

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 30, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 30, 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 Administrator Robert Reece, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans recording the minutes.

Brown County Commissioner Lucas Heinen was present during today's meeting to observe a Nemaha County meeting.

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 30, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the June 23, 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 9:24 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:29 am.

Deb Henry with Meadowlark Extension District #7 came before the board to let Commissioners know that this year's fair will be held from July 24 - July 28, 2025 and gave the board a copy of the fair schedule. Deb spoke to Commissioners about the timeframe for the use of the Nemaha County Community Building during the fair this year. Deb also spoke to Commissioners about possibly needing more tables at the Community Building for use during the fair.

Deb also presented to Commissioners a copy of the 2026 budget request from the Fair Board. It is in the total amount of \$28,500, which is the same amount at which this organization was funded in 2025.

Kristy Morey and Jason Gibson with NEK-CAP came before the board to speak to Commissioners about appropriating \$5,000 to this organization in 2026 to support the housing program in Nemaha County due to potential federal funding cuts for this program. Commissioners made no decision concerning this request at this time.

Senior Services Director Marie Weaver came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the repair of a door on one of the Transportation vans. Marie presented three bids to Commissioners for their review. Ben Glace moved to approve repair of the Transit van through Dave's Body Shop in the amount of \$1,175.50. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Marie also spoke to Commissioners about increasing the limit on her credit card. Ben Glace moved to increase the credit card limit for the Senior Services Department to \$4,600 for travel and conferences for the month of August. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Marie also let Commissioners know that she is always looking for volunteers to deliver meals on wheels in the county.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the Recycling Building located near the county shop will be closed July 16 – July 30, 2025 due to the fair being held at this time.
- the guys have gotten a good start on chipping and sealing county roads, but the chip spreader is broken down at this time and will need to be repaired.

- he received bids to repair the underground wiring at the 4-H/Recycling Building that he shared with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to approve the bid from Hemi Electric in the amount of \$1,692.75 for this repair. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he needed an executive session with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 10:20 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 Administrator Robert Reese, and Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman. The meeting returned to open session at 10:20 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session. Joe Dalinghaus moved to move Anthony Feldkamp on the pay scale from Truck Driver A to Truck Driver C effective June 21st. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:25 am.

Health Department Administrator Heaven Schuette came before the board to let Commissioners know that she is needing to order HPV and Meningitis vaccines at this time. Ben Glace moved to approve the purchase of these vaccines in the amount of \$4,131.34. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Heaven also spoke to Commissioners about the Nemaha County Health Department offering school entry physicals. Commissioners agreed to allow this at this time.

Heaven provided Commissioners an update on how things are going with the Health Department.

Heaven reviewed with Commissioners her 2026 budget request for the Nemaha County Health Department.

Heaven also let Commissioners know that lab draws will no longer be picked up in the county by a courier and will need to be delivered to another county for pick up or shipped to the State lab. Heaven is currently putting together a plan for this with the local hospitals and other agencies.

Interim County Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board. Jason Koch moved to approve Resolution 2025-11, appointing Kerri as the Nemaha County Appraiser from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the resolution as presented.

County Administrator Robert Reece let Commissioners know that he continues to work on a draft of the 2026 Nemaha County budget and hopes to have an initial draft of the entire budget for Commissioners to review on Monday, July 7th. Robert also let Commissioners know that a discussion was held last Tuesday with Department Heads concerning a cost of living raise for 2026 and a possible change to the longevity pay that employees receive beginning in 2026 to simplify payroll and provide consistency across departments.

Jason Koch moved to amend the agenda to allow Sheriff Rich Vernon to address the board. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Rich asked Commissioners to allow him to pay for repair to the fire suppression system at the jail out of Capital Outlay Funds. Jason Koch moved to approve the bid from Banford Fire Sprinkler Company in the amount of \$6,976.00 to be paid out of funds earmarked in the Capital Outlay Fund for the Sheriff's Office. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed payroll reports for the May/June 2025 payroll period. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the May/June 2025 payroll in the amount of \$568,163.18 with benefits included. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the payroll reports as presented.

NET PAY ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 30, 2025

General Fund	\$87,325.72
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Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$105,279.44
Road and Bridge Fund	\$45,834.83
Noxious Weed Fund	\$10,652.79
Election Fund	\$3,186.92
Transportation for Aging	\$17,740.45
Title III C-1	\$3,261.17
Title III C-2	\$4,936.71
Solid Waste	\$3,838.31

Total Net Pay: \$282,056.34

PAYROLL INVOICES ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JUNE 30, 2025

General Fund	\$49,747.62
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$46,563.34
Road and Bridge Fund	\$17,470.84
Noxious Weed Fund	\$3,565.22
Employee Benefits Fund	\$190,002.49
Election Fund	\$1,862.28
Transportation for Aging	\$6,245.19
Title III C-1	\$1,914.10
Title III C-2	\$2,247.62
Solid Waste	\$2,530.26

Grand Total: \$322,148.96

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 July 1, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JULY 1, 2025

General Fund	\$15,914.90
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$10,869.54
Road and Bridge Fund	\$59,030.58
Employee Benefits Fund	\$198.08
Mental Health Fund	\$11,012.00
Conservation District	\$7,500.00
Historical	\$2,583.33
Ambulance	\$43,336.67
Int./Dev. Disabilities	\$18,333.33
Alcohol Control	\$5,750.00
Fair Fund	\$1,133.33
Transportation for Aging	\$942.66

Title 111 C-2	\$367.56
Solid Waste	\$95.50
Grant - Work Force Grant	\$3,950.16
Grand Total: \$181,017.64	

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 12:09 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK