

REGULAR SESSION  
JUNE 23, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 23, 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.

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 June 23, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 16, 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 9:17 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:26 am.

Amber Bletscher with Saylor Insurance came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the renewal of the county's health insurance with Aetna for 2026. Payroll Clerk Lilly Runnebaum was also present for this discussion. Amber advised Commissioners to estimate a 10% - 12% increase for health insurance costs when budgeting for 2026. Ben Glace stated that a 12% increase will be an addition of approximately \$124,000 to current costs. Commissioners approved to have Amber get competitive quotes from other companies.

**Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:**

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

- the road crew will finish blade patching county roads today.
- the road crew will start sealing county roads on Wednesday.
- he did not end up purchasing the 2018 International tractor that was discussed at last week's meeting.
- Truck #3 was taken to Tyler's Truck Center for analysis. The truck will need to be overhauled and the cylinders rebuilt. Adam shared a bid from Tyler's Truck Center for the repairs with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to authorize Adam to spend up to \$21,000 for repairs on Truck #3 to overhaul the engine and repair the lift cylinder seals. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- Truck #23 was also taken to Tyler's Truck Center for a second opinion. Adam shared a bid from Tyler's Truck Center for the repairs with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to approve the bid from Tyler's Truck Center in the amount of \$12,000 for camshaft replacement. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he needed to order tubes again. Adam shared bids received for tubes from Contech and Welborn Sales. Ben Glace moved to approve the purchase of tubes from Welborn Sales in the amount of \$47,810. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he received a right of way easement request from Rural Water District #3 to allow a water line on county right of way near the intersection of O Road and 56<sup>th</sup> Road. The county has decided to deny this request at this time because the county would prefer not to have this in the road right of way. This was also the advisement of Adam and County Counselor Austin Parker.

County Counselor Austin Parker and County Administrator Robert Reece advised Commissioners and Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman that the county should charge sales tax when selling tubes and chemicals to landowners.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:20 am.

Commissioners and County Administrator Robert Reece reviewed a 2026 budget request from the Road and Bridge Department, the Solid Waste Department, and the Recycling Department with Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman. This request also included plans up through 2030.

Commissioners spoke to County Counselor Austin Parker and County Administrator Robert Reece about the possibility of the county supporting small towns in Nemaha County for sidewalk repair and other needs of small towns with matching funds. Discussion was held concerning using money from the Soldier Creek Windfarm for this purpose. This amount would be above and beyond what the townships already receive annually from the windfarm.

County Administrator Robert Reece spoke to Commissioners about items that they would like to change to the Reorganization document before it is updated for 2026. Payroll Clerk Lilly Runnebaum was also present for this discussion.

Robert announced that Accounts Payable Clerk Donna Meader has submitted her resignation effective June 27<sup>th</sup> and that Lilly will be taking over those duties until this position can be filled.

The board reviewed chemical bids submitted per an e-mail to County Administrator Robert Reece. Ben Glace moved to approve the purchase of Remedy from Van Diest in the amount of \$41.39 per gallon. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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 June 24, 2025 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK  
JUNE 24, 2025

General Fund	\$9,022.45
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$2,413.34
Road and Bridge Fund	\$4,950.93
Noxious Weed Fund	\$24,198.64
Employee Benefits Fund	\$181.73
Election Fund	\$562.31
Transportation for Aging	\$465.00
Capital Outlay Fund	\$5,061.94
Soldier Creek Windfarm Fund	\$85,000.00

**Grand Total: \$131,856.34**

Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 1:40 pm to discuss the pay and 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 1:40 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, June 30, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED  
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK