

**April 22, 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 Chairman  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Open Meeting Laws  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of meeting minutes – April 8, 2026  
Action/Approval of claims
- 8:30 a.m. County Officials Discussion
- 9:00 a.m. Open Sealed Bids for 2 Canon Copiers
- 9:15 a.m. Open Public Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Susan Keholm, Krystal Nickels & Debbie Green with SENCA – Annual report
- 10:00 a.m. Beth Ferrell – NACO visit
- 10:30 a.m. Jillian Garcia – Project Response

**Executive Session \***

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for May 2026
2. Approve & sign the contract with Keith Kollasch for Public Defender for Nemaha County
3. Approve the hourly wage for the Election poll workers
4. Drivers Examiners update – changes to the schedule

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

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

1. Boiler replacement
2. Link 2 pump – get the fuel monitoring system hooked up
3. Approve the quote from Lumberjack from Nebraska City for the removal of the tree close to the courthouse.

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

1. Approve purchase of new computer for the Veterans Service Office

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Bridge #C006423450 Box Culvert Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast - Status
2. Design considerations of Road Upgrade – 720 Road between 628 & 628A Avenue

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Final payment for District #3 JD Motorgrader
2. Scrap Tire Collection June 6<sup>th</sup>
3. NACO County Board Workshop in Kearney June 3-4, 2026
4. Road Union renewal update

**Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, April 22, 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](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 meetings.

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, second by Mellage to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Hall, second by Mellage to approve the April 8, 2026, minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Hall, second by Weiss 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.

8:30 a.m. County Officials Discussion – A committee was created to remodel the men's and women's bathrooms in the Courthouse basement.

9:00 a.m. Open Sealed Bids for 2 Canon Copiers – no sealed bids were received

9:15 a.m. Open Public Discussion

9:30 a.m. SENCA - Susan Keholm, Development Director presented a Proclamation naming May as Community Action Month. Motion by Weiss, second to sign the Proclamation naming May as Community Action Month. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss aye. Susan presented SENCA's 2025 Annual Report and stated it's SENCA's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Krystal Nickels, Nemaha County Family Development Associate provided and update on client services and information on upcoming events and activities.

Debbie Green, SENCA CASA Coordinator – provided an update on the CASA program that serves Nemaha County youth in the juvenile court system.

Bryan Mellage left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Beth Ferrell – NACO – talked about NACO events coming up state legislation updates.

10:30 a.m. Jillian Garcia – Project Response Nemaha County stats, services, and upcoming events.

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for May 2026 - The following fuel bid for May 2026 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$4.22, Regular with ethanol \$3.619. Motion by Hall, second by Mellage to accept the fuel bid for May 2026 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$4.22, Regular with ethanol \$3.619. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

2. Approve & sign the contract with Keith Kollasch for Public Defender for Nemaha County – Motion by Hall, second by Mellage to approve and sign the contract with Keith Kollasch for Nemaha County Public Defender for a 3-year contract, effective May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2029. Compensation for services is \$72,000 the first year and increases \$2,000 per year. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Approve the hourly wage for the Election poll workers – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the hourly wage of \$15.00 per hour for the Election poll workers. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

4. Drivers Examiners update – changes to the schedule – Treasurer Gerdes informed the Commissioners of changes to the schedule of the NE Drivers Examiners in Nemaha County. Wednesday April 29, 2026, will be the last day the Drivers Examiner will be in Nemaha County until further notice.

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

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

1. Boiler replacement – The paperwork for a grant has been filed
2. Link 2 pump – get the fuel monitoring system hooked up
3. Approve the quote from Lumberjack Company from Nebraska City for the removal of the tree close to the courthouse. Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the quote from Lumberjack Company from Nebraska City for the removal of the tree and grind the stump located close to the courthouse for \$2,200.00. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

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

1. Approve purchase of new a computer for the Veterans Service Office – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the purchase of new a computer for the Veterans Service Office from Five Nines Technology Group for \$1,528.20. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

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

1. Bridge #C006423450 Box Culvert Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast - Status
2. Design considerations of Road Upgrade – 720 Road between 628 & 628A Avenue – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the quote from Final Grade Construction for \$68,799.22 for Johnson Southwest Project C-64(354). Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

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

1. Final payment for District #3 JD Motorgrader
2. Scrap Tire Collection June 6<sup>th</sup>
3. NACO County Board Workshop in Kearney June 3-4, 2026
4. Road Union renewal update

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>		
26000477	Hall, Michael	1,247.60	26000512 Anderson, Sheri L.	2,622.72

26000478	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,247.60	26000513	Jensen, Grant W.H.	1,097.12
26000479	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60	26000514	Marburger, Shana M.	2,663.80
26000480	Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.13	26000515	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	385.18
26000481	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,138.00	26000516	Reynolds, Jackie L.	2,123.67
26000482	Zimmerman, Mary	1,864.00	26000517	Critser, Jennifer Renee	2,414.80
26000483	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.13	26000518	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
26000484	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,112.00	26000519	Mace, Eugene M.	854.41
26000485	Rademacher, Corinne M.	1,230.00	26000520	Reed, James P.	355.41
26000486	Silvey, Christine M.	1,864.00	26000521	Hahn, Jill E.	1,343.75
26000487	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.13	26000522	Volker, Linda K.	325.00
26000488	Lempka, Tricia	1,853.60		<b>Road</b>	
26000489	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,725.56	26000523	Biaggi, James L.	768.00
26000490	Mellage, Mary	2,635.13	26000524	Bohling, Gailen D.	75.64
26000491	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,014.00	26000525	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
26000492	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.60	26000526	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
26000493	Davidson, Sheena L.	161.12	26000527	Carnahan, Clayton C.	75.64
26000494	Fischer, Suki K.	1,098.03	26000528	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
26000495	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00	26000529	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.20
26000496	Blundell, Kelsey R.	357.19	26000530	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
26000497	Boden, Nathan J.	2,874.00	26000531	Faulks, Kaje	2,116.80
26000498	Boden, Nathan J.	603.96	26000532	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
26000499	Brown, Brent B.	2,724.00	26000533	Hall, Michael K.	1,428.88
26000500	Davidson, Eli W.	2,841.20	26000534	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
26000501	Johnson, Danny D.	3,006.80	26000535	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.81
26000502	Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,906.80	26000536	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,537.20
26000503	Lottman, Brent E.	3,503.51	26000537	Simon, Randall R.	2,156.80
26000504	Moyer, Casey J.	2,940.40	26000538	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20
26000505	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,856.80	26000539	Schlange, Allan J.	1,147.50
26000506	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,691.20		<b>911 Enhanced Wireless Service</b>	
26000507	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,724.00	26000540	Alexander, Arica L.	3,127.49
26000508	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	2,691.20	26000541	Anderson, Libbey	2,418.00
26000509	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.13	26000542	Bedient, Jordan M.	555.50
26000510	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.51	26000543	Erickson, Tara	3,886.19
26000511	Volker, Linda K.	1,485.16	26000544	Fischer, Suki K.	1,044.95
			26000545	Korby, Sandra J.	1,213.70

**General**

26041727	AFLAC	2,288.99
26041728	American Tower	1,192.34
26041729	Aslan	300.00
26041730	Aub Auto Center	3,161.31
26041731	Benchmark	147.40
26041732	Black Hills Energy	295.77
26041733	Blue Cross Blue Shield	37,096.30
26041734	Bryan Physician Network	445.00
26041735	Capital Business	105.79
26041736	Centralsquare	24,312.25
26041737	Cody's U-Save	6.00
26041738	Comfort Inn	1,087.70
26041739	Constellation	400.08
26041740	Critser, Jennifer	49.00
26041741	Culligan	132.40
26041742	DAS	577.00
26041743	Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	2,591.54
26041744	Douglas Co Sheriff	8.76
26041745	Eakes	859.59
26041746	ESU #4	200.00
26041747	ES&S	210.91
26041748	First Concord	1,164.84
26041749	First Concord	2,072.26
26041750	Five Nines	1,553.20
26041751	Gerdes, Jana	97.59
26041752	Gov't Forms & Supplies	303.35

26041753	Great West Life	50.00
26041754	Green Care Lawn Svc.	1,974.00
26041755	Halbert, Dunn & Burns	7,414.10
26041756	Kraviec Maurstad	2,003.12
26041757	Larson Motor Group	1,694.63
26041758	Lempka, Mallory	88.04
26041759	Less Mess	4,310.00
26041760	Liberty National	374.00
26041761	Ligouri, Angelo	5.66
26041762	Longs Creek	1,659.50
26041763	Mace, Eugene	20.00
26041764	Madison Nat'l Life	159.97
26041765	Matthew Bender & Co.	161.43
26041766	Mutual of Omaha	503.40
26041767	NACO	225.00
26041768	NEHHS	93.00
26041769	NLETC	532.00
26041770	NE Forest Svc.	249.44
26041771	Nem Co Court/Justice Acct.	103.00
26041772	Nem Co Tax Acct, Ret	10,807.58
26041773	Nem Co Tax Acct, SS/FWH	19,457.30
26041774	Nem Co Tax Acct, Nationwide	75.00
26041775	Nem Co Tax Acct, NWH	6,313.98
26041776	Nem Co Treasurer	200,000.00
26041777	Nemaha Valley Observer	13.79
26041778	New York Life	117.00
26041779	Otoe Co Sheriff	19.00
26041780	Petersen Reporting	489.55
26041781	Physician's Lab	300.00
26041782	Psychological Resources	250.00
26041783	Quill	356.87
26041784	Sirchie	75.16
26041785	Thomson Reuters	274.71
26041786	Trustmark	292.02
26041787	UNL IANR	18,612.67
26041788	US Bank	7,109.28
26041789	Verizon	807.29
26041790	VSP	323.01
26041791	Windstream	319.00
	<b>Road</b>	
26041792	AFLAC	181.38
26041793	Aub Family Health Ctr.	70.00
26041794	Beard's Salvage	266.00
26041795	Black Hills Energy	81.75
26041796	Blue Cross Blue Shield	20,001.85
26041797	Constellation	123.07
26041798	Deere Credit	100,000.00
26041799	Farm & City Supply	212.84
26041800	First Concord	287.60
26041801	Holiday Inn Kearney	419.85
26041802	Hotsy Equipment	546.23
26041803	Inland Truck	1,401.61
26041804	Madison Nat'l Life	9.45
26041805	MHC Kenworth	1,768.49
26041806	Mutual of Omaha	39.12
26041807	National Sign	638.42
26041808	NE Child Support Ctr.	229.50
26041809	NE Public Empl. Local No. 251	385.00
26041810	Nem Co Tax Acct, Ret.	3,284.96
26041811	Nem Co Tax Acct, SS/FWH	6,400.64

26041812	Nem Co Tax Acct, NWH	1,803.21
26041813	New York Life	88.00
26041814	Schlange, Allan	544.77
26041815	Trustmark	34.56
26041816	US Bank	422.09
26041817	Village of Johnson	63.99
26041818	VSP	111.78
	<b>Road Equipment Fund</b>	
26041819	Deere Credit	102,949.21
	<b>Federal Crime Grant</b>	
26041820	US Bank	1,005.00
	<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
26041821	Verizon	39.92
	<b>911 Enhanced Wireless Service Fund</b>	
26041822	AFLAC	161.61
26041823	Blue Cross Blue Shield	9.21
26041824	Nem Co Tax Acct, Ret.	1,348.14
26041825	Nem Co Tax Acct, SS/FWH	2,859.06
26041826	Nem Co Tax Acct, NWH	379.02
26041827	VSP	9.62
	<b>911 Wireless Service Holding Fund</b>	
26041828	Centralsquare	20,988.90

With no further business coming before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Roll call vote: Hall, 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