

January 14, 2026

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 County Clerk
Pledge of Allegiance
Note Posting of Open Meeting Laws
Action/Approval of Agenda
Election of Chairman Board of Commissioners for 2026
Election of Vice Chairman for Board of Commissioners for 2026
Action/Approval of minutes – December 30, 2025
Action/Approval of minutes of Special Meeting on January 5, 2026
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action - Business

1. Appointment of Jeff Boden as the County Surveyor for 2026
2. Appointment of Dan Alexander of Midwest Engineering Inc for Highway Superintendent duties for 2026
3. Appointment of Nemaha Valley Observer as official newspaper for Nemaha County for 2026
4. Designate the Nemaha County website as an official posting of meeting notices and minutes
5. Appointments:
 - a. Appliance/Furniture Recycling Center
 - b. Auburn Joint Airport Authority
 - c. Blue Rivers Area on Aging
 - d. Building & Grounds Representative (Courthouse, 19th Street, Multi-Plex)
 - e. Local 251 Union Representative
 - f. Nebraska Crime Commission (4 county)
 - g. Nebraska Public Power District Drills - Cooper Nuclear
 - h. Nemaha County Employee Handbook
 - i. Nemaha County Safety Committee
 - j. Region V Systems/APACE
 - k. Southeast Nebraska Community Action - SENCA
 - l. Southeast Nebraska Development District - SENDD
 - m. Southeast District Health Department
6. Adopt Resolution 2026-01 – Setting the Nemaha County Official's Salaries for 2027-2030
7. Adopt Resolution 2026-02 – Allowing Treasurer to invest excess county funds for 2026
8. Appointment of Renee Critser as EMA Director and Nahum Winder as Deputy EMA Director for 2026
9. Appointment of James Reed and Gene Mace as Veterans Service Officers
10. Discuss advertising for a Part-time Weed Superintendent
11. Adopt Resolution 2026-03 – Subdivision for Albert H. Simpson Jr located Sec 36 T6N R13E
12. Approve ROW Application 2026-01 with NPPD located at 733 Road/642 Avenue

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Suki Fischer – concerns of low area in the courthouse yard
2. Old HHS building

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

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Approve and sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Build Grant Grouped Bridge Application between Howard County and Participating Counties
2. Discuss the new One- & Six-Year Plan (February)

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. County Clerk Monthly Fee Report for December 2025
2. Treasurer Monthly Breakdown for December 2025
3. Clerk of District Court Monthly Fee Report for December 2025
4. Veterans Service Office Status Report for December 2025
5. Sheriff's Office Quarterly Report for 4th Quarter 2025
6. Mileage rate for 2026 is .725 per mile
7. Treasurer Semi-Annual Report 7/1/2025 through December 31, 2025
8. Treasurer Pledged Securities as of December 31, 2025

Adjournment

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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 on the Nemaha County website. (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 meetings.

County Clerk Johnson 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. Clerk Johnson noted the posting of the Open Meeting Laws on the bulletin board.

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

Election of Chairman – County Clerk Johnson called for nominations for the Board of Commissioner Chairman for the 2026 year. Hall nominated Weiss for Chairman, Mellage seconded the nomination. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, abstain. Weiss was elected Chairman of the Nemaha County Board of Commissioners for the 2026 year.

Election of Vice-Chairman – Chairman Weiss called for nominations for the Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairman for the 2026 year. Mellage nominated Hall for vice-chairman, Weiss seconded the nomination. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, abstain. Hall was elected Vice-Chairman of the Nemaha County Board of Commissioners for the 2026 year.

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

Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve January 5, 2026, Special Meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

Claims – Motion by Mellage, 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; Mellage, aye.

9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion – no one was present

10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action - Business

1. Appointment of Jeff Boden as the County Surveyor for 2026 - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to appoint Jeff Boden as the Nemaha County Surveyor for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
2. Appointment of Dan Alexander of Midwest Engineering Inc for Highway Superintendent duties for 2026 - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to appoint Dan Alexander of Midwest Engineering Inc the Nemaha County Highway Superintendent for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
3. Appointment of Nemaha Valley Observer as the official newspaper for Nemaha County for 2026 - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage, to appoint Nemaha Valley Observer as the official newspaper for Nemaha County for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
4. Designate the Nemaha County website as an official posting of meeting notices and minutes for 2026 - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to designate the Nemaha County website as an official posting of meeting notices and minutes for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
5. Appointments: Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the following appointment of representatives for Nemaha County Nebraska for the following boards, which stayed the same as appointment in 2025. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
 - a. Appliance/Furniture Recycling Center - Mellage
 - b. Auburn Joint Airport Authority - Mellage
 - c. Blue Rivers Area on Aging - Weiss
 - d. Building & Grounds Representative (Courthouse, 19th Street, Multi-Plex) - Weiss
 - e. Local 251 Union Representative - Mellage
 - f. Nebraska Crime Commission (4 county) - Hall
 - g. Nebraska Public Power District Drills - Cooper Nuclear - Hall
 - h. Nemaha County Employee Handbook - Mellage
 - i. Nemaha County Safety Committee - Mellage
 - j. Region V Systems/APACE - Weiss
 - k. Southeast Nebraska Community Action – SENCA - Hall
 - l. Southeast Nebraska Development District – SENDD - Hall
 - m. Southeast District Health Department - Hall
6. Adopt Resolution 2026-01 – Setting the Nemaha County Official's Salaries for 2027-2030.

Commissioners looked over Resolution 2026-01 that was prepared from the discussion and motion from the Special Meeting held on January 5, 2026. After further discussion by the Commissioners, some changes were made to the Resolution.

Motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to approve increasing the County Clerk's 2027-2030 Salary an additional \$5,000.00 as per State Statute 32-217 pertaining to Election Commissioner. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, nay; Weiss, aye.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve increasing the County Assessor's 2027-2030 Salary an additional \$5,000.00 when the Assessor is providing the additional duties of County Appraisal work. Roll call vote: Mellage, nay; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution 2026-01 which sets the Nemaha County Official's Salaries for 2027-2030. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

7. Adopt Resolution 2026-02 – Allowing Treasurer to invest excess county funds for 2026 – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution 2026-02 which allows the Treasurer to invest the county excess funds to the best of her abilities, for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

8. Appointment of Renee Critser as EMA Director and Nahum Winder as Deputy EMA Director for 2026 – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to appoint Renee Critser as the Nemaha County EMA Director and Nahum Winder as the Nemaha County Deputy EMA Director for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

9. Appointment of James Reed and Gene Mace as Veterans Service Officers – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to appoint James Reed the Nemaha County Veterans Service Officer and Gene Mace the Nemaha County Assistant Veterans Service Officer for the 2026 year. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

10. Discuss advertising for a Part-time Weed Superintendent – will begin the process of advertising for a Part-time Weed Superintendent.

11. Adopt Resolution 2026-03 – Subdivision for Albert H. Simpson Jr located Sec 36 T6N R13E – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adopt Resolution 2026-03 which is a Subdivision for Albert H. Simpson Jr located in Sec 36 T6N R13E. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

12. Approve ROW Application 2026-01 for NPPD located at 733 Road/642 Avenue – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the Right of Way Application 2026-01 for NPPD located at 733 Road/642 Avenue. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

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

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Approve and sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Build Grant Grouped Bridge Application between Howard County and Participating Counties – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve and sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to Build Grant Grouped Bridge Application between Howard County and Participating Counties in Nebraska. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

2. Discuss the new One- & Six-Year Plan (February)

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

General			General		
26000001	Hall, Michael	1,247.60	26000038	Alexander, Arica L.	2,700.72
26000002	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,097.60	26000039	Anderson, Libbey	4,770.80
26000003	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60	26000040	Erickson, Tara	4,407.54
26000004	Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.19	26000041	Fischer, Suki K.	2,882.13
26000005	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,123.61	26000042	Korby, Sandra J.	1,220.65
26000006	Zimmerman, Mary	1,850.32	26000043	Stanifer, Gage M.	1,738.48

26000007	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.19	26000044	Anderson, Sheri L.	2,406.84
26000008	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,096.40	26000045	Dunsford, Jonathon T.	2,131.00
26000009	Silvey, Christine M.	1,850.32	26000046	Jensen, Grant W.H.	842.72
26000010	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.19	26000047	Marburger, Shana M.	2,706.17
26000011	Lempka, Tricia	1,840.16	26000048	Reynolds, Jackie L.	2,157.40
26000012	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,966.99	26000049	Critser, Jennifer Renee	2,414.80
26000013	Mellage, Mary	2,635.19	26000050	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
26000014	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,000.32	26000051	Billesbach, Douglas S.	338.18
26000015	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.60	26000052	Bohling, Gailen D.	82.50
26000016	Davidson, Sheena L.	120.84	26000053	Lane, Dennis A.	453.60
26000017	Fischer, Suki K.	1,340.24	26000054	Mace, Eugene M.	377.53
26000018	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00	26000055	Parks, Terry L.	212.63
26000019	Blundell, Kelsey R.	272.79	26000056	Reed, James P.	775.44
26000020	Boden, Nathan J.	2,844.41	26000057	Hahn, Jill E.	1,843.75
26000021	Boden, Nathan J.	485.00	26000058	Volker, Linda K.	418.75
26000022	Brown, Brent B.	2,705.96		Road	
26000023	Davidson, Eli W.	2,804.60	26000059	Bohling, Gailen D.	75.64
26000024	Davidson, Eli W.	1,244.88	26000060	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
26000025	Johnson, Danny D.	2,986.16	26000061	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
26000026	Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,841.20	26000062	Carnahan, Clayton C.	151.28
26000027	Lottman, Brent E.	3,503.50	26000063	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
26000028	Moyer, Casey J.	2,929.48	26000064	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.20
26000029	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,827.14	26000065	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
26000030	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,663.26	26000066	Faulks, Kaje	2,266.80
26000031	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	1,915.75	26000067	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
26000032	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,705.14	26000068	Hall, Michael K.	1,644.56
26000033	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	2,662.84	26000069	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
26000034	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.19	26000070	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.80
26000035	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.50	26000071	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,537.20
26000036	Ligouri, Nixon A.	736.25	26000072	Simon, Randall R.	2,156.80
26000037	Volker, Linda K.	818.68	26000073	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20

General

26011136	Action Technology	2,572.00
26011137	Airespring	420.62
26011138	Airstream	95.00
26011139	American Recycling	1,247.31
26011140	Aslan Mechanical	440.00
26011141	AT&T	522.48
26011142	Aub Auto Ctr.	633.50
26011143	Auto Parts of NC	199.44
26011144	Baylor, Evnen, Wolfe, Tannehill	4,112.00
26011145	Board of Public Works	4,316.24
26011146	Bohling, Ryan	5.60
26011147	Bures, Steven	1,435.00
26011148	Cody's U-Save	211.99
26011149	Culligan	39.00
26011150	Cutting, Wendy C.	470.10
26011151	First Concord	381.99
26011152	Fischer, Suki	16.76
26011153	Five Nines	5,779.26
26011154	Gerdes, Jana	310.36
26011155	Goertz, David	12.60
26011156	Great West Life	50.00
26011157	Green Care Lawn	660.00
26011158	Hometown Leasing	712.44
26011159	Koch's Auto	283.60
26011160	Kraviec Maurstad	2,005.26
26011161	LaQuinta Kearney	1,624.35
26011162	Lempka, Mallory	393.42
26011163	Longs Creek	3,224.00
26011164	Lynn Peavey Co.	169.01

26011165	Marburger, Shana	18.20
26011166	Marvin Planning	1,565.00
26011167	Mellage, Bryan	169.30
26011168	Mellage, Mary	280.00
26011169	Microfilm Imaging	150.00
26011170	MIPS	1,604.20
26011171	NACA	100.00
26011172	NACT	75.00
26011173	NE State Fire Marshal	36.00
26011174	Nebraska.gov	2.00
26011175	Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court	36.00
26011176	Nem Co Court/Justice	250.00
26011177	Nem Co Sheriff	60.99
26011178	Nem Co Tax Acct Ret	13,450.23
26011179	Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH	24,777.77
26011180	Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide	75.00
26011181	Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient	3,500.00
26011182	Nemaha Valley Observer	376.25
26011183	Nestor & Mercure	1,425.00
26011184	Obermeyer, Daryl	9.80
26011185	Olowolafe Law	5,000.00
26011186	Paper Tiger	115.00
26011187	Pinpoint	575.90
26011188	Quill	1,241.28
26011189	Region V Systems	3,530.41
26011190	Sack Lumber	84.45
26011191	Sapp Bros.	3,756.23
26011192	Schendel Pest Control	210.00
26011193	Schneider Geospatial	2,040.00
26011194	Solie, Deborah	15.40
26011195	Spartan Stores	194.02
26011196	Stoner Drug	8.00
26011197	Thomson Reuters	265.15
26011198	Windstream	1,230.21
	Road	
26011199	AKRS	37.37
26011200	American Recycling	196.11
26011201	Aub Auto Ctr.	3,957.22
26011202	Auto Parts of NC	645.48
26011203	Beard's Salvage	185.85
26011204	Board of Public Works	962.82
26011205	Eggers Bros.	498.47
26011206	Graybill Tire	601.95
26011207	LaQuinta Kearney	374.85
26011208	NE Child Support	229.50
26011209	NE/IA Industrial Fastners	174.84
26011210	Nem Co Tax, Ret	3,180.13
26011211	Nem Co Tax, SS, FWH	6,185.04
26011212	Nem Co Treasurer	5,386.70
26011213	NMC	4,175.75
26011214	Sack Lumber	155.44
26011215	Sapp Bros.	4,858.80
26011216	Stubbendick Metal Culverts	227.00
26011217	Vermeer	189.67
26011218	Village of Johnson	60.20
26011219	Weldon Parts	212.62
26011220	Whetrock	1,376.78
26011221	Windstream	722.60
	Register of Deeds Preservation & Mod. Fund	
26011222	MIPS	413.36

Inheritance Tax Fund		
26011223	Action Technology	4,619.35
26011224	Applied Connective	33,441.39
26011225	Fiber Platform	3,284.96
26011226	Link2Pump	18,400.00
26011227	Nem Co Tax Acct - Clearly	1,457.81
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund		
26011228	CenturyLink	2,838.05

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, 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.

Diane Johnson
County Clerk