

REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 13, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 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 April 13, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 6, 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 9:12 am. Connie Joy, Sarah Schmelzle, and Ellie Hermes with United 4 Youth Countywide and Treasurer Kim Bontrager came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:29 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the bridge crew is getting ready to build a new bridge near the intersection of X Road and Highway 36.
- the guys are hauling rock to St. Bridget Road.

Amber Bletscher with Saylor Insurance came before the board to speak to Commissioners about alternate insurance options for 2027. Amber stated that she has been working with Health EZ through Cigna in an effort to develop a plan with local hospitals. This plan would allow the county to eventually move to a self-funded plan. Amber stated that they will also run other companies (Aetna, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, etc.) and present these numbers to Commissioners toward the end of 2026 as well.

Commissioners opened up discussion concerning the RFP for a new EMS building in the county with local contractors present. Con Olson, with Techs, Inc., was also present for this discussion. Commissioners plan to reach out to local engineers/contractors to get an idea of what it would cost to have this building drawn up professionally before moving forward at this time. The contractors present today will work together to come up with specs that they can all agree on to share with Commissioners as well.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the flooding that occurred this past weekend in the southern part of the county. Eddie also spoke to Commissioners again about preventing burning in the county during times of poor burning conditions. Eddie let Commissioners know that he has found out that State law allows local fire chiefs to control when burning is allowed or not according to the State Fire Marshall's Office.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker spoke to Commissioners about the purchase of a conference speaker system for the Commission Meeting room. Commissioners agreed to allow Austin to purchase what he thinks would work best in this situation.

Ben Glace moved to amend the location of fund transfer from last week's meeting from the Transportation for Aging Fund to the Aging Account of the General Fund. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Jason Koch moved to approve the Nemaha County Quarterly Financial Statement for the quarter ending March 31, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the statement as presented.

Commissioner Joe Dalinghaus brought forth discussion concerning ways to make the recycling program in the county fund itself instead of being funded through taxpayer money. Commissioners discussed beginning to charge the customers that they are picking up recycling for in the county. Commissioners plan to speak to Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman about other ideas to address this issue as well.

Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:52 am to discuss matters related to potential legal 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 11:52 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker let Commissioners know that he may attend the ICMA Conference in October in California. Commissioners asked Austin to find out the cost of the conference and get back to them.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK