or industrialization

- The roads are being improved, thank you county commissioners. The nemaha county step foundation does a great job improving the quality of life of all nemaha county residents
- The safety of our water resources and clean water are very important. Recycling is important. Upgrades to movie theatre, more inviting
- The windfarm at soldier creek has ruined our beautiful view. Many friends and family make fun of all of the blinking lights and say that they will never move here because of it. The windfarm workers were very disrespectful and rude throughout the project. Next era was extremely deceitful and in order to 'beat the system', put up faulty units that must have major replacement work done. This will be another year of bs dealing with this. Please, preserve what is left of our great county
- There is more to nc than rural land. Need community improvements: lifetime sport access like trails, hiking, outdoor weight/fitness, recreation that is not only geared toward youth
- There should not be 2 people of the same family on this commission. We need no zoning and no windmills. We do not want county wide zoning.
- This also reflects my wife's views. We do not want county wide zoning
- This household is opposed to industrial wind turbines anywhere in this county. Opposed to large swine facilities when build close to homes. Opposed to county wide zoning. Please see letter to be scanned in.
- This survey has nothing to do with anything else. It's all about windmills, you want windmills out them around your own homes.
- This survey is wonderful, i am hopeful that the cumulative answers are seriously considered. For the record, i am not against renewable energy as a whole, but i am vehemently against wind turbines in nemaha county. In my opinion, solar, hydroelectric and biomass are far better options for our county. I also do not consider tourism to be any concern of ours, it is not necessary, in my opinion, to bring tourists to our county. Lastly, in no way do i support the active or passive recruitment of residents with no familial or friendly ties to our county.
- Too much focus on keeping wind energy developments out. There are other significant issues and potential revenue to be used to address other needs.
- Transparent report twice a year on revenue generated for county/townships and how it is being allotted.
- Until we fix the lack of affordable housing issue, we will always have a problem finding enough workers for all the jobs in this county.
- Very disappointed with nemaha county overall. It seems that costs are high and amenities are few. No longer reaching goals. You just form committees and provide for the individuals who have pet projects and spend our money to maintain the cheap tin structures they want. Governing should be done with the least advantages among us first and foremost.
- Very pleased with the job completed on the ben-sabetha rd
- We always talk about adding jobs & growing the community. If i want to live in a metropolitan area, i would move there. I understand renewable energies being located in a low population area b/c it is somewhat intrusive. I believe a lot of people want renewable just not in their yards. Therein lies the problem with renewables. Rural people feel like they are being over-run
- We are against zoning wind turbines and industrial solar energy
- We are very much against wind turbines in our county

- We cant enjoy sitting outside at night anymore without looking at red blinking lights. No more wind turbines
- We are already a very small business developed county. We do not need industrial businesses moving here. We do not have the population to support it. Industrial wind farms are not as effective as coal or oil or nuclear energy. Government subsidized anything i strongly oppose. Anyone wanting to create energy by sun or wind using their won money i support
- We definitely need a new senior center building
- We do not need any commercial wind farms or solar farms in the county. These farms deter people for wanting to live here and cause problems for future generations: eg monetary and legal
- We do not need more taxing. Zoning would be for a few residents but maybe 90 percent have to pay the tax. Much less unwanted control
- We do not need wind zones in north or solar either. They are noisy , not good here.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not support county wide zoning.
- We do not want any county wide zoning. I do not want to be told what i can and can't do with my own property outside of city limits.
- We do not want county wide zoning. We do not do a good enough job with sabetha-to tell the owners outside the town what to do. Just drive up and down the streets in town to see the quality of their current abilities
- We do not want county wide zoning., stay out of my private decision making.
- We do not want county-wide zoning or more wind or solar farms.
- "we do not want county-wide zoning. Currently our county is not zoned, and it should remain this way. Zoning takes away and impedes the property rights of the owner. It is costly - in terms of bringing businesses into our county and restricting how an owner uses their own private land. Zoning would cause more restrictions. As a current business owner in another county, the zoning of the other county has caused problems with expansion of our business and the costs related to the zoning regulations.
- We have spent an additional \$15,000 due to zoning regulations just to expand our operation. Why would nemaha county want to impede businesses from expansion or renovations? It makes no sense. I vote no to county-wide zoning."
- We do not want more windmills here. Martin schmelyle should not be on commission- conflict of interest. Planning should be decision of residents.
- We do not want to see more industrial wind turbines in our county.
- We do not want zoned in nm county-we are farmers!
- We do not want zoning. Residents should be able to do what they want on their own property.

- We don't think wind and/or solar energy is a long-term solution to alternative energy sources, and wouldn't put either of them on our property. However, that is a problem created by government programs and subsidies, and we don't think the county (and cities within the county) should prevent them from being built at the huge expense of taking away private property rights of landowners. Private property rights are an essential part of our freedom in this great country, and it concerns us that the citizens of this country could possibly give them away by supporting zoning, moratoriums, etc. For one issue that they oppose. We may very likely have county and city commissioners in the future who have no regard for our freedoms, and we may look back and wonder why we made such a choice, willingly giving away our private property rights for what we will then realize was one issue that's not nearly as important as our freedom. We are opposed to county-wide zoning.
- We don't need county wide zoning-we are ok now
- We feel strongly that the county should not zone countywide. We are completely against it as farm owners/business owners.
- We have avoided going to house/land auctions due to a few large turbines that were near a home our family was interested in. This property sold cheap
- We have jobs here. Housing is limited. Drugs are all over. Roads need work in rural areas. We are not getting our money's worth with shuttles.
- We have lots of job opportunities in the county, but not enough people to keep them staffed. We need to find ways to attract more people to the county.
- We live south with windmills around us. I was against them early on. You get used to them. I do not want to see county spending big money to fight them.
- We love Nemaha County. Just say that the repairs on 187 have been very inconvenient. We would hope that different accommodations could be made in the future.
- We need a new county attorney that enforces the law not just a slap on the hand! All government officials should use some common sense!
- We need better jobs for families to grow and stay here. There needs to be better housing available to the middle income families(40k year). We don't all make 75k plus a year.
- We need childcare, housing and adequate schools if we want to entice young families to live here. We need to update/enlarge our schools now- not enough daycare and housing in Seneca and housing that is there is outrageously priced
- We need clothing/shoe store, another restaurant.
- We need more affordable housing for seniors
- We need to continue to progress and add facilities; canceling the senior center was a horrible decision. We have a large elderly population to serve and being able to expand meals on wheels is an essential need; we need an indoor rec facility in Seneca that can be used by all ages; walking trails would be a huge asset; the road going south on 3rd st is dangerous once you get onto the rock all the way to the highway-horrible rocks and ruts; commissioners need to listen to all patrons and not just those few that think like them
- We only need one high school in the county-grade schools kept in the town. Stop doing chip and seal and do more permanent paving. Use money for more education and less time in sports in schools
- We support county wide zoning to keep future wind energy developments out of Nemaha County

- We would fully support lower cost food store like aldi. We enjoy recreation area (iron horse). We would like a place like this. We miss subway!!
- We would like some amenities like the big cities-more chain restaurants-fewer doomed niche stores
- We would like to see more things that promote family activities. Community building with big indoor walking track. Free exercise classes & outdoor splash pad. Need an arts center
- We would probably be in favor of solar energy if it wasn't close to any town and not obvious from the roadside.
- We'd like to see nice parks for families with large picnic shelters, paved trails, and a country setting. Traditional rural values and family structures are important. Less emphasis on sports will benefit our community
- We-nemaha county citizens-have the capability to raise highly educated, family oriented, children. We as a community should assist each other in doing so. Further, each person should know the demands that his/her sustinence places on the environment. That includes food production, clothing, water, energy, etc. Wind energy can have a place in this, but nemaha county does not need to feed other counties/states. The wind blows in populated areas too
- What about energy independence?
- When i look to the south and i see all of the blinking red lights at night and when i visit my in-laws down south all i can think about is how many innocent people are affected by the greed of a handful of beneficiaries.
- Why do we clutter our landscape with wind turbines but dont benefit from the enrgy production? It might be easier to stomach the eyesore.
- Wind development- does new county deny property owners their right to earn an income on property they own? How can commissioners deny wind development and not be capricious or arbitrary? Oil and gas development, underground pipelines, overhead powerlines, fiber optic cables, cell towers, modern livestock facilities--all allowed. How can you say no to wind development?
- Wind energy companies have turned people against each other . They damaged our view and clutter our night skies. They did not provide permanent jobs here.
- Wind energy has not proven to safely provide yet-hopefully in future
- Wind mills cheapen the land and take away the beauty of the land.
- Wind powered electrical generators are the most expensive means of generating power. They will never pay for themselves and drive costs constantly upward and they look like crap.; chip and seal roads are hard on windshields and tires. Try asphalt, the durability will offset the cost over time. Stop closing county roads because a bridge gets old-plan ahead and rplace it. Too many older people are having trouble paying property taxes . Taxes go up but their pensions do not. Stop raising property taxes when a homeowner retires.
- Wind turbines destroy our county plus it raises the cost of energy
- Wind turbines have ruined the gorgeous views .
- Windfarms should be considered in vacant parts of the country (state) not in highly populated and agricultural
- Windmills have their place but no where else in nemaha county. Windmill business should respect peoples opinion about their business and leave.

- With the aging issue in Kansas counties we must be proactive in finding multiple ways to make our county appeal to younger populations and to maintaining population levels.
- Would like to see a discount store again.
- Would like to see more emphasis on historical sites and publicize them . Also more support for small business , more support for local events. Information signs about events. Promote local culture, not more windmills, tired of blinking red lights at night.
- Would love to see an indoor court for pickleball.
- You should have included how our property rights may be affected by county wide zoning., i do not want county wide zoning.
- Zoning in Nemaha county is about twenty years past due. Zoning encourages inclusion by allowing all landowners the same opportunities and protects open spaces. When done thoughtfully, zoning can connect people with places-not divide them
- Zoning is very important for any county to protect the rights of everyone.

Tabular Data

CITIZEN SURVEY TABULAR DATA

The ETC Institute provided Tabular Data to all survey questions. The data provides detailed information to each question such as:

- Excellent, Good, Neutral, Below Average, or Poor when those were the options
- Major Strength, Strength, Neutral, Weakness, Major Weakness, and Don't Know when those were the options
- Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important, Not Sure, when those were the options
- Number and Percent when those were the options
- Helped, No Change, Hurt, Not Sure, when those were the options
- Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, when those were the options
- Fully Met, Mostly Met, Partly Met, Not Met, when those were the options
- Very Satisfied, Satisfied, Neutral, Dissatisfied, Very Dissatisfied, Don't Know, when those were the options
- Very Supportive, Somewhat Supportive, Not Supportive, Not Sure, when those were the options

Q1. Please rate Nemaha County using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Excellent" and 1 means "Poor," with regard to each of the following.

(N=945)

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below average	Poor	Don't know
Q1-1. Nemaha County as a place to live	43.6%	43.4%	10.5%	1.4%	0.0%	1.2%
Q1-2. Nemaha County as a place to raise children	49.5%	39.7%	6.9%	0.7%	0.2%	3.0%
Q1-3. Nemaha County as a place for education	37.6%	42.3%	15.1%	1.9%	0.3%	2.8%
Q1-4. Nemaha County as a place to work	37.0%	37.5%	19.2%	3.2%	0.4%	2.8%
Q1-5. Nemaha County as a place to retire	37.6%	36.2%	16.7%	4.0%	1.4%	4.1%
Q1-6. Overall quality of life in Nemaha County	37.6%	46.8%	12.4%	1.7%	0.3%	1.3%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q1. Please rate Nemaha County using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Excellent" and 1 means "Poor," with regard to each of the following. (without "don't know")

(N=945)

	Excellent	Good	Neutral	Below average	Poor
Q1-1. Nemaha County as a place to live	44.1%	43.9%	10.6%	1.4%	0.0%
Q1-2. Nemaha County as a place to raise children	51.0%	40.9%	7.1%	0.8%	0.2%
Q1-3. Nemaha County as a place for education	38.6%	43.5%	15.6%	2.0%	0.3%
Q1-4. Nemaha County as a place to work	38.1%	38.5%	19.7%	3.3%	0.4%
Q1-5. Nemaha County as a place to retire	39.2%	37.7%	17.4%	4.2%	1.4%
Q1-6. Overall quality of life in Nemaha County	38.0%	47.4%	12.5%	1.7%	0.3%

Q2. Using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 is a "Major Strength" and 1 is a "Major Weakness," please rate each of the following aspects of life in Nemaha County.

(N=945)

	Major strength	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Major weakness	Don't know
Q2-1. Cost of living	13.1%	35.4%	34.0%	11.3%	2.4%	3.7%
Q2-2. Employment opportunities	28.7%	35.3%	22.5%	8.0%	1.6%	3.8%
Q2-3. Place to raise a family	44.3%	40.7%	8.3%	1.1%	0.1%	5.5%
Q2-4. Rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	42.1%	37.7%	13.3%	2.0%	1.2%	3.7%
Q2-5. Safe place to live	47.8%	41.2%	8.7%	0.3%	0.2%	1.8%
Q2-6. Schools	36.9%	43.4%	15.0%	1.6%	0.3%	2.8%
Q2-7. Small local businesses	28.1%	43.2%	19.3%	5.6%	1.5%	2.3%
Q2-8. Large retail business	9.1%	22.2%	40.6%	17.4%	7.3%	3.4%
Q2-9. Agri-business	39.5%	41.4%	13.1%	1.3%	0.5%	4.2%
Q2-10. Manufacturing/ industrial business	35.7%	37.4%	17.0%	5.1%	2.1%	2.8%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q2. Using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 is a "Major Strength" and 1 is a "Major Weakness," please rate each of the following aspects of life in Nemaha County. (without "don't know")

(N=945)

	Major strength	Strength	Neutral	Weakness	Major weakness
Q2-1. Cost of living	13.6%	36.8%	35.3%	11.8%	2.5%
Q2-2. Employment opportunities	29.8%	36.7%	23.4%	8.4%	1.7%
Q2-3. Place to raise a family	46.9%	43.1%	8.7%	1.1%	0.1%
Q2-4. Rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	43.7%	39.1%	13.8%	2.1%	1.2%
Q2-5. Safe place to live	48.7%	41.9%	8.8%	0.3%	0.2%
Q2-6. Schools	38.0%	44.6%	15.5%	1.6%	0.3%
Q2-7. Small local businesses	28.8%	44.2%	19.7%	5.7%	1.5%
Q2-8. Large retail business	9.4%	23.0%	42.1%	18.0%	7.6%
Q2-9. Agri-business	41.2%	43.2%	13.7%	1.3%	0.6%
Q2-10. Manufacturing/industrial business	36.7%	38.4%	17.5%	5.2%	2.2%

Q3. Please rate how important you feel each of the following issues currently facing Nemaha County are, using a scale of 3 to 1 where 3 means "Very Important" and 1 means "Not Important."

(N=945)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not sure
Q3-1. Affordable housing	68.3%	25.0%	2.6%	4.1%
Q3-2. Attracting new industry	53.2%	37.0%	5.5%	4.2%
Q3-3. Crime prevention	74.6%	19.4%	3.3%	2.8%
Q3-4. Job opportunities	72.1%	20.7%	2.8%	4.4%
Q3-5. Maintenance & improvements of roads	71.5%	23.8%	1.7%	3.0%
Q3-6. Protecting farmland	71.2%	18.6%	3.8%	6.3%
Q3-7. Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	69.9%	19.9%	6.0%	4.1%
Q3-8. Quality schools	85.2%	11.1%	0.5%	3.2%
Q3-9. Maintaining/strengthening family values	80.2%	13.8%	2.5%	3.5%
Q3-10. Childcare	68.1%	22.3%	3.9%	5.6%
Q3-11. Protect environment/natural resources	66.0%	26.0%	3.8%	4.1%
Q3-12. Business retention	75.2%	19.2%	1.6%	4.0%
Q3-13. Attraction/retention of youth & young families	78.2%	16.8%	1.8%	3.2%

(WITHOUT "NOT SURE")

Q3. Please rate how important you feel each of the following issues currently facing Nemaha County are, using a scale of 3 to 1 where 3 means "Very Important" and 1 means "Not Important." (without "not sure")

(N=945)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Q3-1. Affordable housing	71.2%	26.0%	2.8%
Q3-2. Attracting new industry	55.6%	38.7%	5.7%
Q3-3. Crime prevention	76.7%	19.9%	3.4%
Q3-4. Job opportunities	75.4%	21.7%	2.9%
Q3-5. Maintenance & improvements of roads	73.7%	24.5%	1.7%
Q3-6. Protecting farmland	76.0%	19.9%	4.1%
Q3-7. Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	73.0%	20.8%	6.3%
Q3-8. Quality schools	88.0%	11.5%	0.5%
Q3-9. Maintaining/strengthening family values	83.1%	14.3%	2.6%
Q3-10. Childcare	72.2%	23.7%	4.1%
Q3-11. Protect environment/natural resources	68.9%	27.2%	4.0%
Q3-12. Business retention	78.4%	20.0%	1.7%
Q3-13. Attraction/retention of youth & young families	80.8%	17.4%	1.9%

Q4. Which THREE of the issues from the list in Question 3 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT for Nemaha County to address over the next five years?

<u>Q4. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	157	16.6 %
Attracting new industry	56	5.9 %
Crime prevention	81	8.6 %
Job opportunities	46	4.9 %
Maintenance & improvements of roads	59	6.2 %
Protecting farmland	51	5.4 %
Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	116	12.3 %
Quality schools	88	9.3 %
Maintaining/strengthening family values	88	9.3 %
Childcare	24	2.5 %
Protect environment/natural resources	11	1.2 %
Business retention	19	2.0 %
Attraction/retention of youth & young families	74	7.8 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>7.9 %</u>
Total	945	100.0 %

Q4. Which THREE of the issues from the list in Question 3 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT for Nemaha County to address over the next five years?

<u>Q4. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	82	8.7 %
Attracting new industry	56	5.9 %
Crime prevention	66	7.0 %
Job opportunities	86	9.1 %
Maintenance & improvements of roads	70	7.4 %
Protecting farmland	47	5.0 %
Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	61	6.5 %
Quality schools	120	12.7 %
Maintaining/strengthening family values	77	8.1 %
Childcare	38	4.0 %
Protect environment/natural resources	28	3.0 %
Business retention	55	5.8 %
Attraction/retention of youth & young families	75	7.9 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>8.9 %</u>
Total	945	100.0 %

Q4. Which THREE of the issues from the list in Question 3 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT for Nemaha County to address over the next five years?

<u>Q4. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	66	7.0 %
Attracting new industry	36	3.8 %
Crime prevention	58	6.1 %
Job opportunities	75	7.9 %
Maintenance & improvements of roads	62	6.6 %
Protecting farmland	49	5.2 %
Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	66	7.0 %
Quality schools	109	11.5 %
Maintaining/strengthening family values	63	6.7 %
Childcare	35	3.7 %
Protect environment/natural resources	41	4.3 %
Business retention	81	8.6 %
Attraction/retention of youth & young families	107	11.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>10.3 %</u>
Total	945	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 3)

Q4. Which THREE of the issues from the list in Question 3 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT for Nemaha County to address over the next five years? (top 3)

<u>Q4. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Affordable housing	305	32.3 %
Attracting new industry	148	15.7 %
Crime prevention	205	21.7 %
Job opportunities	207	21.9 %
Maintenance & improvements of roads	191	20.2 %
Protecting farmland	147	15.6 %
Protecting rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	243	25.7 %
Quality schools	317	33.5 %
Maintaining/strengthening family values	228	24.1 %
Childcare	97	10.3 %
Protect environment/natural resources	80	8.5 %
Business retention	155	16.4 %
Attraction/retention of youth & young families	256	27.1 %
<u>None chosen</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>7.9 %</u>
Total	2654	

Q5. Which of the following groups do you believe should have a say in whether future industrial wind projects are sited in Nemaha County?

Q5. Which following groups should have a say in whether future industrial wind projects are sited in

Nemaha County	Number	Percent
Leased landowners	406	43.0 %
Nearby non-leased landowners	347	36.7 %
Nearby municipalities	272	28.8 %
Nearby rural homeowners	482	51.0 %
Any & all residents of County	591	62.5 %
Total	2098	

Q6. How supportive would you be of the addition of more industrial wind turbines in Nemaha County?

Q6. How supportive would you be of the addition of more industrial wind turbines in Nemaha County

	Number	Percent
Very supportive	120	12.7 %
Somewhat supportive	80	8.5 %
Neutral	127	13.4 %
Somewhat opposed	112	11.9 %
Very opposed	456	48.3 %
Not sure	50	5.3 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT SURE")

Q6. How supportive would you be of the addition of more industrial wind turbines in Nemaha County? (without "not sure")

Q6. How supportive would you be of the addition of more industrial wind turbines in Nemaha County

	Number	Percent
Very supportive	120	13.4 %
Somewhat supportive	80	8.9 %
Neutral	127	14.2 %
Somewhat opposed	112	12.5 %
Very opposed	456	50.9 %
Total	895	100.0 %

Q7. If additional industrial wind turbine projects were being considered for Nemaha County, by what means do you feel setbacks and other restrictions should be governed?

Q7. By what means should setbacks & other restrictions be governed

	Number	Percent
They should be allowed anywhere in the County based on restrictions established by wind industry standards	95	10.1 %
They should be restricted based on terms in negotiated contracts between wind developer(s) & County Commissioners (similar to Soldier Creek Project)	197	20.8 %
They should be restricted based on regulations established by County governance via zoning	137	14.5 %
No further industrial wind project should be allowed anywhere in the County	480	50.8 %
Not provided	36	3.8 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q7. If additional industrial wind turbine projects were being considered for Nemaha County, by what means do you feel setbacks and other restrictions should be governed? (without "not provided")

<u>Q7. By what means should setbacks & other restrictions be governed</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
They should be allowed anywhere in the County based on restrictions established by wind industry standards	95	10.5 %
They should be restricted based on terms in negotiated contracts between wind developer(s) & County Commissioners (similar to Soldier Creek Project)	197	21.7 %
They should be restricted based on regulations established by County governance via zoning	137	15.1 %
No further industrial wind project should be allowed anywhere in the County	480	52.8 %
Total	909	100.0 %

Q8. The Soldier Creek industrial wind project was recently constructed in Nemaha County. How do you feel this project has affected each of the following aspects of the County?

(N=945)

	<u>Helped</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>Hurt</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Q8-1. Revenue generated by project for County & Township	26.9%	19.8%	12.1%	41.3%
Q8-2. Revenue generated by project for leased landowners	42.3%	9.8%	7.3%	40.5%
Q8-3. Aesthetic value	3.9%	19.7%	52.5%	23.9%
Q8-4. Community togetherness (social fabric)	2.4%	12.6%	60.8%	24.1%
Q8-5. Cost of energy	6.3%	39.4%	22.6%	31.6%
Q8-6. Roads & bridges	16.7%	24.9%	27.4%	31.0%
Q8-7. Rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	3.8%	20.1%	53.9%	22.2%
Q8-8. Community growth	6.7%	32.9%	34.0%	26.5%
Q8-9. Quality of life	5.7%	34.6%	36.3%	23.4%
Q8-10. Property value	9.8%	18.2%	41.1%	30.9%

(WITHOUT "NOT SURE")

Q8. The Soldier Creek industrial wind project was recently constructed in Nemaha County. How do you feel this project has affected each of the following aspects of the County? (without "not sure")

(N=945)

	Helped	No change	Hurt
Q8-1. Revenue generated by project for County & Township	45.8%	33.7%	20.5%
Q8-2. Revenue generated by project for leased landowners	71.2%	16.5%	12.3%
Q8-3. Aesthetic value	5.1%	25.9%	69.0%
Q8-4. Community togetherness (social fabric)	3.2%	16.6%	80.2%
Q8-5. Cost of energy	9.3%	57.6%	33.1%
Q8-6. Roads & bridges	24.2%	36.0%	39.7%
Q8-7. Rural character (Low population density, farming, ranch land, nature, & natural resources. Uncluttered viewsheds & night skies, generally quiet environment, close-knit communities.)	4.9%	25.9%	69.3%
Q8-8. Community growth	9.1%	44.7%	46.2%
Q8-9. Quality of life	7.5%	45.2%	47.4%
Q8-10. Property value	14.2%	26.3%	59.4%

Q9. Overall, how would you rate your access to the following in Nemaha County.

(N=945)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Q9-1. Outdoor parks & recreation facilities	19.8%	43.4%	21.4%	6.2%	9.2%
Q9-2. Indoor recreation facilities	9.7%	26.9%	27.6%	23.6%	12.2%
Q9-3. Community arts, theater, music & dance	4.6%	15.4%	31.2%	30.8%	18.0%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q9. Overall, how would you rate your access to the following in Nemaha County. (without "don't know")

(N=945)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Q9-1. Outdoor parks & recreation facilities	21.8%	47.8%	23.5%	6.9%
Q9-2. Indoor recreation facilities	11.1%	30.6%	31.4%	26.9%
Q9-3. Community arts, theater, music & dance	5.5%	18.8%	38.1%	37.5%

Q10. What organization(s) should have a role with providing recreation facilities?

Q10. What organizations should have a role with providing recreation facilities

	Number	Percent
City	733	77.6 %
County	590	62.4 %
Schools	460	48.7 %
Faith community	368	38.9 %
Private sector	508	53.8 %
Not-for-profit organizations	440	46.6 %
Total	3099	

Q11. Please indicate if you or any members of your household have a need for each of the following recreation facilities or amenities.

(N=945)

	Yes	No
Q11-1. Athletic fields	34.2%	65.8%
Q11-2. Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	28.1%	71.9%
Q11-3. Indoor recreation space	49.7%	50.3%
Q11-4. Indoor meeting space	41.7%	58.3%
Q11-5. Pickleball courts	20.4%	79.6%
Q11-6. Spray grounds/splash pads	27.9%	72.1%
Q11-7. Trails-walking/hiking/biking	54.5%	45.5%
Q11-8. Expanded community parks	41.1%	58.9%
Q11-9. Public swimming pools	48.1%	51.9%
Q11-10. Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	38.8%	61.2%
Q11-11. Other	5.8%	94.2%

Q11. If "Yes," how well are your needs being met?

(N=754)

	Fully met	Mostly met	Partly met	Not met
Q11-1. Athletic fields	45.3%	43.7%	10.4%	0.6%
Q11-2. Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	15.7%	43.0%	31.3%	10.0%
Q11-3. Indoor recreation space	14.0%	23.0%	35.6%	27.4%
Q11-4. Indoor meeting space	33.3%	34.4%	27.0%	5.2%
Q11-5. Pickleball courts	21.8%	21.8%	22.9%	33.5%
Q11-6. Spray grounds/splash pads	31.8%	23.1%	17.4%	27.7%
Q11-7. Trails-walking/hiking/biking	9.3%	18.9%	37.1%	34.7%
Q11-8. Expanded community parks	15.9%	37.2%	36.6%	10.4%
Q11-9. Public swimming pools	50.1%	34.6%	11.7%	3.6%
Q11-10. Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	6.7%	16.3%	34.7%	42.3%
Q11-11. Other	0.0%	4.3%	23.4%	72.3%

Q12. Which THREE of the facilities/amenities from the list in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

Q12. Top choice	Number	Percent
Athletic fields	74	7.8 %
Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	55	5.8 %
Indoor recreation space	137	14.5 %
Indoor meeting space	53	5.6 %
Pickleball courts	17	1.8 %
Spray grounds/splash pads	7	0.7 %
Trails-walking/hiking/biking	157	16.6 %
Expanded community parks	30	3.2 %
Public swimming pools	45	4.8 %
Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	63	6.7 %
None chosen	307	32.5 %
Total	945	100.0 %

Q12. Which THREE of the facilities/amenities from the list in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. 2nd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Athletic fields	32	3.4 %
Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	31	3.3 %
Indoor recreation space	115	12.2 %
Indoor meeting space	49	5.2 %
Pickleball courts	20	2.1 %
Spray grounds/splash pads	26	2.8 %
Trails-walking/hiking/biking	134	14.2 %
Expanded community parks	56	5.9 %
Public swimming pools	70	7.4 %
Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	54	5.7 %
None chosen	358	37.9 %
Total	945	100.0 %

Q12. Which THREE of the facilities/amenities from the list in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

<u>Q12. 3rd choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Athletic fields	39	4.1 %
Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	40	4.2 %
Indoor recreation space	54	5.7 %
Indoor meeting space	40	4.2 %
Pickleball courts	21	2.2 %
Spray grounds/splash pads	26	2.8 %
Trails-walking/hiking/biking	78	8.3 %
Expanded community parks	55	5.8 %
Public swimming pools	63	6.7 %
Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	72	7.6 %
None chosen	457	48.4 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 3)

Q12. Which THREE of the facilities/amenities from the list in Question 11 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household? (top 3)

<u>Q12. Top choice</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Athletic fields	145	15.3 %
Expanded capacity of the County fairgrounds area to host the County fair & other special events	126	13.3 %
Indoor recreation space	306	32.4 %
Indoor meeting space	142	15.0 %
Pickleball courts	58	6.1 %
Spray grounds/splash pads	59	6.2 %
Trails-walking/hiking/biking	369	39.0 %
Expanded community parks	141	14.9 %
Public swimming pools	178	18.8 %
Community arts, theatre, music, & dance	189	20.0 %
None chosen	307	32.5 %
Total	2020	

Q13. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the following aspects of infrastructure in Nemaha County.

(N=945)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q13-1. Quality of roads	5.8%	40.3%	25.5%	21.0%	4.7%	2.8%
Q13-2. Quality of bridges	6.5%	43.4%	31.5%	12.2%	1.7%	4.8%
Q13-3. Quality of high-speed internet	6.3%	30.3%	22.5%	21.8%	11.3%	7.7%
Q13-4. Availability of high-speed internet	7.9%	26.9%	23.4%	20.8%	12.9%	8.0%
Q13-5. Cellular phone service	8.6%	39.0%	22.8%	16.9%	8.9%	3.8%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q13. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the following aspects of infrastructure in Nemaha County. (without "don't know")

(N=945)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q13-1. Quality of roads	6.0%	41.5%	26.2%	21.5%	4.8%
Q13-2. Quality of bridges	6.8%	45.6%	33.1%	12.8%	1.8%
Q13-3. Quality of high-speed internet	6.9%	32.8%	24.4%	23.6%	12.3%
Q13-4. Availability of high-speed internet	8.6%	29.2%	25.4%	22.7%	14.0%
Q13-5. Cellular phone service	8.9%	40.6%	23.7%	17.6%	9.2%

Q14. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the following services in Nemaha County.

(N=945)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Q14-1. Availability of social services	7.5%	32.8%	31.5%	5.0%	1.5%	21.7%
Q14-2. Quality of social services	7.1%	31.0%	33.7%	3.8%	1.2%	23.3%
Q14-3. Quality of home health care	11.7%	35.6%	26.2%	2.6%	0.6%	23.2%
Q14-4. Quality of healthcare	25.8%	42.1%	18.4%	4.7%	2.0%	7.0%
Q14-5. Availability of mental health services	5.2%	19.7%	32.3%	11.7%	4.3%	26.8%
Q14-6. Quality of programs for the elderly	7.3%	25.9%	31.2%	10.7%	1.8%	23.1%
Q14-7. Quality of subsidized housing	4.0%	18.3%	36.5%	8.9%	1.8%	30.5%
Q14-8. Availability of childcare	4.0%	15.9%	33.5%	20.5%	4.9%	21.2%
Q14-9. Emergency services (fire, police, & EMS)	33.0%	50.5%	11.1%	1.5%	0.1%	3.8%

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q14. Please rate your satisfaction using a scale of 5 to 1, where 5 means "Very Satisfied" and 1 means "Very Dissatisfied," with the following services in Nemaha County. (without "don't know")

(N=945)

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Q14-1. Availability of social services	9.6%	41.9%	40.3%	6.4%	1.9%
Q14-2. Quality of social services	9.2%	40.4%	43.9%	5.0%	1.5%
Q14-3. Quality of home health care	15.3%	46.3%	34.2%	3.4%	0.8%
Q14-4. Quality of healthcare	27.8%	45.3%	19.8%	5.0%	2.2%
Q14-5. Availability of mental health services	7.1%	26.9%	44.1%	16.0%	5.9%
Q14-6. Quality of programs for the elderly	9.5%	33.7%	40.6%	13.9%	2.3%
Q14-7. Quality of subsidized housing	5.8%	26.3%	52.5%	12.8%	2.6%
Q14-8. Availability of childcare	5.1%	20.1%	42.6%	26.0%	6.2%
Q14-9. Emergency services (fire, police, & EMS)	34.3%	52.5%	11.6%	1.5%	0.1%

Q15. Please rate how important you feel each of the following traits are in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County, using a scale of 3 to 1 where 3 means "Very Important" and 1 means "Not Important."

(N=945)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not sure
Q15-1. Availability of a variety of types of housing	61.5%	29.2%	3.1%	6.2%
Q15-2. Community togetherness (social fabric)	50.7%	37.4%	5.2%	6.8%
Q15-3. Job opportunities	84.0%	11.0%	1.1%	3.9%
Q15-4. Quality schools	85.0%	10.1%	1.1%	3.9%
Q15-5. Industrial renewable energy	21.7%	25.6%	40.1%	12.6%
Q15-6. Residential renewable energy	23.8%	29.0%	33.4%	13.8%
Q15-7. Rural character	59.8%	26.9%	4.9%	8.5%

(WITHOUT "NOT SURE")

Q15. Please rate how important you feel each of the following traits are in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County, using a scale of 3 to 1 where 3 means "Very Important" and 1 means "Not Important." (without "not sure")

(N=945)

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Q15-1. Availability of a variety of types of housing	65.6%	31.2%	3.3%
Q15-2. Community togetherness (social fabric)	54.4%	40.1%	5.6%
Q15-3. Job opportunities	87.4%	11.5%	1.1%
Q15-4. Quality schools	88.4%	10.5%	1.1%
Q15-5. Industrial renewable energy	24.8%	29.3%	45.9%
Q15-6. Residential renewable energy	27.6%	33.6%	38.8%
Q15-7. Rural character	65.3%	29.4%	5.3%

Q16. Which THREE of the traits from the list in Question 15 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County?

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Availability of a variety of types of housing	233	24.7 %
Community togetherness (social fabric)	56	5.9 %
Job opportunities	323	34.2 %
Quality schools	156	16.5 %
Industrial renewable energy	10	1.1 %
Residential renewable energy	3	0.3 %
Rural character	69	7.3 %
<u>None chosen</u>	95	10.1 %
Total	945	100.0 %

Q16. Which THREE of the traits from the list in Question 15 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County?

Q16. 2nd choice	Number	Percent
Availability of a variety of types of housing	134	14.2 %
Community togetherness (social fabric)	74	7.8 %
Job opportunities	273	28.9 %
Quality schools	279	29.5 %
Industrial renewable energy	10	1.1 %
Residential renewable energy	19	2.0 %
Rural character	53	5.6 %
<u>None chosen</u>	103	10.9 %
Total	945	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Q16. Which THREE of the traits from the list in Question 15 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County?

Q16. 3rd choice	Number	Percent
Availability of a variety of types of housing	155	16.4 %
Community togetherness (social fabric)	104	11.0 %
Job opportunities	135	14.3 %
Quality schools	246	26.0 %
Industrial renewable energy	20	2.1 %
Residential renewable energy	28	3.0 %
Rural character	122	12.9 %
None chosen	135	14.3 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(SUM OF TOP 3)

Q16. Which THREE of the traits from the list in Question 15 do you feel are MOST IMPORTANT in retaining Nemaha County residents and attracting non-County residents to Nemaha County? (top 3)

Q16. Top choice	Number	Percent
Availability of a variety of types of housing	522	55.2 %
Community togetherness (social fabric)	234	24.8 %
Job opportunities	731	77.4 %
Quality schools	681	72.1 %
Industrial renewable energy	40	4.2 %
Residential renewable energy	50	5.3 %
Rural character	244	25.8 %
None chosen	95	10.1 %
Total	2597	

Q17. Do you support industrial wind energy development/generation?

Q17. Do you support industrial wind energy development/generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	264	27.9 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	59	6.2 %
No, I don't support it	483	51.1 %
Not sure	127	13.4 %
Not provided	12	1.3 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q17. Do you support industrial wind energy development/generation? (without "not provided")

Q17. Do you support industrial wind energy development/generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	264	28.3 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	59	6.3 %
No, I don't support it	483	51.8 %
Not sure	127	13.6 %
Total	933	100.0 %

Q18. Do you support industrial solar development/generation?

Q18. Do you support industrial solar development/ generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	315	33.3 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	59	6.2 %
No, I don't support it	322	34.1 %
Not sure	233	24.7 %
Not provided	16	1.7 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "DON'T KNOW")

Q18. Do you support industrial solar development/generation? (without "not provided")

Q18. Do you support industrial solar development/ generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	315	33.9 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	59	6.4 %
No, I don't support it	322	34.7 %
Not sure	233	25.1 %
Total	929	100.0 %

Q19. Do you support residential/private business solar development/generation?

Q19. Do you support residential/private business solar development/generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	441	46.7 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	29	3.1 %
No, I don't support it	185	19.6 %
Not sure	270	28.6 %
Not provided	20	2.1 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q19. Do you support residential/private business solar development/generation? (without "not provided")

Q19. Do you support residential/private business solar development/generation	Number	Percent
Yes, I support it in Nemaha County	441	47.7 %
Yes, I support it, but not in Nemaha County	29	3.1 %
No, I don't support it	185	20.0 %
Not sure	270	29.2 %
Total	925	100.0 %

Q20. Please indicate your level of support for the following types of development in Nemaha County using a scale of 3 to 1, where 3 means "Very Supportive" and 1 means "Not Supportive."

(N=945)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not supportive	Not sure
Q20-1. Agricultural or agriculture-related	77.9%	15.3%	1.5%	5.3%
Q20-2. Manufacturing	68.1%	25.2%	1.1%	5.6%
Q20-3. Retail	67.2%	24.9%	1.9%	6.0%
Q20-4. Tourism	36.8%	38.5%	11.7%	12.9%
Q20-5. Other	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

(WITHOUT "NOT SURE")

Q20. Please indicate your level of support for the following types of development in Nemaha County using a scale of 3 to 1, where 3 means "Very Supportive" and 1 means "Not Supportive." (without "not sure")

(N=945)

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not supportive
Q20-1. Agricultural or agriculture-related	82.2%	16.2%	1.6%
Q20-2. Manufacturing	72.2%	26.7%	1.1%
Q20-3. Retail	71.5%	26.5%	2.0%
Q20-4. Tourism	42.3%	44.2%	13.5%
Q20-5. Other	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Q21. How many years have you lived in the Nemaha County?

Q21. How many years have you lived in Nemaha County	Number	Percent
0-5	37	3.9 %
6-10	30	3.2 %
11-15	32	3.4 %
16-20	30	3.2 %
21-30	99	10.5 %
31+	684	72.4 %
Not provided	33	3.5 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q21. How many years have you lived in the Nemaha County? (without "not provided")

Q21. How many years have you lived in Nemaha County	Number	Percent
0-5	37	4.1 %
6-10	30	3.3 %
11-15	32	3.5 %
16-20	30	3.3 %
21-30	99	10.9 %
31+	684	75.0 %
Total	912	100.0 %

Q22. Counting yourself, how many people in your household are...

	Mean	Sum
number	2.4	2192
Under 5 years	0.1	113
5-9 years	0.2	138
10-17 years	0.2	207
18-24 years	0.1	129
25-34 years	0.1	131
35-44 years	0.2	188
45-54 years	0.3	257
55-64 years	0.4	321
65-74 years	0.4	402
75+ years	0.3	306

Q23. What is your age?

Q23. Your age	Number	Percent
18-34	108	11.4 %
35-44	128	13.5 %
45-54	125	13.2 %
55-64	176	18.6 %
65+	397	42.0 %
Not provided	11	1.2 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

Q23. What is your age? (without "not provided")

<u>Q23. Your age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18-34	108	11.6 %
35-44	128	13.7 %
45-54	125	13.4 %
55-64	176	18.8 %
65+	397	42.5 %
Total	934	100.0 %

Q24. Your gender:

<u>Q24. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	475	50.3 %
Female	457	48.4 %
Not provided	13	1.4 %
Total	945	100.0 %

(WITHOUT "NOT PROVIDED")

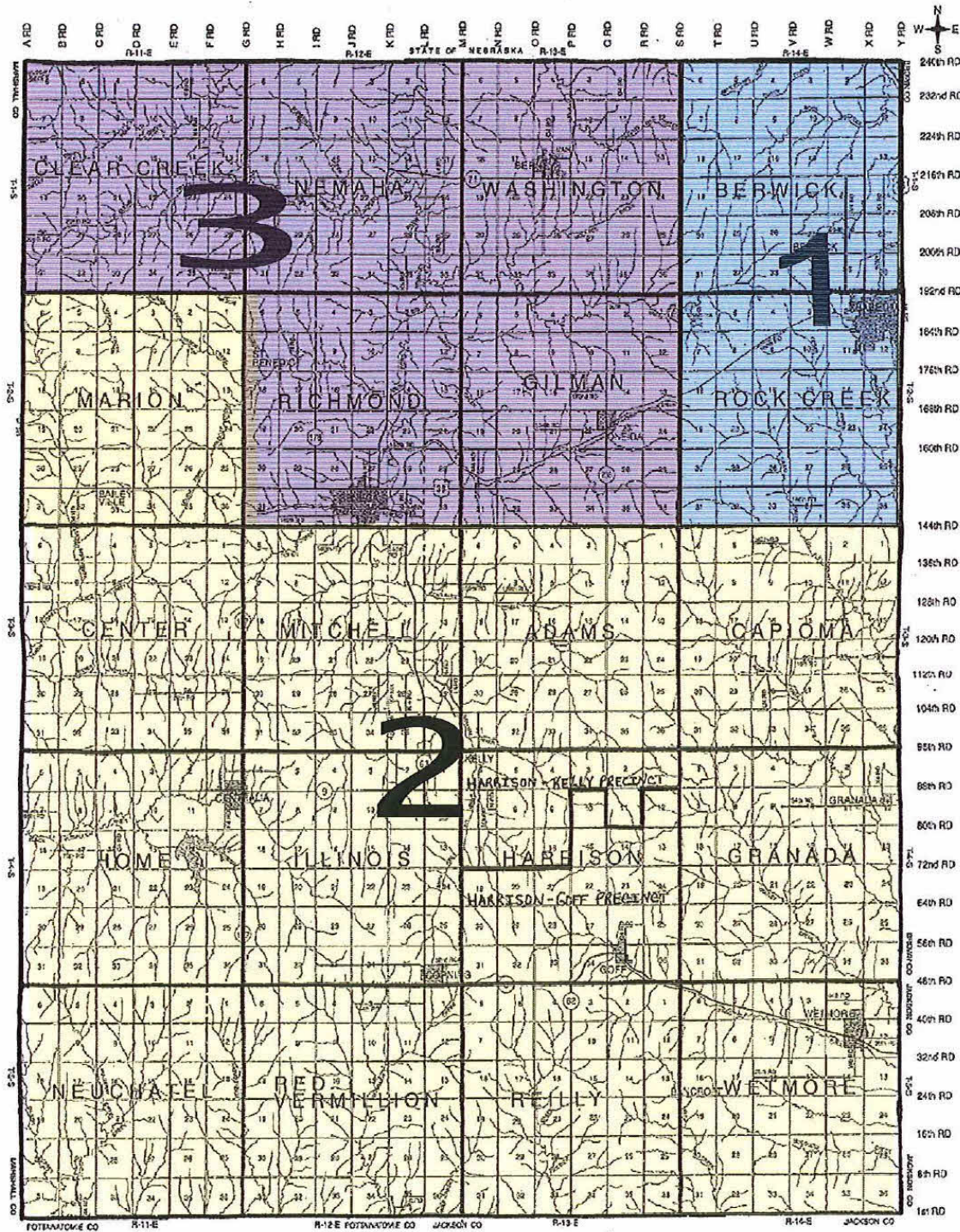
Q24. Your gender: (without "not provided")

<u>Q24. Your gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	475	51.0 %
Female	457	49.0 %
Total	932	100.0 %

County Maps

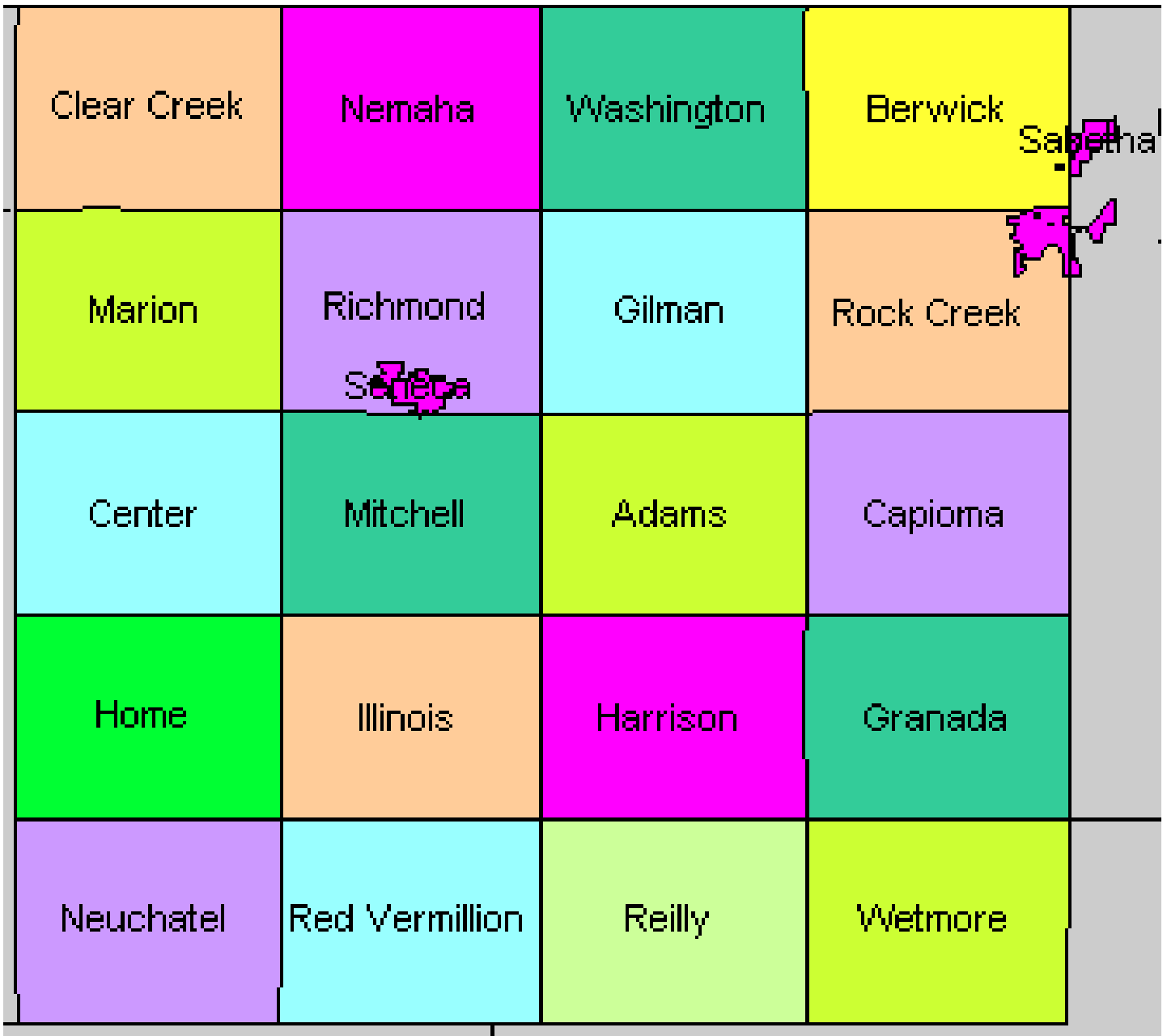
COMMISSION DISTRICT MAP

Nemaha County, Kansas

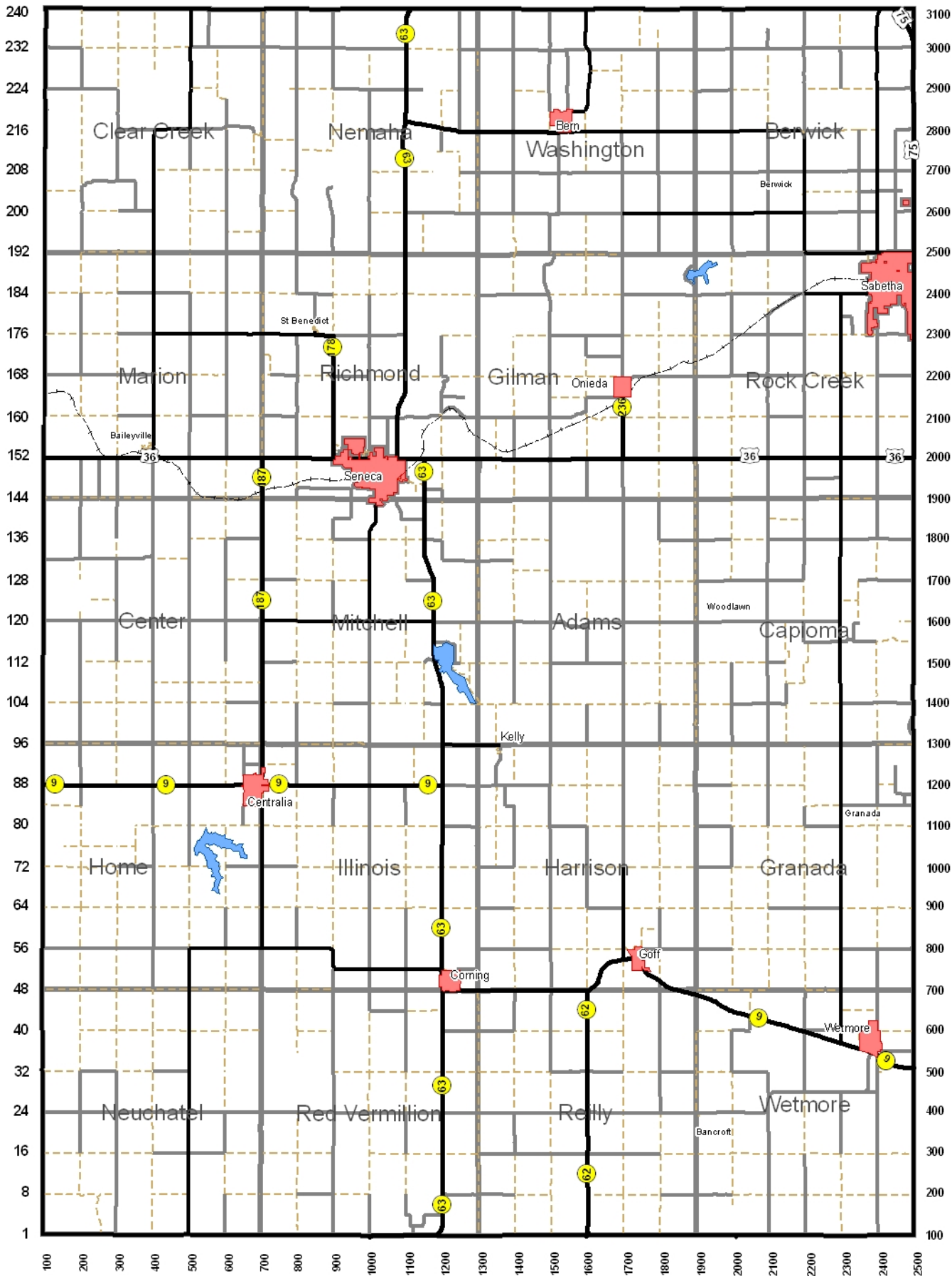


NEMAHA COUNTY

TOWNSHIP MAP



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y



Emergency Management
Nemaha County

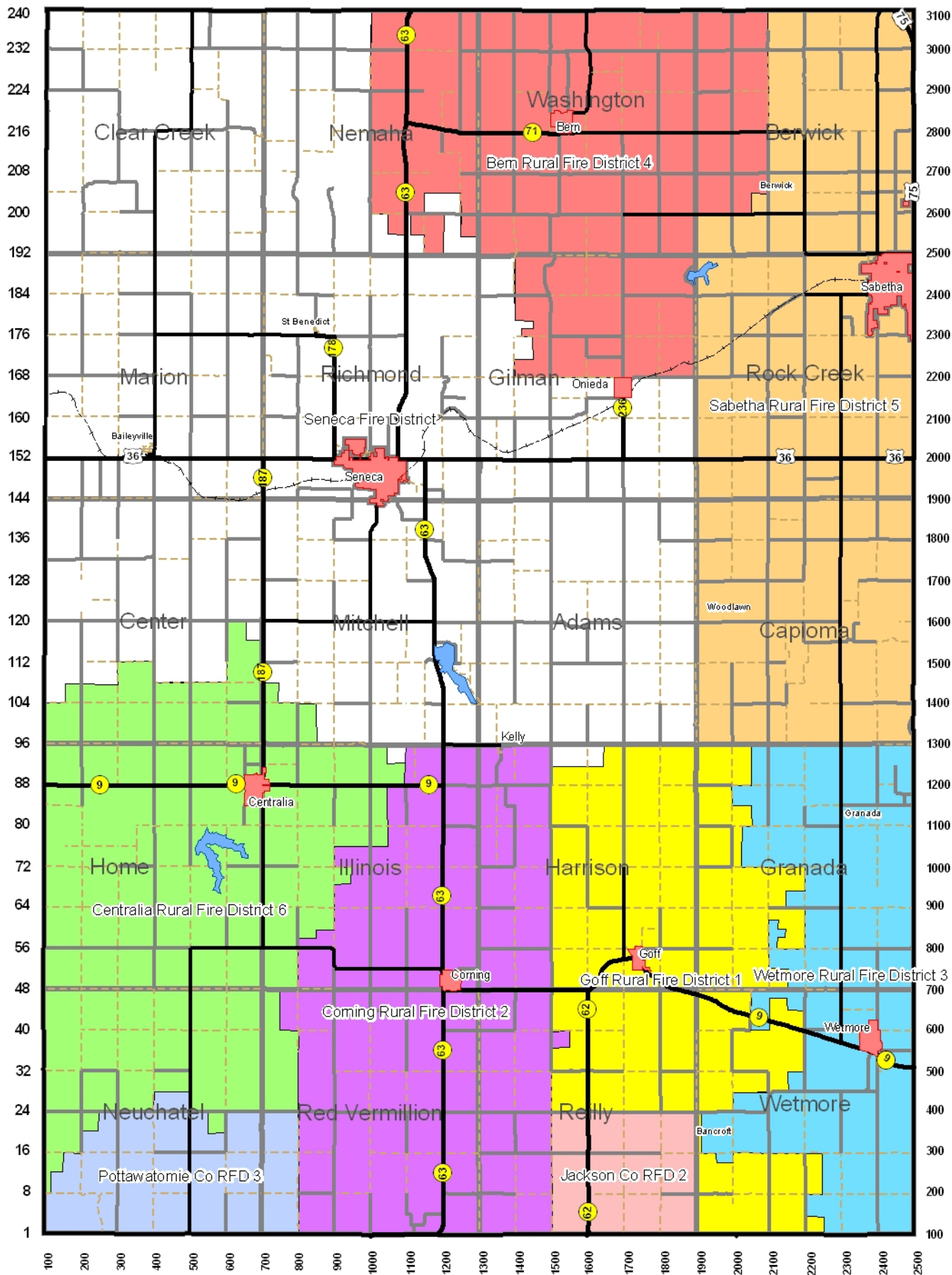
December 1, 2006 Duryea

Roads and Cities Nemaha County

- Paved / Chip Seal
- Rock / Gravel
- Undetermined



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y



Emergency Management
Nemaha County

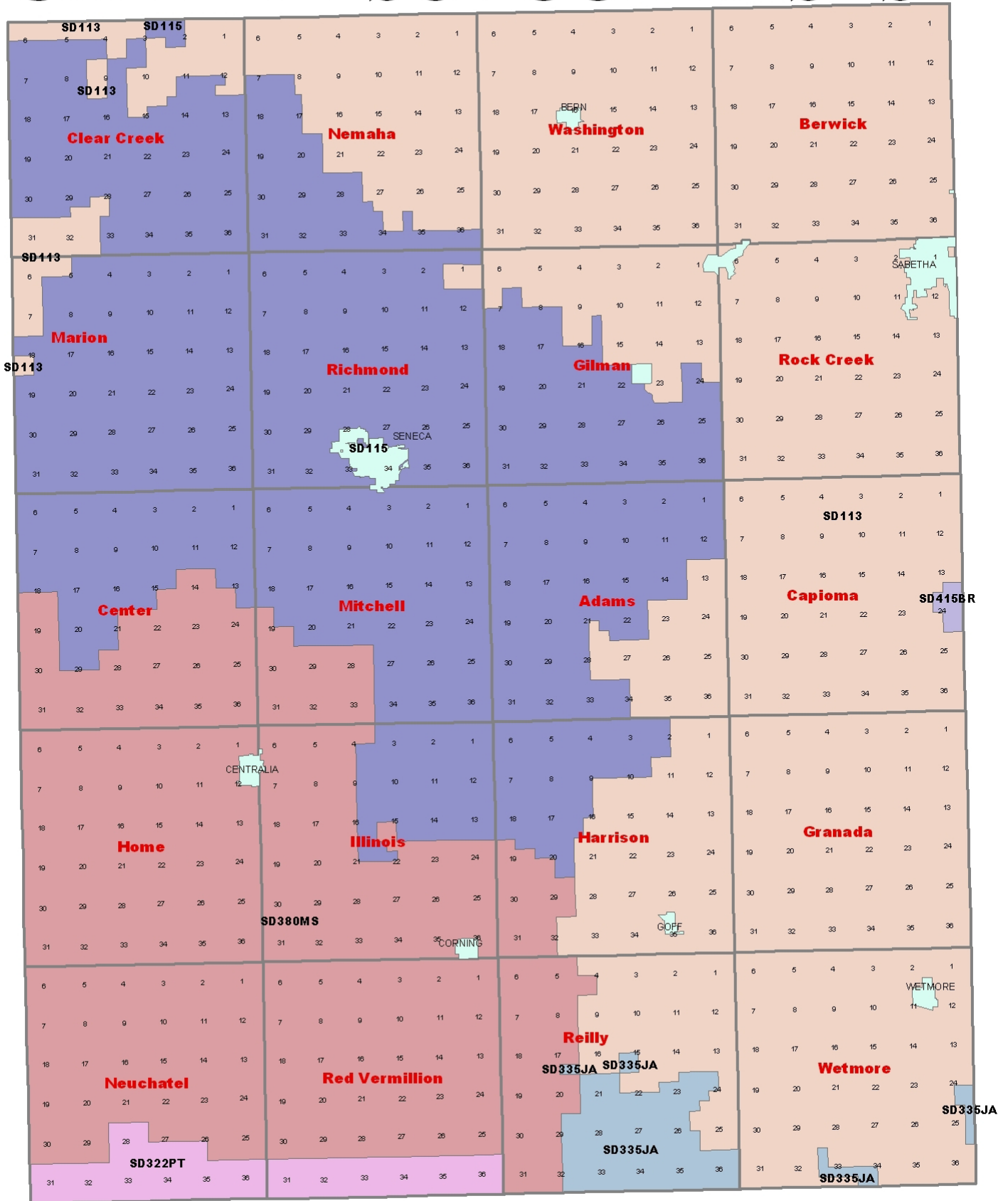
December 1, 2006 Duryea

County Fire Districts Nemaha County

- Paved / Chip Seal
- - - Rock / Gravel
- - - Undetermined



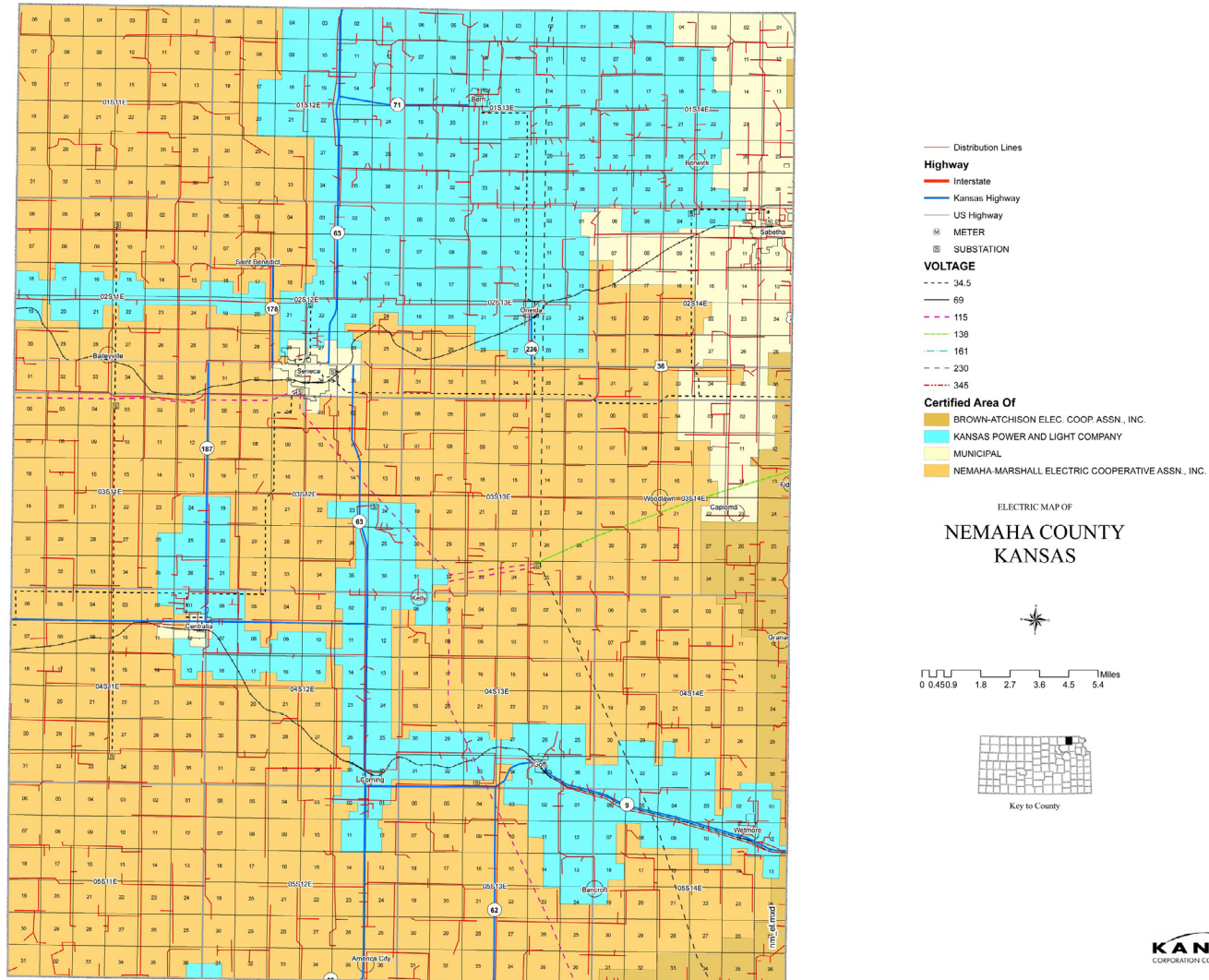
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

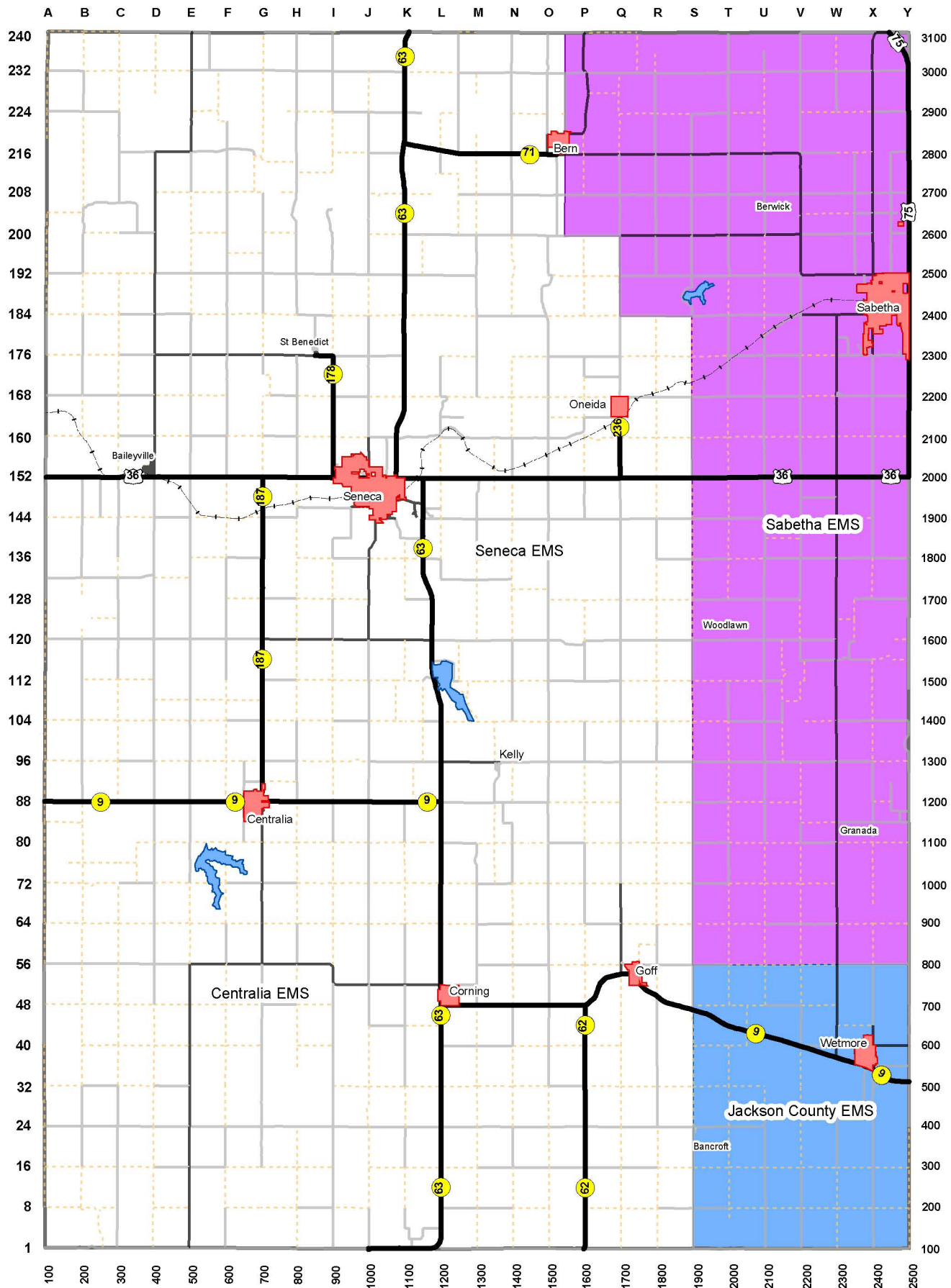


ELECTRIC MAP

Nemaha County Electric Map – The Electric Map shows four certified areas in the County and the name of their operator:

- Evergy
- Sabetha Municipal
- Seneca Municipal
- Brown-Atchison Electric Cooperative Association
- Nemaha-Marshall Electric Co-Op





Emergency Management
Nemaha County

October 23, 2014

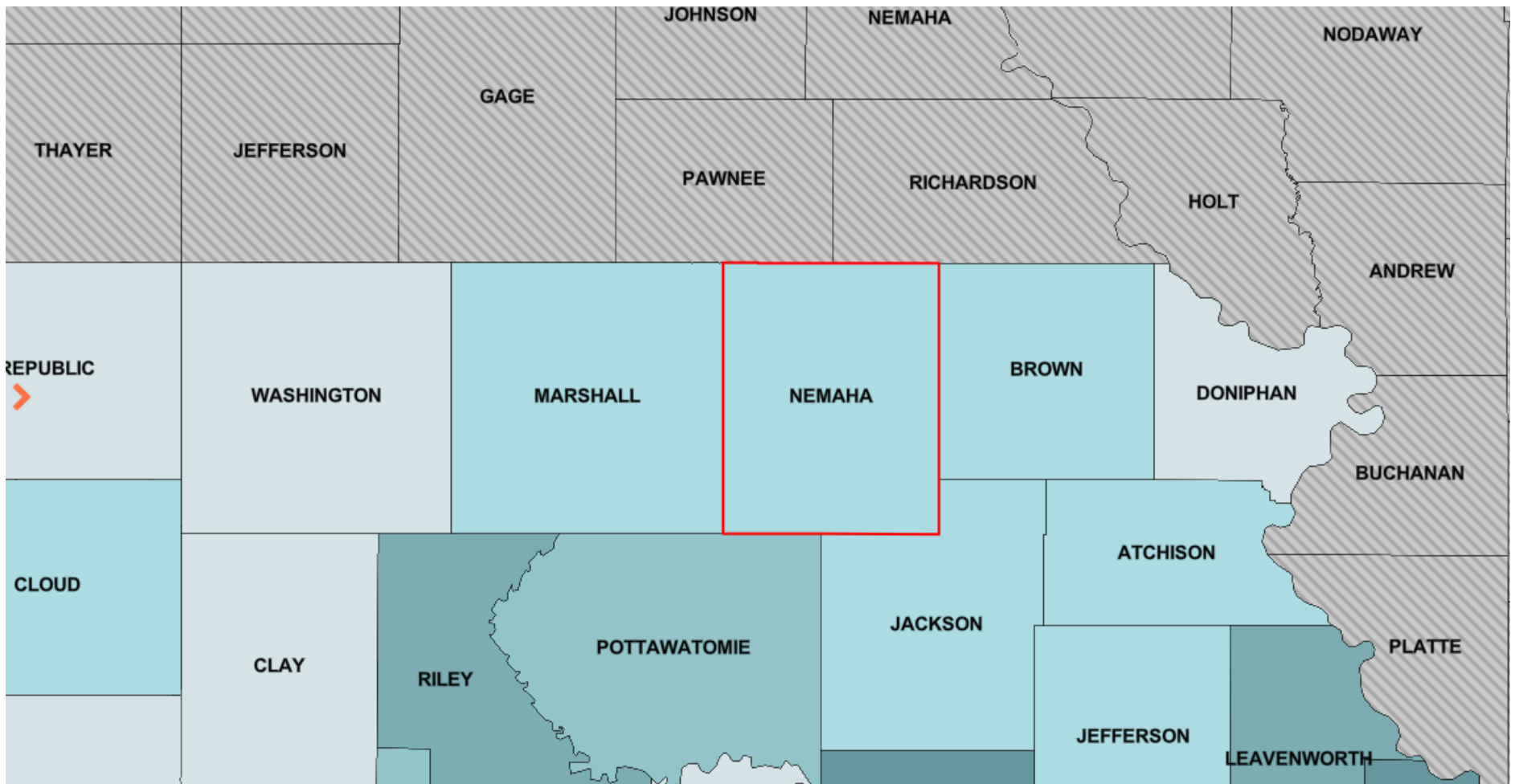
Nemaha County EMS Districts

- Paved / Chip Seal
- Rock / Gravel
- Undetermined



LOCATION MAP

OF NEMAHA COUNTY TO OTHER COUNTIES



NEMAHA COUNTY CITIZEN SURVEY PROMOTIONAL NEWSPAPER AD

The promotional newspaper ad was designed to inform citizens of key issues that would be tested in the survey, the role of the Nemaha County Planning Commission, and an alert to be watching your mailbox for the survey.

YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD!

In planning for the future of Nemaha County, your County Commissioners are asking for YOUR direct input on these and other important topics:



Do you want Industrial Wind Turbine Companies to develop more large projects here?

What aspects of our Rural Character are important to you and your family?

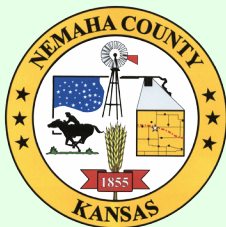


Do you believe it is important that Nemaha County is an attractive place for young people to live, work and raise their families?

How can the quality of life be improved for Nemaha County residents?



The survey will be mailed to every household in the county. Please plan now to voice your thoughts by investing just a few minutes to complete and return it by mail.



This survey is brought to you by the efforts of the Planning Commission as authorized by Nemaha County Commissioners.

BE SURE TO WATCH FOR THIS SURVEY COMING TO YOUR MAILBOX IN THE COMING WEEKS!

To promote widespread participation in the county-wide statistically valid citizen survey, the County Commission and Planning Commission authorized the development of the ad that is shown above and its promotion in local radio stations and insertion into the Sabetha and Seneca Newspapers on numerous occasions.

SENECA

