

REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 17, 2025

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 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, 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 November 17, 2025 as presented. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 10, 2025 meeting. Joe Dalinghaus moved to approve the minutes as amended. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Commissioners called and asked County Counselor/County Administrator Austin Parker to remain on speaker phone at this time.

Chairman Jason Koch called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:13 am. Deb Haverkamp came before the board to speak during today's forum. Chairman Jason Koch ended public forum at 9:21 am.

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Report:

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

- he asked for bids from three different companies for the micro-surfacing of Old Highway 9, but only received one bid back from Vance Brothers. Vance Brothers bid \$331,441.00 to micro-surface a 5.5 mile stretch of Old Highway 9. A representative from Vance Brothers was here today to answer any questions that Commissioners or Adam had at this time. Commissioners asked Adam to get the contract to Austin to review before the bid is approved.
- salt and sand have been hauled into the Seneca yard, and we are currently full and ready for the winter season.
- the Department of Labor was here Wednesday. The R&B department needed to replace a step ladder and one plug on a fan. Everything else passed and a new ladder has already been purchased. The Solid Waste department needs to wire a water fountain direct to a box instead of the temporary wiring. The dyed diesel barrel (which is recommended to be replaced) needs a GFS plug in and to be hard wired. The inspector stated that he did not have the authority to require the guys to wear steel-toed boots or to require the county to replace the salt/sand shed near the county shop.
- Brent Ronnebaum is lining up the sale for Big Iron and will set a date soon.
- the bridge crew has started replacing Bridge K-23 in Adams Township. The bridge is located between M & N roads on 112th Road. We have all the supplies on hand to put this bridge in.
- KDHE is saying that the cost to close the landfill would be more than what is allocated for Solid Waste for 2025. KDHE is requiring \$227,674.05 allocated if the need arises to close the landfill. Commissioners would like to have Austin review the correspondence for this issue.

Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a twenty-minute executive session until 10:02 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. At 10:02 am, Commissioners requested to extend the executive session for an additional five minutes. The meeting returned to open session at 10:07 am with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Commissioners took a short break at 10:08 am.

Commissioners conducted the canvass of votes following the 2025 City/School General Election beginning at 10:13 am. Jason Koch moved to approve the final results of the 2025 City/School General Election. Joe Dalinghaus seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Commissioners signed the final documents as presented.

Jason Koch moved to amend the agenda to allow Sheriff Vernon to speak to Commissioners. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

Sheriff Rich Vernon came before the board to let Commissioners know that the Sheriff's Office has been approved for a grant to have a floor plan of each school in the county on computers in dispatch. Rich also let Commissioners know that they are still working with LockIt Technologies about adding Microsoft 365 licenses for employees in the Sheriff's Office.

Rich requested an executive session with Commissioners. Joe Dalinghaus moved to hold a ten-minute executive session until 12:00 pm to discuss the pay and performance of non-elected personnel. Jason Koch seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye. Present for the executive session was the Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Rich Vernon. The meeting returned to open session at 12:00 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 November 18, 2025 as presented. Ben Glace seconded the motion. The motion carried with all voting aye.

WARRANTS ISSUED THRU FIRST HERITAGE BANK
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

General Fund	\$26,079.78
Law Enforcement Expense Fund	\$4,519.25
Road and Bridge Fund	\$94,211.98
Noxious Weed Fund	\$628.84
Employee Benefits Fund	\$100.00
Election Fund	\$717.57
Abandoned Cemeteries	\$200.00
Transportation for Aging	\$2,450.00
Title III C-1	\$1,479.16
Title III C-2	\$6,054.60
Solid Waste	\$12,544.52
Grant-PHEP Funds	\$77.02
Enhanced 911-Phone Service	\$531.57

Grand Total: \$149,594.29

With no further county business coming before the board, Chairman Jason Koch adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm. Commissioners will not hold a regularly scheduled meeting the week of November 24, 2025.

SIGNED AND APPROVED
NEMAHA COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

CLERK