

REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 24, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 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 Schultejans 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 August 24, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 17, 2026 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:12 am. No one came before the board to speak during today’s forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:20 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the truck drivers are hauling rock to Sigmund Road and Wetmore-Bancroft Road.
- the crew has been busy blade patching various spots.
- the bridge crew has poured the bridge deck for Bridge H-15.
- we will begin fixing various tubes and boxes that were damaged during the summer flooding.

Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center has prepared a contract for services that contains an annual auto-renewal provision subject to budgetary appropriation by the county. Commissioners stated that they wanted to remove the annual auto-renewal provision of the contract before it is approved.

Kanza has also requested the approval of Ms. Lisa Suhr as a new board member. Commissioners would like to suggest someone for approval who is not from the Sabetha area as several current members of the board are already from the Sabetha area. Commissioners will speak to Kanza CEO Krista Eylar about this issue.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker spoke about the proposed Nemaha County 2027 budget.

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 August 25, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
AUGUST 25, 2026

General Fund	\$5,591.69
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$68,812.30
Road and Bridge Fund	\$844.61
Employee Benefits Fund	\$200.00
Transportation for Aging	\$855.64
Title III C-2	\$197.75

Solid Waste	\$75.00
Soldier Creek Windfarm	\$331,441.00
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$158.79
Grand Total:	\$408,176.78

Ben Glace moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 10:18 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 and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker. The meeting returned to open session at 10:18 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 10:26 am to discuss the hiring of non-elected personnel for the positions of Human Resources Manager and 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 10:26 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Joe Dalinghaus announced the hiring of Cody Boos as the new Emergency Preparedness Director. He will be starting work for the county on September 15th at a rate of pay of \$70,000 annually. Cody currently holds most certifications required for his position, but will get the other certifications needed per the State of Kansas within the next 90 days. He will also oversee facility maintenance and projects as well.

Jason Koch announced the hiring of Mary Gatza as Human Resources Manager. She will be starting work for the county on September 14th at a rate of pay of \$68,000 annually. Mary’s hiring is with the understanding that the position of County Administrator will terminate December 31, 2026.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to accept the hiring of Cody Boos as the new Emergency Preparedness Director. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Cody’s salary does include the EMPG Grant for the Safety and Security Director portion of this position as well.

Jason Koch moved to accept the hiring of Mary Gatza as Human Resources Manager. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Jason Koch moved to authorize the 2027 contract with Austin Parker for the position of County Counselor with no increase in pay and to terminate the administrative stipend for interim County Administrator effective December 31, 2026 and to authorize the Commission to sign. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am. The board will hold a special meeting tonight at 5:00 pm to consider the county’s 2027 proposed budget. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK