

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 29, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 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 June 29, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 22, 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 9:11 am. No one came before the board to speak during today’s forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:17 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- he will be meeting with James Crosby regarding flood damage.
- the crew will finish chip sealing July 6th, weather permitting.

Ben Glace stated that County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker rode with Alec Vance this morning to review the micro-surfacing done recently on Old Highway 9.

Ben Glace presented a Flood Plain Development Permit from KDOT for the Oneida bridge project on Highway 236. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the permit. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker signed the permit as presented.

Dana Schmelzle, Austin Petry, and Collin Feldkamp with the Nemaha County Conservation District came before the board to make a presentation concerning the services provided by this organization in 2025. They also requested continued funding for this organization for 2027 in the amount of \$45,000, which is the same amount that was funded in 2026.

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 30, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 30, 2026

General Fund	\$8,704.84
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$9,305.92
Road and Bridge Fund	\$21,418.40
Employee Benefits Fund	\$100.00
Transportation for Aging	\$775.31
Title III C-2	\$175.26
Solid Waste	\$419.00
Grand Total:	\$40,898.73

The board opened sealed submitted proposals for the EMS building. Haverkamp Construction bid \$617,250 for a wood building, Stateline Construction bid \$671,000 for a steel building and \$642,726 for a wood building, and AHRS Construction bid \$622,680 for a steel building. No decision was made to approve a bid at this time.

Senior Services/Public Transit Director Marie Weaver came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the acquisition of a freezer using money donated by The Ride. Commissioners reviewed the bids received for a new freezer. Discussion was had concerning whether or not to continue with a vendor. Commissioners agreed to allow County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker to work with Marie to make a decision on this purchase.

On June 15, 2026 the Board of Commissioners issued its report via email returning the Land Development Code back to the Nemaha County Planning Commission with a number of questions for clarification/explanation/adjustment. On June 22, 2026 the Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting and reviewed, discussed, and responded in detail to the report from the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Commission voted to make several amendments/adjustments to the Land Development Code and also voted to authorize the County Counselor/County Administrator to issue its responsive report by email to the Board of Commissioners citing reasons for the Planning Commission's responses to each identified question from the Board of Commissioners and identifying other amendments/revisions to the proposed Land Development Code made by the Planning Commission. Ben Glace moved to approve the Land Development Code as presented and to prepare a resolution for the adoption of the Land Development Code at the Commissioner's next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion died due to lack of a second. Jason Koch asked questions he still had concerning the Land Development Code, including whether or not to keep the extra-territorial jurisdictional zoning in place by the City of Sabetha and the City of Seneca. County Counselor Austin Parker advised that without the Land Use Agreement, Commissioners have little say concerning future commercial projects in the county. Jason Koch also recommended changes that he would like to be made to the Land Development Code before it is voted on by the Board of Commissioners. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker made these changes to the document. Jason Koch moved to authorize the two amendments to the code and to bring back the code for formal adoption with the resolution at the next meeting. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jason Koch and Ben Glace voting aye and Joe Dalinghaus voting nay.

Deb Henry, Neal Haverkamp, and Abbie Burger with the Nemaha County Fair Board came before the board to request continued funding for this organization for 2027 in the amount of \$28,500, which is the same amount that was funded in 2026.

Ben Glace moved to hold a fifteen-minute executive session until 11:50 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 11:50 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional ten minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 12:00 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Jason Koch moved to hold a fifteen-minute executive session until 12:22 pm 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 and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 12:19 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Ben Glace announced that a new county attorney was recently appointed by the Republican Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen of Nemaha County.

Ben Glace stated that he attended a grant meeting on June 24th in Topeka and updated the board on the outcome of the meeting. Ben stated that the initial grant request was for \$60,000 for a UTV/trailer/upfitting. However, the grant was reduced to \$40,000 and was therefore unable to cover the cost of the project. Discussion was held concerning whether or not the county should cover the remaining \$20,000. No decision was made at this time.

The board reviewed a payroll report for the May/June 2026 payroll period. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the May/June 2026 payroll in the amount of \$541,091.98 with benefits included. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the payroll report as presented.

NET PAY ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 30, 2026

General Fund	\$77,372.54
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$108,912.69
Road and Bridge Fund	\$43,205.73
Noxious Weed Fund	\$6,970.46
Election Fund	\$3,502.36
Transportation for Aging	\$17,383.36
Title III C-1	\$2,151.55
Title III C-2	\$5,995.06
Solid Waste	\$3,635.14

Total Net Pay: \$269,128.89

PAYROLL INVOICES ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 30, 2026

General Fund	\$41,246.25
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$47,914.48
Road and Bridge Fund	\$16,212.77
Noxious Weed Fund	\$2,526.41
Employee Benefits Fund	\$176,481.59
Election Fund	\$1,512.92
Transportation for Aging	\$7,322.08
Title III C-1	\$528.74
Title III C-2	\$2,874.74
Solid Waste	\$2,640.81

Grand Total: \$299,260.79

Ben Glace moved to approve the Notice to Marion Township concerning the Cereal Malt Beverage License recently applied for by Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the notice as presented.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 12:46 pm 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 and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 12:46 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Ben Glace asked the other members of the board and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker if they felt that the executive sessions being held by the board were being conducted properly. All agreed that they were being conducted properly.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 12:52 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK