

REGULAR SESSION  
APRIL 6, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 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 Schultejan 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 April 6, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the March 30, 2026 meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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 9:22 am.

Commissioners called and spoke to Seneca City Administrator Steve Brooks about the proposed EMS building possibly being in violation of an existing city ordinance. Steve informed Commissioners that this was correct and that this information was provided to former County Administrator Mike Miller. He also let Commissioners know that the county would need to apply for a variance or an exemption from the Seneca Planning Commission if they would like to keep their proposed design of the building the same as it is now.

Local contractors were present and spoke to Commissioners about the specifications for the new EMS building. Commissioners asked the contractors to review the specifications further and come back with proposed changes that would make the project better and prevent change orders down the road if possible.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine, Bryce Haverkamp with the Kansas Forestry Service, and several local fire chiefs came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the county's current red flag resolution. Eddie is proposing a new resolution that would include a wind speed that would also prevent burning on that day. Eddie was asked to make some changes to his proposed resolution and get consensus on the resolution with local fire chiefs, the sheriff, and the county attorney before bringing back for review.

Eddie spoke to Commissioners about a grant that is now available for replacing an emergency siren in the county. Eddie also let Commissioners know that discretionary federal funding may also be able to be used for this purpose as well.

Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board to introduce her new hire Becky Strathman to Commissioners.

Senior Services/Public Transit Director Marie Weaver came before the board to speak to Commissioners about reimbursing the county for the insurance premium paid for the Transit vehicles. Joe Dalinghaus moved to transfer \$14,594 from the Transportation Fund to the Courthouse General Fund for this purpose. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Marie stated that her grant allows her to cover this expense for the county.

Marie let Commissioners know that the new steamer and oven have been installed at the Seneca Nutrition Center at this time and that the old oven has also been sold at this time.

Marie stated that she would like to replace the part-time driver that recently retired and also add a second part-time driver for Medicaid runs. Commissioners advised Marie that they would only like her to hire one replacement part-time driver at this time.

Marie requested an executive session with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 11:32 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, Senior Services Director Marie Weaver, and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. At 11:32 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:37 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker spoke to Commissioners about purchasing either a speaker or a Polycom for the Commission Room to use when people call in to speak to Commissioners by phone instead of appearing in person.

Austin let Commissioners know that he would like to attend an upcoming conference being held in Salina for Kansas County Counselors.

Jason Koch moved to reauthorize the agreement with AGH. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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 orders as presented.

2026000007	OK0001	Shiloh Home Plus LLC	Corrected	-\$1,910.70
2026000008	KR0002	Ronnebaum, Marlin A & Barbara J	Corrected	-\$840.86
2026000009	B30359	K & CG Rentals LLC	Corrected	-\$393.64
2026000010	B30398	K & CG Rentals LLC	Corrected	-\$140.90
2026000011	B50435	Glissman, Clyde D & Magdeline M	Corrected	-\$199.40
2026000012	B50429	Glissman, Clyde D & Magdeline M	Corrected	-\$122.76
2026000013	B10255	Suther, Jay A	Corrected	-\$13.42
2026000014	OL0008A	Suther, Jay A	Corrected	-\$62.66
2026000015	B50339	NWCH LLC	Corrected	-\$1,324.10

Jason Koch moved to approve paying the KCCA dues in the amount of \$555.57 out of the Commissioner's Account in the General Fund. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the Notice to the Richmond Township Board concerning an application for a CMB License. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the notice as presented.

Commissioners regretfully announce that the Gerald Swart family will no longer be mowing several of the abandoned cemeteries in the county, and that the county will be looking for someone to take over this service. Commissioners discussed posting this information in the local papers, etc. as well.

Austin requested an executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 12:05 pm to discuss attorney-client privileges related to a potential liability. Ben Glace 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. The meeting returned to open session at 12:05 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 12:11 pm 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 and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 12:11 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to request an executive session with Commissioners. Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a twenty-minute executive session until 12:35 pm to discuss county safety and security. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Rich Vernon,

and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 12:35 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

The board reviewed vouchers submitted by the different departments to be paid next week. Jason Koch moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on April 13, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK  
APRIL 13, 2026

General Fund	\$18,080.29
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$2,573.99
Road and Bridge Fund	\$140,780.25
Election Fund	\$564.26
Ambulance	\$71,961.67
Alcohol Control	\$5,750.00
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$590.21

**Grand Total: \$240,300.67**

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

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman submitted a written report advising the board that:

- blade patching has begun.
- county crews are hauling rock.
- preliminary work has begun on the Bern-Oneida Road.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED  
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK