

# **December 3, 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 – November 19, 2025  
Action/Approval of claims
- 8:00 a.m. Road Foremen
- 8:30 a.m. NACO Convention – Jim Holthus going to the convention
- 9:00 a.m. Suki Fischer – Clarification on current payroll increase
- 9:30 a.m. Sealed Bids opening for Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast concrete box culvert
- 10:00 a.m. Susan Piper – Concerns on the Nemaha County Planning Commission
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization
- 10:45 a.m. Jerad Reimers – District Coordinator for Rep. Adrian Smith (NE-03) – update on behalf of Rep. Smith
- Executive Session \***  
**Discussion/Action – Business**
1. Adopt Resolution #2025-30 designating First National Bank of Johnson as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska
  2. Adopt Resolution #2025-31 designating Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska
  3. Adopt Resolution #2025-32 designating Auburn State Bank as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska
  4. Discuss Christmas holiday hours
  5. Approve US Bank Credit Card for Deputy EMA Nahum Winder – once approved he must sign the County Credit Card Agreement
  6. Appointment to the Nemaha County Planning Commission
- Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**
1. Discuss setting salaries, must be set by January 15, 2026 – just discussion - no final decision
- Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property**
- Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**
- Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**
1. Approve Driveway Application for Seth Zentner located Sec 17 T5N R13E
  2. Approve Driveway Application for Jay Fischer Family Trust located Sec 17 T4N R14E
- County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**
1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for November, 2025
  2. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for November, 2025
  3. Veterans Service Office - Status Report for November, 2025
  3. Treasurer - Monthly report for November, 2025
- Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, December 3, 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 Mellage to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage 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; Mellage, aye.

8:00 a.m. Road Foremen

8:30 a.m. NACO Convention – Jim Holthus going to the NACO convention – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to not allow the Road foremen to go to the Nebraska Association County Officials convention December 17th through December 19th held in Kearney NE. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, nay; Hall, nay. Motion did not carry. Jim Holthus, Road District #3 foreman will be going to the NACO convention December 17th through December 19th held in Kearney NE.

9:00 a.m. Suki Fischer – Clarification on current payroll increase – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the 2.5% payroll increase to Suki Fischer effective July 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

9:30 a.m. Sealed Bids opening for Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast concrete box culvert - Notice to open the sealed bids for a 2025 or newer Pup Trailer was published in the Nemaha Valley Observer on November 13th, 20th, and 27th. Six bids were received: Gus Construction Co. Inc. - \$559,540.04; M.E. Collins Contracting Co. Inc - \$666,568.82; Vogt Enterprises Inc - \$626,241.00; Van Kirk Bros. Contracting - \$614,054.00; General Excavating LLC - \$909,195.90; and MC Wells Contracting LLC - \$837,239.00. Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to accept the sealed bid for Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast concrete box culvert from Gus Construction Co. Inc. - \$559,540.04 start date of April 27, 2026 and end date of June 26, 2026. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

10:00 a.m. Susan Piper – Concerns on the Nemaha County Planning Commission

10:30 a.m. Sine die for Board of Equalization, reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

10:45 a.m. Jerad Reimers – District Coordinator for Rep. Adrian Smith (NE-03) – update on behalf of Rep. Smith

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

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

1. Adopt Resolution #2025-30 designating First National Bank of Johnson as a depository for funds for Nemaha County, Nebraska – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to adopt Resolution #2025-30 which designates First National Bank of Johnson as a depository for funds for Nemaha County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

2. Adopt Resolution #2025–31 designating Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution #2025–31 which designates Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a depository for funds for Nemaha County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Adopt Resolution #2025-32 designating Auburn State Bank as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska – Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to adopt Resolution #2025-32 which designates Auburn State Bank as a depository for funds for Nemaha County Nebraska. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

4. Discuss Christmas holiday hours – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to close the Nemaha County Courthouse at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025, so the County employees will receive 4 hours of holiday benefits. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

5. Approve US Bank Credit Card for Deputy EMA Nahum Winder – once approved he must sign the County Credit Card Agreement. Motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to approve a US Bank Credit Card for Deputy EMA Nahum Winder and he must sign the Nemaha County Credit Card Agreement. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

6. Appointment to the Nemaha County Planning Commission – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to appoint Luke Winkelman to the Nemaha County Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

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

1. Discuss setting salaries, must be set by January 15, 2026 – just discussion - no final decision

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

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

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

1. Approve Driveway Application for Seth Zentner located Sec 17 T5N R13E – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Driveway Application for Seth Zentner located in Sec 17 T5N R13E. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Approve Driveway Application for Jay Fischer Family Trust located Sec 17 T4N R14E – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Driveway Application for Jay Fischer Family Trust located in Sec 17 T4N R14E. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

- 1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for November, 2025
- 2. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for November, 2025
- 3. Veterans Service Office - Status Report for November, 2025
- 3. Treasurer - Monthly report for November, 2025

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

| General  |                                   |          | General  |                         |          |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 25001670 | Hall, Michael                     | 1,181.17 | 25001703 | Alexander, Arica L.     | 4,113.68 |
| 25001671 | Mellage, Bryan W.                 | 1,031.17 | 25001704 | Anderson, Libbey        | 4,413.70 |
| 25001672 | Weiss, Michael J.                 | 1,181.17 | 25001705 | Erickson, Tara          | 5,296.16 |
| 25001673 | Johnson, Diane L.                 | 2,334.72 | 25001706 | Fischer, Suki K.        | 594.64   |
| 25001674 | Tanner, Crystal R.                | 2,090.00 | 25001707 | Stanifer, Gage M.       | 1,664.40 |
| 25001675 | Zimmerman, Mary                   | 1,818.40 | 25001708 | Anderson, Sheri L.      | 3,510.80 |
| 25001676 | Gerdes, Jana J.                   | 2,334.72 | 25001709 | Dunsford, Jonathon T.   | 1,598.21 |
| 25001677 | Nichols, Jennifer L.              | 2,060.80 | 25001710 | Jensen, Grant W.H.      | 641.04   |
| 25001678 | Silvey, Christine M.              | 1,818.40 | 25001711 | Marburger, Shana M.     | 4,113.28 |
| 25001679 | Lempka, Mallory A.                | 2,334.72 | 25001712 | Reynolds, Jackie L.     | 2,939.14 |
| 25001680 | Lempka, Tricia                    | 1,808.80 | 25001713 | Critser, Jennifer Renee | 2,414.80 |
| 25001681 | Mayer, Ashley M.                  | 1,958.80 | 25001714 | Winder, Nahum O.        | 1,697.60 |
| 25001682 | Mellage, Mary                     | 2,484.72 | 25001715 | Billesbach, Douglas S.  | 569.43   |
| 25001683 | Wamsley, Samantha J.              | 1,968.40 | 25001716 | Bohling, Gailen D.      | 60.75    |
| 25001684 | Wilken, Nicole C.                 | 1,941.60 | 25001717 | Lane, Dennis A.         | 111.38   |
| 25001685 | Davidson, Sheena L.               | 139.06   | 25001718 | Mace, Eugene M.         | 397.40   |
| 25001686 | Fischer, Suki K.                  | 1,722.40 | 25001719 | Reed, James P.          | 646.20   |
| 25001687 | Mitchell, Lisa A.                 | 1,520.00 | 25001720 | Szenasi, Jan R.         | 77.63    |
| 25001688 | Boden, Nathan J.                  | 2,776.40 | 25001721 | Hahn, Jill E.           | 1,350.00 |
| 25001689 | Brown, Brent B.                   | 2,658.40 | 25001722 | Volker, Linda K.        | 225.00   |
| 25001690 | Davidson, Eli W.                  | 2,593.60 | Road     |                         |          |
| 25001691 | Erickson, Christopher M.          | 727.44   | 25001723 | Biaggi, James L.        | 576.00   |
| 25001692 | Johnson, Danny D.                 | 2,938.00 | 25001724 | Bohling, Gailen D.      | 151.28   |
| 25001693 | Kadavy, Matthew T.                | 2,841.20 | 25001725 | Bohling, Joshua M.      | 2,176.80 |
| 25001694 | Lottman, Brent E.                 | 3,302.96 | 25001726 | Byfield, Jullian        | 2,156.80 |
| 25001695 | Moyer, Casey J.                   | 2,873.20 | 25001727 | Core, Richard D.        | 2,136.80 |
| 25001696 | Neeman, Jonathan R.               | 2,788.00 | 25001728 | Daugherty, Allan D.     | 2,287.20 |
| 25001697 | Ractliffe, Zachary A.             | 6,817.65 | 25001729 | Dunekacke, Matthew R.   | 2,156.80 |
| 25001698 | Silvey, Harold L. Jr              | 2,658.40 | 25001730 | Faulks, Kaje            | 2,266.80 |
| 25001699 | Stonebarger, Clinton E.           | 2,593.60 | 25001731 | Gottula, Joel L.        | 2,176.80 |
| 25001700 | Homolka, Morgan T.                | 2,334.72 | 25001732 | Hall, Michael K.        | 1,455.84 |
| 25001701 | Ligouri, Angelo M.                | 3,112.96 | 25001733 | Holthus, James E.       | 2,537.20 |
| 25001702 | Volker, Linda K.                  | 1,133.55 | 25001734 | Knippelmeyer, Jason W.  | 2,286.80 |
|          |                                   |          | 25001735 | Lickteig, Scott A.      | 2,537.20 |
|          |                                   |          | 25001736 | Simon, Randall R.       | 2,156.80 |
|          |                                   |          | 25001737 | Wamsley, Donald L.      | 2,347.20 |
|          |                                   |          | 25001738 | Walters, Justus W.      | 1,790.00 |
| General  |                                   |          |          |                         |          |
| 25120901 | Action Technology                 | 1,134.60 |          |                         |          |
| 25120902 | Adgraphix                         | 1,040.00 |          |                         |          |
| 25120903 | Airstream                         | 95.00    |          |                         |          |
| 25120904 | American Recycling                | 1,771.71 |          |                         |          |
| 25120905 | APACE                             | 222.75   |          |                         |          |
| 25120906 | Aub Auto Ctr.                     | 509.99   |          |                         |          |
| 25120907 | Aub Dental Ctr.                   | 453.00   |          |                         |          |
| 25120908 | Board of Public Works             | 3,350.88 |          |                         |          |
| 25120909 | Boden LS                          | 2,700.00 |          |                         |          |
| 25120910 | Casey's                           | 147.02   |          |                         |          |
| 25120911 | Culligan                          | 152.60   |          |                         |          |
| 25120912 | Eakes                             | 65.00    |          |                         |          |
| 25120913 | Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin | 237.50   |          |                         |          |
| 25120914 | First Concord                     | 2,404.59 |          |                         |          |
| 25120915 | First Wireless                    | 1,498.10 |          |                         |          |
| 25120916 | Frontier Cooperative              | 69.00    |          |                         |          |

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| 25120917 | Galls                          | 58.99     |
| 25120918 | Great West Life                | 50.00     |
| 25120919 | Kraviec Maurstad               | 2,007.15  |
| 25120920 | Lempka, Mallory                | 326.71    |
| 25120921 | Longs Creek                    | 2,862.00  |
| 25120922 | Marvin Planning                | 1,930.00  |
| 25120923 | Microfilm Imaging              | 150.00    |
| 25120924 | MARC                           | 356.00    |
| 25120925 | MIPS                           | 1,604.20  |
| 25120926 | NE Orthopaedic Center          | 266.00    |
| 25120927 | Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court     | 144.00    |
| 25120928 | Nem Co Court/Justice           | 187.00    |
| 25120929 | Nem Co Petty Cash              | 6.13      |
| 25120930 | Nem Co Sheriff                 | 5.75      |
| 25120931 | Nem Co Tax Acct Ret            | 13,379.89 |
| 25120932 | Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH         | 25,273.71 |
| 25120933 | Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide     | 75.00     |
| 25120934 | Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient       | 500.00    |
| 25120935 | Nem Co Treasurer               | 249.51    |
| 25120936 | Nemaha Valley Observer         | 490.34    |
| 25120937 | Olowolafe Law                  | 5,000.00  |
| 25120938 | OPPD                           | 48.24     |
| 25120939 | Paper Tiger                    | 115.00    |
| 25120940 | Pinpoint                       | 575.90    |
| 25120941 | Quill                          | 860.57    |
| 25120942 | Revenue Cycle Specialists      | 39.95     |
| 25120943 | Richardson Co Sheriff          | 110.00    |
| 25120944 | Rock Island Inn & Suites       | 99.00     |
| 25120945 | Sack Lumber                    | 434.82    |
| 25120946 | Sapp Bros.                     | 3,203.87  |
| 25120947 | See The Trainer                | 149.00    |
| 25120948 | St. Joseph Catholic Church     | 600.00    |
| 25120949 | Stevenson, Carl                | 92.32     |
| 25120950 | Tractor Supply                 | 49.97     |
| 25120951 | US Bank                        | 3,478.92  |
| 25120952 | Verizon                        | 819.21    |
| 25120953 | Weiss, Michael                 | 323.40    |
|          | <b>Road</b>                    |           |
| 25120954 | AKRS                           | 904.94    |
| 25120955 | American Recycling             | 196.11    |
| 25120956 | Aub Auto Ctr.                  | 45.00     |
| 25120957 | Board of Public Works          | 658.15    |
| 25120958 | Cornhusker Int'l Trucks        | 3,581.70  |
| 25120959 | Snethen, Cory                  | 2,745.00  |
| 25120960 | Eggers Bros.                   | 281.46    |
| 25120961 | Farm & City Supply             | 108.95    |
| 25120962 | Martin Marietta                | 37,573.67 |
| 25120963 | NE Child Support               | 229.50    |
| 25120964 | Nem Co Tax, Ret                | 3,343.39  |
| 25120965 | Nem Co Tax, SS, FWH            | 6,710.35  |
| 25120966 | Powerplan                      | 2,224.69  |
| 25120967 | RDO                            | 198.44    |
| 25120968 | Sack Lumber                    | 425.65    |
| 25120969 | Sapp Bros.                     | 15,148.51 |
| 25120970 | Tractor Supply                 | 613.84    |
| 25120971 | US Bank                        | 1,060.95  |
| 25120972 | Verizon                        | 84.02     |
|          | <b>Visitors Promotion Fund</b> |           |
| 25120973 | BCom Solutions                 | 384.99    |
| 25120974 | Grow Auburn                    | 500.00    |

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| 25120975 | Kistner, Sonia  | 146.30   |
|          | <b>Register of Deeds Preservation &amp; Mod. Fund</b> |          |
| 25120976 | MIPS  | 413.36   |
|          | <b>Federal Crime Grant Fund</b>                       |          |
| 25120977 | US Bank   | 1,418.00 |
|          | <b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>                  |          |
| 25120978 | Verizon   | 39.94    |
|          | <b>911 Wireless Service Holding Fund</b>              |          |
| 25120979 | CenturyLink   | 2,841.05 |
| 25120980 | Charter Communications                                | 109.99   |
|          | <b>Jail Commissary Fund</b>                           |          |
| 25120981 | Bob Barker Co   | 2,604.95 |
| 25120982 | US Bank   | 88.00    |

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 10:55 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