

REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 26, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 26, 2026 in the Commissioner's Room of the Nemaha County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order with Chairman Ben Glace leading the flag salute. Present also was Commissioner Joe Dalinghaus and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans recording the minutes. Commissioner Jason Koch was absent from today's meeting.

Ben Glace led those present in an opening prayer to begin the meeting this morning.

The board set the agenda for today's meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the agenda for January 26, 2026 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 12, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:10 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:22 am.

Nancy Gafford with Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas came before the board to request a signature from the Commission. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the semi-annual Microloan Program Income Report. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the report as presented.

Nancy also discussed with the board a potential tax abatement on a proposed new structure in the county. Derek Kaeb was also present for this discussion. The potential tax abatement will be on an expansion of the Kaeb LLC business near Sabetha. Nancy will prepare a letter for Commissioners to sign to indicate their approval for the tax abatement.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve Resolution 2026-1 authorizing participation in the Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for 2026. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the resolution as presented.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the Nemaha County Quarterly Financial Statement for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the statement as presented.

Commissioners received a work comp package from KWORCC of suggested implementation of safety committees and policies and procedures.

Commissioners called and spoke to County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker about the approval of an engagement letter with Varney & Associates, about the receipt of the cancellation of a security bond for the Irish Creek Windfarm, and about the receipt of \$15,000 from Soldier Creek Wind LLC for road damage assessments.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the engagement letter with Varney & Associates to conduct the county's 2025 audit and to prepare the county's 2025 financial statement. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the engagement letter as presented.

The board will be completing a Request for Quote to be sent out soon with building specifications for the construction of a new EMS building for the county.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to request that at least \$25,000 be moved from the Law Enforcement Fund to his Capital Outlay Fund in the year end fund transfers for 2025. Commissioners stated that they would consider this request.

The board reviewed vouchers submitted by the different departments to be paid this week. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on January 27, 2026 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK – 2025
JANUARY 27, 2026

General Fund	\$8,799.06
Road and Bridge Fund	\$8,761.22
Solid Waste	\$263.60
Grant – PHEP Funds	\$38.52

Grand Total: \$17,862.40

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK – 2026
JANUARY 27, 2026

General Fund	\$21,197.46
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$13,203.63
Road and Bridge Fund	\$3,607.27
Noxious Weed Fund	\$477.99
Transportation for Aging	\$751.65
Title III C-2	\$74.71
Solid Waste	\$2,311.15
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$611.22

Grand Total: \$42,235.08

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 10:56 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK