

REGULAR SESSION
JULY 14, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 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 Schultejan 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 July 14, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 11, 2025 budget work session. 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 9:16 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:21 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the guys have been sealing county roads and should finish with this project on Wednesday.
- the guys will then start on Bridge J-34, which lies southwest of Seneca.

Adam and Commissioners discussed details of the Road and Bridge 2026 budget. Discussion was also held concerning road projects for 2027 as well.

Chairman Jason Koch signed add/abate orders as presented.

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Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the Nemaha County Quarterly Financial Statement for the quarter ending June 30, 2025. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Jason Koch signed the financial statement as presented.

Commissioners called and spoke to County Counselor Austin Parker about SB36 which deals with funding for the Conservation District. Austin advised Commissioners to verify with the State the level at which they plan to fund the Conservation District.

Commissioners also spoke to Austin about the last meeting held with the Nemaha County Planning Commission and plans for a public hearing to consider adopting the Nemaha County, Kansas Land Development Code.

Commissioners spoke to Dana Schmelzle with the Nemaha County Conservation District by phone about the level of funding that the State will support the Conservation District at for 2026. Dana stated that the State did increase their level of funding for 2026, but that they will be losing federal funding in another area that will cancel this increase out and that she was in hopes that the county level of funding would remain the same.

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 15, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
JULY 15, 2025

General Fund	\$5,072.07
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$5,447.36
Road and Bridge Fund	\$373,628.54
Noxious Weed Fund	\$134.56
Employee Benefits Fund	\$173.50
Election Fund	\$575.66
Transportation for Aging	\$5,307.62
Title III C-I	\$2,439.01
Title III C-2	\$6,263.35
Capital Outlay Fund	\$13,075.00
Solid Waste	\$14,732.88
Grant - State Formula Grant	\$28.60
Grant - Work Force Grant	\$387.26
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$360.00

Grand Total: \$427,625.41

County Administrator Robert Reece let Commissioners know that he is still looking for both an Accounts Payable Clerk and Payroll Clerk at this time.

Commissioners continued to work on setting the Nemaha County 2026 budget for publication.

Chairman Jason Koch recessed the meeting at 12:15 pm for twenty-minutes for lunch. The meeting resumed again at 12:40 pm. Commissioners continued to work on the budget following lunch.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the proposed Nemaha County 2026 budget for publication at a total mill levy of 40.603 mills. The public hearing to consider exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate and to consider adoption of the budget will be held on August 25, 2025 at 10:00 am. This proposed budget includes a 3% cost of living raise for employees and an anticipated approximately 1.000 mill increase for Employee Benefits. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Jason Koch signed the Notice of Revenue Neutral Rate Intent as presented.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK