

REGULAR SESSION
MAY 18, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 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 Schultejans 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 18, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 11, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jason Koch and Joe Dalinghaus voting aye. Ben Glace abstained from the vote due to his absence from the May 11th 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 9:17 am.

Jason Koch moved to approve the ad for a new Emergency Preparedness Director for publication. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine came before the board. Jason Koch moved to approve the new application for the EMPG grant. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the application as presented.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- he will be meeting with Chris Thomkins from Vance Brothers after the Commission Meeting today regarding the micro-surfacing recently done on Old Highway 9.
- blade patching will be finished by May 22nd, weather permitting.
- dust control will be applied this week.
- he needed an executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 9:55 am to discuss the hiring 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, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman. The meeting returned to open session at 9:55 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.
- he needed another executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 10:03 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, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman. The meeting returned to open session at 10:03 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:15 am.

The board discussed the Land Development Code proposed by the Nemaha County Planning Commission with County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker.

Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:12 am to discuss the hiring and 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 11:12 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

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

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Sheriff Rich Vernon and Secretary Amy Lierz came before the board. Following discussion, Jason Koch moved to approve allowing Rich to use his Capital Outlay Funds for the purchase and outfitting of a new patrol car up to \$45,000. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Jason Koch also moved to approve allowing Rich to use his Capital Outlay Funds to pay a recent generator bill up to \$12,500. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Rich and Amy also spoke to Commissioners about the county possibly taking over dispatching services for the City of Sabetha.

The board reviewed vouchers submitted by the different departments to be paid this week. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on May 19, 2026 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
MAY 19, 2026

General Fund	\$43,947.16
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$6,722.63
Road and Bridge Fund	\$4,421.41
Noxious Weed Fund	\$5,389.20
Abandoned Cemeteries	\$75.00
Transportation for Aging	\$2.82
Title III C-1	\$108.81
Title III C-2	\$616.33
Solid Waste	\$9,636.85
Grant-PHEP Funds	\$38.52
Grant - Work Force Grant	\$714.04
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$456.19

Grand Total: \$72,129.56

Ben Glace moved to approve Tim Eisenbarth to assume the contractual obligations for the mowing and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries in the county for the rest of 2026. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners will consider changing the contract for 2027, but will budget accordingly this summer when completing the county's 2027 budget.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm. Commissioners will not meet on Monday, May 25, 2026 due to observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK