

REGULAR SESSION
JULY 13, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 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 July 13, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 6, 2026 meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:10 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:14 am.

After consultation with the County Treasurer concerning some mislabeled allocations at the end of 2025 and the Treasurer's tax allocations for the 2027 budget, Ben Glace moved to engage our auditor to assist with insuring that the 2027 budget allocations are proper. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Discussion will be held concerning where the money will come from to pay the auditors for this service.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- Bridge H-15 work has resumed since the flooding. The bridge will open in about a month and a half.
- chip and seal work is completed.
- a right of way easement request from Boyd Altenhofen has been received for a water line on the east side of the road that needs to be bored under J Road to the building site on the west side of the road. Jason Koch moved to approve the right of way easement request with Boyd Altenhofen. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the request form as presented.
- he wants to know how Vance Brothers is to be paid for the micro-surfacing. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker's recommendation is to not pay this bill until all work is completed.
- he wants to know how King Construction is to be paid for the Bern-Oneida Road. Commissioners advised that the amount allocated for this project from ARPA funds should be paid and the remaining amount of the bill should be paid out of windfarm funds.
- the Recycling building in Seneca will be closed for the Nemaha County Fair starting July 13th through July 29th.

Commissioners and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker discussed the proposals received for the construction of a new EMS building in Nemaha County. Austin was instructed to inquire whether the proposal submitted by AHRS was inclusive of the specifications identified in the RFP. The estimator for AHRS indicated that the proposal submitted by AHRS was inclusive of the specifications identified in the RFP. Austin's recommendation is to approve the bid from AHRS for construction of a steel building. Joe Dalinghaus moved to award the bid to AHRS pending final contracting and the pricing for the epoxy flooring add-on and the stone versus steel wainscoting add-on. Jason Koch seconded the motion. Ben Glace noted that there was only a difference of \$5,430 in price between the bid approved for a steel building and a bid received for a wood building. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Jay Watkins and Brent Teter with Techs, Inc. came before the board to let Commissioners know that the ambulance service contract with them needs to be renewed at this time. Jay and Brent presented a new contract for Commissioners to review and discuss. Discussion was also held concerning a mutually beneficial arrangement for another ambulance bay and lease.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to revoke the purchase of a UTV for Emergency Management due to matching fund constraints. Ben Glace reiterated that the grant will not cover the full cost of the project and the board and local officials discussed whether or not to fund the remaining portion of the cost. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Road and Bridge Office Manager Kathy Haverkamp, Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans, and Treasurer Kim Bontrager will work to make sure the payment vouchers for King Construction for the Bern-Oneida Road are properly coded before it is paid out.

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 July 14, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JULY 14, 2026

General Fund	\$275,069.58
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$9,457.25
Road and Bridge Fund	\$241,048.08
Noxious Weed Fund	\$1,746.00
Employee Benefits Fund	\$91.95
Election Fund	\$360.63
Ambulance	\$27,620.00
Transportation for Aging	\$450.00
Capital Outlay Fund	\$8,900.00
Solid Waste	\$12,477.31
Grant-PHEP Funds	\$38.51
Grant - State Formula Grant	\$248.00
Grant - Work Force Grant	\$540.79
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$155.68

Grand Total: \$578,203.78

Ben Glace moved to approve the innovative technology program project through Kelly Hills Unmanned Systems. Jason Koch seconded the motion. Jason Koch stated that the county is not providing any funding for this project, just simply serving as a pass-through agency for the money for this project. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the contract for the project as presented.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker spoke to Commissioners about the county’s capital improvement plan for the next few years. Austin also spoke to Commissioners about a recent meeting that he attended with NextEra Energy Resources.

Ben Glace moved to appoint Shannon Stapleton to the Nemaha County Planning Commission to finish Galen Ackerman’s term who has willingly stepped down from his position. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The board stated that they would like to thank Galen for all the time and work that he put in on the planning commission. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 11:17 am to discuss the hiring of non-elected personnel for the position of 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. The meeting returned to open session at 11:17 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK