

REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 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 Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans 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 September 22, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Jason Koch called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:09 am. Bill Love, Ed Meyer, Chris Kroll, and Deb Haverkamp came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:27 am.

**Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:**

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

- the bed is being installed on Truck #3 at this time.
- he received bids for the Bern-Oneida Road reclamation project. King's Construction bid \$986,072.40 and Bergman Construction bid \$1,065,585. Adam will review the bids and come back before the board next week with his recommendation for this project.
- he has a list of items to be sold on auction that he reviewed with Commissioners. Adam will be editing this list and County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker will be reaching out to other county officials to see if there are other items that need to be added to this list as well.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker addressed the board and the public present concerning the purchase of two 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 pickups from Universal Auto Plaza in Blue Springs, Missouri. Adam will travel to Blue Springs, Missouri later today to look at these trucks and possibly bring them back to the county.

Jason Koch moved to transfer county credit card approval authority from Janell Niehues to Kim Bontrager effective immediately. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Ben Glace stated that he will be attending a Solid Waste Meeting on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Sabetha City Commission Room.

The board considered the adoption of an engagement letter with Wisdom CPA to process employee payroll. Austin will be suggesting changes to be made to the engagement letter before it is approved.

KPERS completed their 2023-2024 Audit Report. Ben Glace moved to authorize the county to take receipt of the audit report. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Ben Glace moved to designate Donna Meader as the Nemaha County KPERS agent and to authorize the chairman to sign the necessary KPERS Designation of Agent form. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Jason Koch signed the form as presented.

The board considered the purchase of vaccine for the Nemaha County Health Department. Jason Koch moved to authorize the purchase of vaccines from Medico-Mart, Inc. for the Nemaha County Health Department in the total amount of \$1,599.90. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:20 am.

Jason Koch moved to hold a twenty-minute executive session until 10:45 am 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. County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker will be added to the conversation later on during the executive session. At 10:45 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional eight minutes. At 10:53 am, Commissioners again requested to extend the executive session for an additional two minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 10:55 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Jason Koch moved to amend the agenda to allow Treasurer Janell Niehues and Deputy Treasurer Kim Bontrager to speak to Commissioners. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Janell and Kim spoke to Commissioners about a payment needing to be made toward the Kansas Road project from ARPA funds.

Jason Koch moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Kelly Knights of Columbus. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Chairman Jason Koch signed the license as presented.

County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker submitted a written Administrator’s Report for Commissioners to review.

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 September 23, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund                  | \$206,737.48 |
| Law Enforcement Expense Fund  | \$3,530.78   |
| Road and Bridge Fund          | \$9,105.07   |
| Noxious Weed Fund             | \$460.00     |
| Election Fund                 | \$11,792.31  |
| Special Machinery & Equipment | \$54,465.47  |
| Abandoned Cemeteries          | \$2,400.00   |
| Transportation for Aging      | \$302.00     |
| Capital Outlay Fund           | \$3,698.00   |
| Solid Waste                   | \$32.00      |
| Enhanced 911-Phone Service    | \$79.53      |

**Grand Total: \$292,602.64**

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED  
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK