

# **August 13, 2025**

## **County of Nemaha, Nebraska**

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Commissioner's Chambers  
Nemaha County Courthouse, Suite 201  
1824 N St Auburn NE**

- 8:00 a.m. Call meeting to order by Chairman  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Open Meeting Laws  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of meeting minutes – July 30, 2025  
Action/Approval of claims  
Action/Approval of claims (due to the invoice/tickets being filed after the 90 days deadline from when the services were provided, as per Nebr. State Statute §23-135): Andrew Fertilizer & Chemical LLC
- 8:30 a.m. Review of 2025/2026 Budgets:  
8:30 a.m. – County Attorney Angelo Ligouri  
8:45 a.m. – Veterans Service Office – Jim Reed & Gene Mace  
9:00 a.m. – Extension Office – Ritika Lamichhane  
9:15 a.m. – County Treasurer Jana Gerdes  
9:30 a.m. – County Assessor – Mallory Lempka  
9:45 a.m. – County Court - Cassie Bueth
- 9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Open Sealed bids – New 2025 or 2026 Articulated Motor Grader
- 10:30 a.m. Open Sealed bids for Antique Clerk of District Court Cabinet

#### **Executive Session \***

##### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Adopt Resolution #2025-15 Annual Certification of Program Compliance Roads Classification
2. Discuss on Budget 2025/2026 – Pay raises of 2.5% standard rate
3. Disaster Declaration - EMA

##### **Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

1. Approve and Sign Floodplain Administrator contract with Midwest Engineering Inc

##### **Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property**

##### **Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**

1. Replacement of Road District #2 1989 Cornhusker Rock Pup Trailer

##### **Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve Driveway Agreement for Shawn Peck, rural Auburn
2. Discuss the replacement of Bridge C006423450 located on 722 Road East of 650 Avenue

##### **County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for July, 2025
2. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for July, 2025
3. Veterans Service Office Status Report for July, 2025
4. Sheriff's Report to Commissioners on Distress Warrants as of August 1, 2025
5. Treasurer - Monthly report for July, 2025
6. Treasurer - Pledged securities report as of July 31, 2025

##### **Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, Commissioner's Chambers, Nemaha County Courthouse, Auburn, NE for a regular scheduled meeting. Notice of meeting was published weekly in the Nemaha Valley Observer. The agenda for the meeting was kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Nemaha County Clerk during normal business hours and also on the Nemaha County website. ([www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov)). The agenda was held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the board and items for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Meeting: Mike Hall, Commissioner District #1; Bryan Mellage, Commissioner District #2; Michael Weiss,

Commissioner District #3; and County Clerk Diane Johnson. Chairman Weiss noted the Open Meeting Laws posted on the bulletin board located in the Commissioner's room.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Hall, seconded by Melage to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Melage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Melage, seconded by Hall to approve the July 30, 2025 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Melage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Melage, seconded by Hall to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the County Clerk and authorize for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Melage, aye.

Motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to approve the claim (due to the invoice/tickets being filed after the 90 days deadline from when the services were provided, as per Nebr. State Statute §23-135): Andrew Fertilizer & Chemical LLC. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Melage, aye; Weiss, aye.

8:15 a.m. Review of 2025/2026 Budgets:

8:15 a.m. - Clerk of District Court – Mary Melage - accepted

8:30 a.m. – County Attorney Angelo Ligouri - accepted

8:45 a.m. – Veterans Service Office – Jim Reed & Gene Mace - accepted

9:00 a.m. – Extension Office – Ritika Lamichhane - accepted

9:15 a.m. – County Treasurer Jana Gerdes – will add part-time employee to her budget

9:30 a.m. - County Assessor – Mallory Lempka - accepted

9:45 a.m. - County Court - Cassie Buethe – accepted with replacing carpet in the office

9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion – Keith Bohling

10:00 a.m. Open Sealed bids – New 2025 or 2026 Articulated Motor Grader. Opening Sealed Bids for a new 2025 or 2026 Articulated Motor Grader with trade-in of a 2002 Caterpillar 140-H Motor Grader. Notice to open the sealed bids for a new 2025 or 2026 Articulated Motor Grader was published in the Nemaha Valley Observer on July 24th and 31st and August 7th. Two bids were received: Murphy Truck & Tractor, new 2025 John Deere 772 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD for \$365,000.00; NMC Cat, new 2025 Caterpillar 150-15 AWD Motor Grader for \$317,400 or new 2025 Caterpillar 140 13A AWD Motor Grader for \$294,600.00. Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to accept the bid for a new 2025 or 2026 Articulated Motor Grader with trade-in of a 2002 Caterpillar 140-H Motor Grader, from Murphy Truck & Tractor which is a new 2025 John Deere 772 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD for \$365,000.00. Roll call vote: Melage, nay; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

10:30 a.m. Open Sealed bids for the Antique Clerk of District Court Cabinet. We received 4 total bids: \$200.00 bid, \$50.00 bid, \$50.00 bid, and a \$378.00 bid. Motion by Melage, seconded by Hall to accept the \$378.00 bid from Julie Smith for the Antique Clerk of District Court Cabinet. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Melage, aye.

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Adopt Resolution #2025-15 Annual Certification of Program Compliance Roads Classification – Motion by Melage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution #2025-15 which is the Annual Certification of Program Compliance Roads Classification with the State of Nebraska. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Melage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Discuss on Budget 2025/2026 – Pay raises of 2.5% standard rate – Bryan Melage stated to keep all County Employees pay increases at 2.5% standard rate. Mike Weiss and Mike Hall stated that it was okay for the EMA Director Renee Critser to receive a 4% pay increase.

3. Disaster Declaration - EMA

#### **Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

1. Approve and Sign Floodplain Administrator Agreement with Midwest Engineering Inc. – Motion by Melage, seconded by Hall to approve and sign the Floodplain Administrator Agreement with Midwest Engineering Inc. with a cost of \$185.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Melage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property****Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**

1. Replacement of Road District #2 1989 Cornhusker Rock Pup Trailer - tabled

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve Driveway Agreement for Shawn Peck, rural Auburn – tabled
2. Discuss the replacement of Bridge C006423450 located on 722 Road East of 650 Avenue – Midwest Engineering Inc is working on the plans for the replacement of the bridge.

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The following claims were approved for payment by the Board of Commissioners and authorized the County Clerk for payment:

<b>General</b>			<b>General</b>		
25001104	Hall, Michael	1,181.17	25001144	Alexander, Arica L.	2,067.20
25001105	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,031.17	25001145	Anderson, Libbey	4,622.40
25001106	Weiss, Michael J.	1,181.17	25001146	Erickson, Tara	5,294.89
25001107	Johnson, Diane L.	2,334.72	25001147	Fischer, Suki K.	393.07
25001108	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,090.00	25001148	Riehle, Traci A.	1,704.40
25001109	Zimmerman, Mary	1,818.41	25001149	Allen, Dennis R.	1,025.21
25001110	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,334.72	25001150	Anderson, Sheri L.	2,804.95
25001111	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,060.80	25001151	Marburger, Shana M.	2,145.90
25001112	Silvey, Christine M.	1,818.40	25001152	Reynolds, Jackie L.	1,801.06
25001113	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,334.72	25001153	Sachs, Tracy R.	2,873.20
25001114	Lempka, Tricia	1,808.80	25001154	Critser, Jennifer Renee	2,327.60
25001115	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,958.80	25001155	Bohling, Gailen D.	162.00
25001116	Mellage, Mary	2,484.72	25001156	Lane, Dennis A.	87.75
25001117	Wamsley, Samantha J.	1,968.40	25001157	Mace, Eugene M.	387.80
25001118	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,894.40	25001158	Reed, James P.	882.42
25001119	Davidson, Sheena L.	142.32	25001159	Szenasi, Jan R.	114.75
25001120	Fischer, Suki K.	1,600.00	25001160	Szenasi, John S.	222.75
25001121	Metschke, Martin A.	153.36	25001161	Hahn, Jill E.	1,784.69
25001122	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,445.60	25001162	Volker, Linda K.	253.44
25001123	Boden, Nathan J.	2,776.40	<b>Road</b>		
25001124	Boden, Nathan J.	678.86	25001163	Biaggi, James L.	480.00
25001125	Brown, Brent B.	2,658.40	25001164	Bohling, Gailen D.	147.60
25001126	Brown, Brent B.	491.00	25001165	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
25001127	Davidson, Eli W.	2,593.60	25001166	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
25001128	Davidson, Eli W.	670.32	25001167	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
25001129	Johnson, Danny D.	2,938.00	25001168	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.21
25001130	Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,841.20	25001169	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
25001131	Lottman, Brent E.	3,302.96	25001170	Faulks, Kaje	2,266.80
25001132	Moyer, Casey J.	2,873.20	25001171	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
25001133	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,788.00	25001172	Hall, Michael K.	916.64
25001134	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,776.40	25001173	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
25001135	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	533.39	25001174	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.80
25001136	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,658.40	25001175	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,537.20
25001137	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	491.00	25001176	Simon, Randall R.	2,156.80
25001138	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	2,593.60	25001177	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20

25001139	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	670.32	25001178	Walters, Justus W.	1,650.00
25001140	Frost, Mykenzie M.	97.50			
25001141	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,334.72			
25001142	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,112.96			
25001143	Volker, Linda K.	1,384.54			

**General**

25080224	Action Technology	2,572.00
25080225	Airespring	414.55
25080226	Airstream	170.00
25080227	American Recycling	2,297.31
25080228	AT&T	516.48
25080229	Auto Parts of NC	132.77
25080230	Black Hills Energy	262.37
25080231	Board of Public Works	4,482.61
25080232	Boden LS	500.00
25080233	Bures, Steve	65.00
25080234	Cass Co. Law Enforcement	106.32
25080235	Cody's U-Save	25.94
25080236	Culligan	123.80
25080237	Douglas Co. Court	4.00
25080238	Douglas Co. Sheriff	13.11
25080239	Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	712.50
25080240	Five Nines	2,920.20
25080241	Great West Life	50.00
25080242	Green Care Lawn Svc.	440.00
25080243	Kraviec Maurstad	1,509.49
25080244	Lancaster Co. Sheriff	24.00
25080245	Ligouri, Angelo	100.10
25080246	Lynch's Hardware	88.91
25080247	Microfilm Imaging	130.00
25080248	Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court	108.00
25080249	Nem Co Court Justice	288.00
25080250	Nem Co Petty Cash	186.40
25080251	Nem Co Sheriff	77.98
25080252	Nem Co Tax Acct Ret	12,691.09
25080253	Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH	24,026.11
25080254	Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide	75.00
25080255	Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient	500.00
25080256	Nem Co Treasurer	30.00
25080257	Nemaha Valley Observer	924.39
25080258	Olowolafe Law	5,000.00
25080259	Paper Tiger	115.00
25080260	Physicians Lab	424.00
25080261	Pinpoint	575.90
25080262	Quadient	554.52
25080263	Quill	577.55
25080264	Region V Systems	3,530.41
25080265	Sack Lumber	109.96
25080266	Sapp Bros.	5,002.61
25080267	Schendel Pest Control	210.00

25080268	Spartan Stores	123.07
25080269	Tanner, Crystal	194.60
25080270	Thomson Reuters West	180.93
25080271	Thurman Psychological	2,550.00
25080272	Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	619.24
25080273	Tyler Technologies	951.88
25080274	Windstream	1,363.00
25080275	Witness Fees	159.38
25080276	Witness Fees	137.40
25080277	Witness Fees	87.98
25080278	Zimmerman, Mary	139.75
25080279	3rd Millennium Classrooms	75.00
	<b>Road</b>	
25080280	AKRS	209.88
25080281	American Recycling	185.51
25080282	Andrew Fertilizer	1,969.00
25080283	Aub Auto Ctr.	1,084.00
25080284	Auto Parts of NC	349.99
25080285	Black Hills Energy	45.99
25080286	Board of Public Works	585.63
25080287	Eggers Bros.	135.68
25080288	Farmers Cooperative	90.00
25080289	Graybill Tire	28.94
25080290	Koch's Auto	931.98
25080291	Lynch's Hardware	41.37
25080292	Martin Marietta	122,540.80
25080293	MHC Kenworth	1,697.35
25080294	NE Child Support	229.50
25080295	Nem Co Tax, Ret	3,266.98
25080296	Nem Co Tax, SS, FWH	6,481.88
25080297	NMC Exchange	5,306.58
25080298	Sack Lumber	125.33
25080299	Sapp Bros.	27,491.26
25080300	Trustmark Voluntary Benefits	34.56
25080301	Walters, Justus	20.00
25080302	Whetrock	83,726.13
25080303	Windstream	717.81
	<b>Visitors Promotion Fund</b>	
25080304	Brownville Historical Society	500.00
25080305	Kistner, Sonia	70.00

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

I, Diane Johnson, the undersigned County Clerk of Nemaha County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are a part of the official records of this office. A complete copy of the minutes is available during normal business hours at the Nemaha County Clerk's office or on the Nemaha County's website: [www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov).

Diane Johnson

County Clerk