

REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 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 were Commissioners Joe Dalinghaus and Jason Koch, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejeans recording the minutes.

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

The board set the agenda for today's meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the agenda for February 2, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 26, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with Joe Dalinghaus and Ben Glace voting aye and Jason Koch abstaining from the vote due to his absence from the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:11 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:21 am.

**Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:**

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman advised the board that:

- the Cemetery Road contract is expected to be renewed for five years. Austin will draft the new contract for Commissioners to sign.
- he received 2026 fuel bids from Ag Partners, Berwick Oil, and Wanklyn Oil. Berwick Oil submitted the low bid for clear diesel, Wanklyn Oil submitted the low bid for E-10 fuel, and Wanklyn Oil submitted the low bid for dyed diesel. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the bid from Berwick Oil at \$2.80 per gallon for 22,500 gallons of clear diesel, the bid from Wanklyn Oil at \$2.455 per gallon for 30,000 gallons of E-10 fuel, and the bid from Wanklyn Oil at \$2.633 per gallon for 15,000 gallons of dyed diesel per Adam's recommendation. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he has applied for two bridge grants that are available for two of the county bridges. The Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program grant requires 10% county participation. The Off System Bridge Program is 100% KDOT funded. The county bridges being applied for are H-14 in Rock Creek Township and R-25 in Red Vermillion Township.
- Vance Brothers is going to start hauling product into our mixing strip on E Road for the micro-surface project on Old Highway 9.
- the truck drivers have a good start on hauling chips for the 2026 chip/seal season.
- he received bids for a new fuel tank and pump at the landfill from Ag Partners and from Berwick Oil. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the purchase of a new fuel tank and pump from Berwick Oil at a cost of \$2,858.61 per Adam's recommendation. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Treasurer Kim Bontrager came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program rebate checks that she recently sent out to county residents. Kim also spoke to Commissioners about the State beginning to oversee the securities of the county's funds at the bank.

Ben Glace moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 10:05 am to discuss matters relating to the pay and performance of non-elected personnel. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and Treasurer Kim Bontrager. At 10:05 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes and invited Clerk Mary Kay Schultejeans to join the executive session. The meeting returned to open session at 10:10 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:12 am.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine and Con Olson with Techs, Inc. came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the progress being made on a new EMS building for the county. The county plans to issue a Request for Quote for this project soon. The county is communicating a preference for local contractors to provide the building, labor, and materials related to this project.

Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:05 am to discuss the pay and performance of non-elected personnel. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine. The meeting returned to open session at 11:05 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board to speak to Commissioners about hiring an additional employee in her office at a rate of \$19.49 per hour. Commissioners agreed to allow Kerri to advertise for this position at this time.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:25 am to discuss the pay and performance of non-elected personnel. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. At 11:25 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional ten minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:35 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

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 February 3, 2026 as presented. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK – 2025  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026

General Fund	\$2,134.04
Road and Bridge Fund	\$60.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$2,194.04</b>

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK – 2026  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026

General Fund	\$4,458.11
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$1,181.85
Road and Bridge Fund	\$1,140.90
Noxious Weed Fund	\$425.00
Employee Benefits Fund	\$100.00
Ambulance	\$43,336.67
Soldier Creek Windfarm	\$10,000.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$60,642.53</b>

The board reviewed a payroll report for the December 2025/January 2026 payroll period. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the December 2025/January 2026 payroll in the amount of \$589,119.33 with benefits included. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the payroll report as presented.

NET PAY ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK  
JANUARY 30, 2026

General Fund	\$89,772.93
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$120,200.63
Road and Bridge Fund	\$46,300.84
Noxious Weed Fund	\$9,069.51
Election Fund	\$3,514.69
Transportation for Aging	\$16,796.66
Title III C-1	\$2,925.56
Title III C-2	\$6,197.92
Solid Waste	\$3,688.74
Special Administration	\$416.67

**Total Net Pay: \$298,884.15**

PAYROLL INVOICES ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK  
JANUARY 30, 2026

General Fund	\$43,067.62
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$52,825.81
Road and Bridge Fund	\$17,055.92
Noxious Weed Fund	\$3,122.60
Employees Benefits Fund	\$196,115.98
Election Fund	\$1,517.95
Transportation for Aging	\$6,958.57
Title III C-1	\$2,048.94
Title III C-2	\$1,029.21
Solid Waste	\$2,664.33

**Grand Total: \$326,406.93**

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the Reliance Matrix Life Insurance renewal through SBS Insurance. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the letter of support for Kaeb, LLC owned by Derek Kaeb for a ten-year tax abatement. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the letter as presented.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED  
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK