

REGULAR SESSION
OCTOBER 13, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 13, 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 October 13, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 6, 2025 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Chairman Jason Koch called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:14 am. Luke Scoby came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:17 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- Bridge J-34 is complete and will be open to the public on Monday, October 20th.
- they are spotting in rock where needed at this time.
- they were blading roads with the recent moisture.
- he received the performance bond from King's Construction for the Bern-Oneida Road project.
- they need to purchase either two new jacks or two rebuilt jacks at this time. Ben Glace moved to approve the purchase of a new power unit for the FSJ-200 for \$2,043.68 and a new TSL-50 unit for \$1,990.00. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.
- he had a lease agreement with Gudenkauf Tree Service for Commissioners to review. Ben Glace moved to approve the lease agreement with Gudenkauf Tree Service for storage of chips and other road materials related to the Bern-Oneida Road project in the amount of \$350.00 per year. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Ben Glace moved to approve the quote from Lock-It Technologies for a Microsoft Enterprise 365 license for \$675.00 to be paid out of the Courthouse General Account. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Discussion was held concerning the purchasing policy drafted and attached to today's agenda, but no action was taken on this item at this time.

Appraiser Kerri Koch came before the board to discuss the Appraiser's Office 2026 budget. Kerri also requested an executive session with Commissioners. Ben Glace moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 9:53 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, and Appraiser Kerri Koch. At 9:53 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 9:58 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:00 am.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to speak to Commissioners about IT services for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioners will talk to Lock-It Technologies about possibly covering the Sheriff's Office for emergency situations.

Rich also spoke to Commissioners about his 2025 budget and where he is projecting to be with spending at the end of the year.

Galen Ackerman spoke to Commissioners about reviewing and renewing the Decommissioning Agreement for the Soldier Creek Windfarm since it has been five years since the agreement was executed.

Jason Koch moved to re-appoint Mike Schmelzle, Charity Henry, and Todd Rokey to the Nemaha County Planning Commission for another three-year term to expire in September 2028. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

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 today, October 13, 2025 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
OCTOBER 13, 2025

General Fund	\$17,588.40
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$6,428.30
Road and Bridge Fund	\$74,123.95
Noxious Weed Fund	\$205.61
Employee Benefits Fund	\$200.00
Election Fund	\$57.50
Alcohol Control	\$5,750.00
Transportation for Aging	\$2,107.96
Title III C-1	\$1,260.78
Title III C-2	\$6,530.04
Solid Waste	\$325.65
Grant - Work Force Grant	\$519.99
Cell Phones-e911	\$118.31
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$1,339.04
Grand Total:	\$116,555.53

Jason Koch moved to hold a five-minute executive session until 11:26 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 11:26 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 9:00 am.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK