

REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 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 28, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 21, 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 9:15 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- the bridge crew is progressing nicely on the new bridge by Kelly.
- the blade operators are blading roads with the recent moisture.
- he met with FEMA & KDEM Thursday regarding the recent flooding. Several township officials also attended this meeting.
- he needs to order grader tires at this time. Adam is recommending the purchase of one grader tire from Ag Partners at a cost of \$1,366.05 and the purchase of twelve grader tires (Michelin 1400R24) from Commercial Tire Solutions at a cost of \$1,312.56 per tire. Adam is recommending going to Michelin tires due to wear issues on previous cheaper tires.
- he also needs to order recycling truck tires as well at this time. Adam is recommending the purchase of two steer tires from Commercial Tire Solutions at a cost of \$885.72 each. Jason Koch moved to approve the purchase of tires as recommended above by Adam. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he would like to begin new weekend hours at the landfill beginning January 1, 2027. Adam is recommending that the landfill be open only on the first Saturday of each month unless the first Saturday falls on a holiday, then it would be open on the second Saturday of the month.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve charging a fee of \$25 per recycling dumpster per month or \$300 per dumpster per year beginning January 1, 2027 per Adam's recommendation. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. There are currently 74 recycling dumpsters picked up throughout the county.

Sheriff Rich Vernon and Sheriff-Elect Josh Winkler came before the board to speak to Commissioners about the 2027 budget request for the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioners discussed a few other changes to be made to the proposed 2027 budget at this time. Following discussion, Jason Koch moved to approve the Nemaha County 2027 budget at a total mill levy of 39.713 mills, which is below the county's Revenue Neutral Rate of 39.721 mills. This also included a \$675,000 reserve. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the certificate page of the budget as presented.

Chairman Ben Glace signed the District Court 2027 budget and the Four-County District Court 2027 budget as presented.

Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board to request an executive session with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to hold a fifteen-minute executive session until 11:35 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 Gatza. At 11:35 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional ten

minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 11:45 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Jason Koch moved to authorize County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker to draft a contract for Appraiser Kerri Koch to serve as the interim Brown County Appraiser for a period of six months and also to authorize Chairman Ben Glace to sign such contract on behalf of the board. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 12:15 pm 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, and HR Manager Mary Gatza. The meeting returned to open session at 12:15 pm with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

HR Manager Mary Gatza came before the board to request the replacement of a copier/printer/fax. Jason Koch moved to approve the purchase of a new copier/printer/fax from Century Business Technologies at a cost of \$2,899.76. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Mary also requested an executive session with Commissioners. Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 12:25 pm 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 HR Manager Mary Gatza. The meeting returned to open session at 12:25 pm 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. Jason Koch moved to approve the AP warrants to be paid on September 29, 2026 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

General Fund	\$51,315.41
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$17,042.49
Road and Bridge Fund	\$161,391.57
Noxious Weed Fund	\$35,644.65
Employee Benefits Fund	\$100.00
Election Fund	\$9,694.50
Transportation for Aging	\$2,197.51
Title III C-1	\$75.59
Title III C-2	\$1,317.97
Solid Waste	\$7,450.70
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$744.57

Grand Total: \$286,974.96

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Ben Glace adjourned the meeting at 12:50 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK