

REGULAR SESSION
MAY 4, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 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 Schulteans 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 May 4, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 27, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:09 am. Randy Elliott, Kay McCoy, and David McCoy came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:20 am.

Ben Glace stated that he has asked Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine and Health Department Administrator Heaven Schuette to collect reports from water samples to present to Commissioners for their review.

Discussion was opened up with the local contractors present concerning the EMS building Request for Proposal. Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine, Andrea Beyer with the City of Seneca, and Con Olson with Techs, Inc. were also present for this discussion. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker hopes to have a final draft of the RFP for Commissioners to review and approve at next week's meeting.

Susan Futscher with Best Life Community Services came before the board to provide an update concerning the organization and to present the organization's annual budget request for 2027. This organization is requesting continued funding of \$110,000 for 2027.

The board reviewed chemical bids received by Noxious Weed Director Todd Swart. Jason Koch moved to approve the bids recommended by Todd of Remedy at a cost of \$42.54 per gallon, Freelexx at a cost of \$35.00 per gallon, and Milestone at a cost of \$285.00 per gallon from Van Diest Supply and Amine at a cost of \$14.97 per gallon from Nutrien Supply. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:05 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- he received a right of way easement request from Blue Valley Telecommunications. Jason Koch moved to approve the right of way easement request. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the request form as presented.
- the bridge crew has started tearing out Bridge H-14.
- he received tire bids for Commissioners to review. Jason Koch moved to approve the purchase of eight tires from C&K Service in the amount of \$2,733.04 per Adam's recommendation. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- dust control has been marked and will be applied soon.
- the road crew has been rocking Nightingale Turnpike between Highway 9 and Old Highway 9.
- the road crew will begin blade patching when weather permits.
- Old Highway 9 west of Corning will be micro surfaced at the end of the week.
- one of the motor graders is currently being repaired at Foley Equipment. This grader is currently under warranty.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker recommends that the Commission send notice now that the county wants to end the contract with KWORCC for the county's worker's compensation coverage at the end of 2026. Austin will draft a letter for the Commissioners to review and approve at next week's meeting.

Ben Glace moved to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License for St. Mary’s Catholic Church for use during their annual church picnic. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the license as presented.

The board reviewed vouchers submitted by the different departments to be paid this week. Jason Koch moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on May 5, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
MAY 5, 2026

General Fund	\$7,123.17
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$8,157.63
Road and Bridge Fund	\$23,944.22
Mental Health Fund	\$11,012.00
Conservation District	\$7,500.00
Historical	\$2,583.33
Ambulance	\$70,066.67
Int./Dev. Disabilities	\$18,333.33
Fair Fund	\$1,133.33
Solid Waste	\$127.96
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$98.59

Grand Total: \$150,080.23

Discussion was held concerning the proposed zoning regulations recommended by the Nemaha County Planning Commission following substantive review of potential forms of regulation and following a public hearing held on October 27, 2025. Seneca City Administrator Steve Brooks was present for this discussion and answered questions concerning how the City of Seneca handles zoning within their extra territorial jurisdictional area. Commissioners would like time to thoroughly review the proposed zoning regulations before acting on this issue.

Commissioners reviewed a quote for replacement of the three current Commission laptop computers with a single desktop option that would allow for electronic document review and Zooms/Teams connectivity. Commissioners decided not to purchase a new computer at this time, but to use an extra computer from the administrator’s office for this purpose.

Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:33 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 and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. At 11:33 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:38 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK