

REGULAR SESSION
JULY 20, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 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 was Commissioner Joe Dalinghaus, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans recording the minutes. Commissioner Jason Koch was absent from today's meeting.

Ben Glace led those present in an opening prayer to begin the meeting this morning.

The board set the agenda for today's meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the agenda for July 20, 2026 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the July 13, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:14 am. Con Olson came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:16 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the bridge crew is working on Bridge H-15.
- the Bloom Road has been rocked and the crew is working on rocking the Granada Road.
- the graders are out dragging trying to repair roads from the flood damage.

The Board of Commissioners voted last week to award the proposal for the construction of the new EMS building to AHRS and to authorize the County Counselor/County Administrator to finalize a contract for execution by the Commission. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the contract awarding the EMS Building construction proposal to AHRS and authorize the Commission to sign the same pending submission of the required Performance Bond by AHRS. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the contract as presented.

Commissioners and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker discussed the county's 2027 proposed budget. The county is required by July 20th to submit to the County Clerk whether it potentially intends to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the county mill levy. While the Commission has definitely not finally decided to exceed the RNR for the 2027 budget, Departmental budgetary requests are in excess of the RNR for the 2027 budget. As such, because no budget hearing has been scheduled and no public feedback has been received concerning each department's proposed budget, the Commission has not trimmed any of the budget requests and will likely notify the County Clerk of possibly exceeding the RNR for the 2027 budget. Ben Glace moved to submit formal notification to the County Clerk of the county's intent to potentially exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the county's 2027 budget. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. 87.15% are proposed budget increases solely from the Road and Bridge Department. That totals 10.146 of the 11.642 mill increase. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the notice as presented.

Health Department Administrator Heaven Schuette came before the board to request that Commissioners waive the fee for health assessments for incoming preschoolers, kindergartners, etc. Joe Dalinghaus moved to authorize a fee waiver for health assessments for all children in Nemaha County, Kansas at the discretion of Health Department Administrator Heaven Schuette. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve add/abate orders for 2025. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Ben Glace signed the add/abate orders as presented.

2026000018	LC0064B	City of Sabetha (Parking City Equip)	Corrected	-\$298.08
2026000019	RH1202A	City of Sabetha	Corrected	-\$258.94
2026000020	B50416-A	Dalinghaus, Joseph & Martha	Corrected	-\$226.12
2026000021	B10270	Nemaha County Training Center	Corrected	-\$794.90

Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 10:22 am to discuss the hiring of non-elected personnel for the position of Emergency Preparedness Director. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and Commissioner Jason Koch by phone. The meeting returned to open session at 10:22 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

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 July 21, 2026 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST NATIONAL BANK
JULY 21, 2026

General Fund	\$4,084.69
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$9,442.04
Road and Bridge Fund	\$266,187.91
Election Fund	\$2,877.24
Abandoned Cemeteries	\$2,400.00
Transportation for Aging	\$1,561.55
Title III C-1	\$2,054.88
Title III C-2	\$8,118.64
Solid Waste	\$184.34
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$456.03

Grand Total: \$297,367.32

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 10:52 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK