

REGULAR SESSION
MAY 5, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2025 in the Commissioner's Room of the Nemaha County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order with Chairman Jason Koch leading the flag salute. Present also were Commissioners Ben Glace and Joe Dalinghaus, County Counselor Austin Parker, County Administrator Robert Reece, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans recording the minutes.

Chairman Jason Koch led those present in an opening prayer to begin the meeting this morning.

The board set the agenda for today's meeting. Ben Glace moved to approve the agenda for May 5, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Jason Koch called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:15 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:21 am.

Kylee Bergstrom with the Seneca Chamber of Commerce came before the board to provide an update to Commissioners concerning the establishment of the Pony Express Historic Byway. Kylee let Commissioners know that the county would need to adopt a resolution to move this project forward. Ben Glace moved to approve Resolution 2025-10 to establish the Pony Express Historic Byway. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the resolution as presented.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine came before the board to speak to Commissioners about purchasing an AED and a Stop the Bleed Kit for use at the landfill/transfer station. Eddie shared quotes for the purchase of an AED with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to approve the purchase of a Zoll AED and a Stop the Bleed Kit in an amount not to exceed \$2,100. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. This cost is to be paid out of the Courthouse General Fund.

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 to bore under 120th Road near Highway 187. Ben Glace moved to approve the right of way easement request from Blue Valley Telecommunications for fiber installation. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the request form as presented.
- he received a right of way easement request from JBN Telephone Company to bore under W Road and other county roads in the southeastern part of the county. Ben Glace moved to approve the right of way easement request from JBN Telephone Company for fiber installation. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the request form as presented.
- he needs to purchase four steer tires for dump trucks. Adam shared the bids received with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to approve the tire purchase from Commercial Tire Solutions in the amount of \$1,520.28. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- they had about twenty people sign up for the dust control program.
- the C&D pit is now open again at the landfill.
- the 2006 Mack rock truck has been taken to Hammes Repair at this time.
- Commissioners requested a policy to be drafted for the dust control program.
- he would still like to find a way to control the amount of C&D material coming out to the landfill to prevent the pit from becoming full so quickly, which would require early expansion of the C&D pit.

County Counselor Austin Parker requested an executive session with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to hold a fifteen-minute executive session until 11:00 am for attorney-client privileges. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners, County Counselor Austin Parker, and County Administrator Robert Reece. At 11:00 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an

additional five minutes. At 11:05 am, Commissioners again requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:10 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners asked County Counselor Austin Parker about the meeting requirements of township officials. Austin stated that townships should probably meet once a month, but are required to meet at least once a year to approve their budget.

Susan Futscher with Best Life Community Services came before the board to present to Commissioners the 2026 budget request for Best Life Community Services. The amount being requested is the same amount that this organization was appropriated in 2025. Susan also let Commissioners know that they are in the process of building a new residential facility at 311 Nemaha Street in Seneca.

County Administrator Robert Reece let Commissioners know that outside agencies that receive annual county funding should submit a copy of their audited financial statement to the county each year. Robert also let Commissioners know that the USD 115 Senior Class Tour went well last week.

Ben Glace moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 12:02 pm to discuss the 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 Administrator Robert Reece. The meeting returned to open session at 12:02 pm 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. Ben Glace moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on May 6, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
MAY 6, 2025

General Fund	\$8,119.68
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$2,361.51
Road and Bridge Fund	\$1,443.37
Noxious Weed Fund	\$600.00
Mental Health Fund	\$11,012.00
Conservation District	\$7,500.00
Historical	\$2,583.33
Ambulance	\$68,921.67
Int./Dev. Disabilities	\$18,333.33
Fair Fund	\$1,133.33

Grand Total: \$122,008.22

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 12:24 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK