

REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 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 23, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board also reviewed the minutes from the February 20, 2026 special meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with Joe Dalinghaus and Jason Koch voting aye and Ben Glace abstaining from the vote due to his absence from the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:13 am. No one came before the board to speak during today’s forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:21 am.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker advised the board that his recommendation would be to decline the Nationwide Student Loan Repayment Option because employees already have access to these federal benefits.

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

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

- he needs to order tubes. Adam stated that he received a bid from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$60,701.02 and a bid from Contech in the amount of \$67,597.50. Jason Koch moved to approve the purchase of tubes from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$60,701.02. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- the guys are currently rocking the Powhattan Road. Mike McClain has recently submitted complaints to Adam and the Commissioners about this road. Commissioners have reviewed the road and discussed the condition of the road.
- they got the C&D pit covered again last week at the landfill.
- the Bern-Oneida Road project will begin in May.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve add/abate orders for 2025. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the add/abate orders as presented.

2026000001	ROSS00020	Ross, Sam Ross, Amanda	Abated in full	-\$24.00
2026000002	020023	O’Roke, Carl	Abated in full	-\$3,841.30
2026000003	KUEN00006	Kuenzi, John C & Lisa M	Added tax	\$11,766.70

Jason Koch moved to approve a Precious Metal Dealer’s License for United Patriot Coin, LLC. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the license as presented.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to speak to Commissioners about getting bills paid in a timely manner without incurring any late fees or interest fees moving forward. Commissioners discussed drafting a payment policy of specific payments that could be paid without first being approved by the Board of Commissioners such as contractual agreements and credit cards.

Rich also spoke to Commissioners about using an employee in the Treasurer’s Office for interpretation services. Commissioners were in agreeance with this idea.

Rich updated Commissioners concerning the radio upgrade utilizing the county’s ARPA funds. Radio upgrades are almost complete and ARPA funds have already been allocated for the payment of the radios.

Rich also spoke to Commissioners about his office fulfilling Open Records Requests that are submitted to the Sheriff’s Office. Austin will work on an adjustment to the county’s current policy regarding the fulfillment of Open Records Requests.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:25 am.

Commissioner Jason Koch let County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker know that there are three new road violations that need to be paid from NextEra Energy Resources.

The board and Austin reviewed a floor plan for the new EMS building drafted by Cody Rethman. Commissioners will each come back next week with a list of items that they would add to the building and they will also have Con Olson review the floor plan as well and provide feedback.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED  
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK