

REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 31, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 31, 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 Schultejeans 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 31, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 24, 2026 meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August 24, 2026 special meeting (budget hearing). Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with Jason Koch and Ben Glace voting aye. Joe Dalinghaus abstained from the vote due to his absence from the budget hearing on August 24th.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:13 am. Luke Scoby came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:23 am.

Treasurer Kim Bontrager came before the board to let Commissioners know that a check cut by the county to a vendor was recently compromised. The county's bank worked with Kim to get this transaction stopped so that the county did not lose these funds.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to let Commissioners know that he will retiring effective November 1, 2026.

Jason Koch moved to approve giving Amber Rieger the title of Office and Records Manager Level 2. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. Rich stated that there will be no pay increase associated with this new title. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Noxious Weed Director Todd Swart came before the board to request the purchase of chemical at this time. Jason Koch moved to approve the chemical bids as recommended by Todd at a total cost of \$34,854.20. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Todd also let Commissioners know that he was able to cut his 2027 budget request by about \$11,000.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the blade operators are blading roads as needed.
- the bridge crew is fixing tubes and bridges as needed following the flooding.
- bids need to be sent out for sheet piling to replace wing walls on bridges with severe erosion caused by the flooding. The sheet piling to repair these wing walls needs to be longer than what we currently have on hand.
- the next bridge to be replaced is in Harrison Township. The bridge is ¼ mile south of the N Road & 80th Road intersection.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:10 am.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the drug and alcohol policy for Transportation activities. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the document as presented.

Commissioners discussed a proposed tax abatement for Kaeb Welding. Joe Dalinghaus moved to set a public hearing for October 5th at 10:00 am to consider the proposed tax abatement. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed a revised contract with Kanza Mental Health & Guidance Center for services. Jason Koch moved to approve the contract with Kanza with a December 31 end date subject to annual appropriation by the county. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the contract as presented.

Jason Koch moved to approve selling the Transportation bus according to state procedures. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed a payroll report for the July/August 2026 payroll period. Jason Koch moved to approve the July/August 2026 payroll in the amount of \$557,251.42 with benefits included. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the payroll report as presented.

NET PAY ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
AUGUST 31, 2026

General Fund	\$80,106.25
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$106,392.09
Road and Bridge Fund	\$47,496.98
Noxious Weed Fund	\$9,393.54
Election Fund	\$4,365.43
Transportation for Aging	\$18,843.93
Title III C-1	\$2,275.88
Title III C-2	\$6,865.43
Solid Waste	\$3,756.79
Total Net Pay:	\$279,496.32

PAYROLL INVOICES ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
AUGUST 31, 2026

General Fund	\$42,636.86
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$46,716.39
Road and Bridge Fund	\$17,481.17
Noxious Weed Fund	\$3,142.62
Employee Benefits Fund	\$180,516.15
Election Fund	\$1,934.12
Transportation for Aging	\$7,810.42
Title III C-1	\$629.49
Title III C-2	\$3,012.20
Solid Waste	\$2,694.21
Grand Total:	\$306,573.63

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker gave Commissioners an overview of what he would do to keep the county revenue neutral over the next few years.

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 September 1, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

General Fund	\$18,771.83
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$4,650.09
Road and Bridge Fund	\$2,838.77
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
Fair Fund	\$1,133.33
Solid Waste	\$37.28

Grand Total: \$110,196.63

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve Resolution 2026-6 which allows the county to exceed their RNR when the 2027 budget is finalized if necessary. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the resolution as presented.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a fifteen-minute executive session until 12:00 pm to discuss the pay and performance of non-elected personnel. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners. The meeting returned to open session at 12:00 pm 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 12:02 pm. Commissioners will meet in special session on Friday, September 4, 2026 at 8:00 am to approve AP warrants. Commissioners will not meet the week of September 7, 2026 due to the Labor Day Holiday. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 9:00 am. This meeting will be held in the Pioneer Building Meeting Room to enable Commissioners to utilize the screen in this room to work on the Nemaha County 2027 budget.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK