

REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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 September 21, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 14, 2026 meeting. Jason Koch moved to approve the minutes as amended. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:13 am. No one came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Ben Glace ended public forum at 9:18 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the bridge crew is working on a bridge in Harrison Township between sections 17 & 18.
- the truck drivers are hauling rock on Bancroft Road and Lillis Road.
- the truck drivers are going after salt and sand.

Noxious Weed Director Todd Swart came before the board to request the purchase of chemical at this time. Todd presented bids received from three different companies to Commissioners. Following discussion, Jason Koch moved to approve the purchase of Tordon from Nutrien at a cost of \$41.85 per gallon per Todd's recommendation. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Todd also spoke to Commissioners about the current sale of chemical to landowners in Nemaha County.

Adam discussed the county's 2027 budget for Recycling with Commissioners. To assist in maintenance and labor costs for recycling, Adam recommended that the county begin to charge a pickup fee on Recycling dumpsters throughout the county. Adam also discussed the county's 2027 budget for Solid Waste and Road & Bridge with Commissioners as well.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:40 am.

Amber Bletscher with Saylor Insurance came before the board to present to Commissioners health insurance information that she has compiled and to discuss the county's health insurance coverage for 2027 with Commissioners.

Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board to request an executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 11:36 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, County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, Appraiser Kerri Koch, and HR Manager Mary Gatz. At 11:36 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:41 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker continued to go through the county's proposed 2027 budget making changes where necessary.

HR Manager Mary Gatza came before the board to speak to Commissioners about getting a credit card. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve obtaining a credit card for HR Manager Mary Gatza, Emergency Preparedness Director Cody Boos, and County Attorney Coleman Younger with a limit of \$1,000 per credit card. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to appoint Emergency Preparedness Director Cody Boos to the Northeast Kansas Environmental Services Board of Directors. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the appointment letter as presented.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 12:41 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK