

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 15, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 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 June 15, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 8, 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 9:18 am.

Ben Glace, as temporary Emergency Preparedness Director, stated that he has been working with the State for damage assessments from the recent flooding in the county. With five townships yet to report, approximately \$890,000 worth of damage has been reported to the State at this time. Road crews have been out fixing several places where damage was reported as well.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- Office Manager Kathy Haverkamp presented bids for tubes and bands that she would like Commissioners to review and approve. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the purchase of tubes and bands from Contech at a cost of \$75,442.70 per Adam's recommendation. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Joe Dalinghaus also moved to approve the purchase of a large tube from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$16,791.25 per Adam's recommendation. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- Office Manager Kathy Haverkamp presented a right of way easement request from Blue Valley Telecommunications to bore under G Road in Red Vermillion Township. Jason Koch moved to approve the right of way easement request with Blue Valley Telecommunications. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the request form as presented.
- Office Manager Kathy Haverkamp presented the grant agreement to Commissioners for Bridge H-14. Jason Koch moved to approve the KDOT off-system bridge grant agreement for Bridge H-14 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. This grant is 100% state and federally funded except for: construction engineering costs, right of way acquisitions, utility relocations, and any non-participating costs. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the agreement as presented.
- the Bern-Oneida stabilization project has been started.
- chip sealing of W Road remains ongoing.
- the bridge crew is repairing flood damage.

Jeff Kidd and Bryan Schmitz with SBS Insurance came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the renewal of the county's property and liability insurance coverage on July 1, 2026. The premiums for the new year are increasing a total of 5.27%, for a total increase of \$10,609. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the 2026-2027 renewal in the total amount of \$211,987 with EMC Insurance and Cowbell (cyber insurance). Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Ben Glace moved to hold a twenty-minute executive session until 10:27 am to discuss the hiring of non-elected personnel for Emergency Preparedness Director. 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 10:27 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Amber Bletscher with Saylor Insurance came before the board to present recent findings to Commissioners regarding health insurance coverage for county employees for 2027.

Krista Eylar, CEO of Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center, Inc., came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the services provided by this organization for county residents. Kanza Mental Health is requesting continued financial support from the county for 2027 in the total amount of \$66,072, which is the same amount that this organization was funded in previous years. Krista also let Commissioners know that Kanza Mental Health has been awarded a \$1.35 million KDHE Rural Health Transformation Grant.

Ben Glace moved to hold a twenty-minute executive session until 11:52 am to discuss the hiring of non-elected personnel for Emergency Preparedness Director. Jason Koch 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 11:52 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:57 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker requested an executive session with Commissioners. Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 12:10 pm for attorney-client privileges and to discuss 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 Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 12:10 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners discussed the Nemaha County Land Use Code suggesting changes to be sent to the Nemaha County Planning Commission for possible review and discussion. The question to approve or not approve the Nemaha County Land Use Code could only be put on the ballot in an advisory election capacity and ELVIS (the centralized Kansas voter registration database) cannot be used to conduct an advisory election. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker estimates that it will cost the county approximately \$10,000 for an ownership and encumbrance report to use to conduct this election. Jason Koch moved to authorize the County Counselor to send back the Land Use Development Code to the Nemaha County Planning Commission for review and clarification of questions. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. The Nemaha County Planning Commission will discuss these suggested changes at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to let Commissioners know that a patrol car was totaled recently.

Rich requested an executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 1:06 pm to discuss the safety and security 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 Sheriff Rich Vernon. The meeting returned to open session at 1:06 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Rich also spoke to Commissioners about his 2027 budget request.

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 June 16, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 16, 2026

General Fund	\$11,454.00
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$9,000.06
Road and Bridge Fund	\$43,378.47
Noxious Weed Fund	\$47,096.24
Election Fund	\$45.22
Transportation for Aging	\$4,966.59
Title III C-1	\$85.65
Title III C-2	\$470.65
Economic Development	\$25,000.00
State Seizure	\$3,378.00
Solid Waste	\$11,160.62
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$451.87

Grand Total: \$156,487.37

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK