

April 8, 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 – March 25, 2026
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. John Lauber – Village of Brownville Interlocal Agreement
- 9:15 a.m. Karly Black – NE Extension update
- 9:30 a.m. Judd Allen & Tim McGonigal – NACO Benefits
- 10:00 a.m. Deb Heidzig & Jon Shepherd – Planning Committee overview – Comprehensive Plan
- 10:30 a.m. Gary Behrends – Nemaha County Ag Society – Fairgrounds improvements

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Review of Public Defender Applications
2. Approve ROW Application 2026-04 OPPD located at 72218 628 Ave
3. Approve Policy for the Veterans Service handicapped van usage
4. Approve ROW Application 2026-05 OPPD located at 637 Ave & 720 Rd
5. Approve ROW Application 2026-06 Pinpoint various areas in Nemaha County

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Mary Mellage – Clerk of District Court – Replacement of Cell Phone Storage Locker for Courtroom
2. Discuss Courthouse Boiler replacement and grants available
3. Usage of old HHS building – moving DMV to the facility

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

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Bridge #C006423450 Box Culvert Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast - Status
2. Road Rebuild project – begin the bid process
3. Review 2026 Routine, Special, and NSTM (FC) Inspections
4. Driveway Agreement for Merrill Fisher has been withdrawn.
5. Driveway Agreement for Imogene Dunekacke

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for March 2026
2. Veterans Service Office - Status Report for March 2026
3. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for March 2026
4. Treasurer - Monthly report for March 2026
5. Treasurer - Pledged securities report as of March 31, 2026
6. Sheriff – Quarterly Report for County Sheriff's Office for 1st Quarter 2026

Adjournment

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, April 8, 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.

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 March 25, 2026, minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, 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.

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1. Review of Public Defender Applications – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Hall to approve the Application for Public Defender from Keith Kollasch from Auburn and will sign a contract with the details at the April 22nd meeting. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
2. Approve ROW Application 2026-04 OPPD located at 72218 628 Ave – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve Right of Way Application 2026-04 for OPPD located at 72218 628 Ave. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
3. Approve & sign the Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program for the Veterans Service Office pertaining usage of the Handicapped van. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve & sign the Federal Transit Administration Title VI Program for the Veterans Service Office pertaining usage of the Handicapped van. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
4. Approve ROW Application 2026-05 OPPD located at 637 Ave & 720 Rd – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way Application 2026-05 for OPPD located at 637 Ave & 720 Rd. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
5. Approve ROW Application 2026-06 Pinpoint various areas in Nemaha County – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way Application 2026-06 for Pinpoint which includes various areas in Nemaha County. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Mary Mellage – Clerk of District Court – Replacement of Cell Phone Storage Locker for Courtroom – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the replacement of the Cell Phone Storage Lockers for the Courtroom with a cost of \$1,629.00. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
2. Discuss Courthouse Boiler replacement and grants available – The County will begin the process of applying for grants to cover the cost of replacing the Courthouse Boiler.
3. Usage of old HHS building – contacting the State DMV and move the examiners to the old HHS building.

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

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Bridge #C006423450 Box Culvert Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast – getting a good start on the project
2. Road Rebuild project – begin the bid process – Drew Jones with Final Grade Construction spoke to the commissioners
3. Review 2026 Routine, Special, and NSTM (FC) Inspections – Received two quotes: Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc \$20,705.00 and Midwest Engineering Inc \$21,120.00. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to accept the quote for 2026 Routine, Special, and NSTM (FC) Bridge Inspections from Midwest Engineering Inc for \$21,120.00. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
4. Driveway Agreement for Merrill Fisher has been withdrawn.
5. Driveway Agreement for Imogene Dunekacke – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Driveway Agreement for Imogene Dunekacke located at 72743 629 Ave. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

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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		
26000406	Hall, Michael	1,247.60	26000444	Alexander, Arica L.	3,327.04
26000407	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,247.60	26000445	Anderson, Libbey	3,503.25
26000408	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60	26000446	Bedient, Jordan M.	402.50
26000409	Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.13	26000447	Erickson, Tara	2,998.85
26000410	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,138.00	26000448	Fischer, Suki K.	1,522.14
26000411	Zimmerman, Mary	1,864.00	26000449	Korby, Sandra J.	1,281.05

26000412	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.13	26000450	Anderson, Sheri L.	3,139.58
26000413	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,112.00	26000451	Jensen, Grant W.H.	1,097.12
26000414	Silvey, Christine M.	1,864.00	26000452	Marburger, Shana M.	2,567.74
26000415	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.13	26000453	Reynolds, Jackie L.	1,985.15
26000416	Lempka, Tricia	1,853.60	26000454	Critser, Jennifer Renee	2,414.80
26000417	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,632.88	26000455	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
26000418	Mellage, Mary	2,635.13	26000456	Billesbach, Douglas S.	525.00
26000419	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,014.00	26000457	Bohling, Gailen D.	210.00
26000420	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.60	26000458	Mace, Eugene M.	457.01
26000421	Davidson, Sheena L.	161.12	26000459	Reed, James P.	753.90
26000422	Fischer, Suki K.	1,184.15	26000460	Hahn, Jill E.	1,431.25
26000423	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00	26000461	Volker, Linda K.	268.75
26000424	Blundell, Kelsey R.	279.54		Road	
26000425	Boden, Nathan J.	2,874.00	26000462	Biaggi, James L.	1,344.00
26000426	Brown, Brent B.	2,724.00	26000463	Bohling, Gailen D.	75.64
26000427	Chess, Joshua A.	248.48	26000464	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
26000428	Closner, Jacob	992.88	26000465	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
26000429	Davidson, Eli W.	2,841.20	26000466	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
26000430	Davidson, Eli W.	124.28	26000467	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.21
26000431	Johnson, Danny D.	3,006.80	26000468	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
26000432	Kadavy, Matthew T.	6,302.80	26000469	Faulks, Kaje	2,116.80
26000433	Lottman, Brent E.	3,503.51	26000470	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
26000434	Moyer, Casey J.	2,940.40	26000471	Hall, Michael K.	1,590.64
26000435	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,856.80	26000472	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
26000436	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,691.20	26000473	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.80
26000437	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	571.67	26000474	Lickeig, Scott A.	2,559.58
26000438	Rash, Zachary R.	310.60	26000475	Simon, Randall R.	2,156.80
26000439	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,724.00	26000476	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20
26000440	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	2,691.20			
26000441	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.13			
26000442	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.51			
26000443	Volker, Linda K.	1,442.03			

General

26041648	Action Technology	2,572.00
26041649	American Recycling	1,739.91
26041650	APACE	120.00
26041651	Applied Connective	80.00
26041652	AT&T	522.48
26041653	Aub Auto Center	633.00
26041654	Auto Parts of NC	66.57
26041655	Bennett's Fire Protection	203.50
26041656	Board of Public Works	3,673.13
26041657	Casey's	48.14
26041658	Culligan	39.00
26041659	DAS	537.60
26041660	Defense Technology	625.00
26041661	ES&S	4,861.06
26041662	First Concord	7,248.53
26041663	Five Nines	2,922.00
26041664	Gov Forms & Supplies	232.82
26041665	Great West Life	50.00
26041666	Hometown Leasing	712.44
26041667	Lancaster Co. Sheriff	6.76
26041668	Longs Creek	3,390.50
26041669	Microfilm Imaging	150.00
26041670	Mid-States Organized Crime	150.00
26041671	MIPS	1,604.24
26041672	National Assn. for Court Management	150.00
26041673	Nebraska.gov	100.00
26041674	Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court	253.00
26041675	Nem Co Sheriff	925.00
26041676	Nem Co Tax Acct Ret	12,999.56
26041677	Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH	23,992.84
26041678	Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide	75.00
26041679	Nem Co Tax Acct Clearfly	869.99
26041680	Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient	1,000.00
26041681	Nemaha Valley Observer	2,776.79

26041682	NENA	299.00
26041683	Olowolafe Law	5,000.00
26041684	OPPD	48.52
26041685	Paper Tiger	124.00
26041686	Pinpoint	125.90
26041687	Quill	244.73
26041688	Sapp Bros.	3,644.81
26041689	Schendel Pest Control	210.00
26041690	Fiber Platform (Segra)	521.42
26041691	Spartan Stores	94.19
26041692	Tanner, Crystal	112.92
26041693	UNL Extension	475.13
26041694	Windstream	900.27
	Road	
26041695	A Street Auto Parts	291.66
26041696	AKRS	3,354.51
26041697	American Recycling	196.11
26041698	Aub Auto Center	4,586.33
26041699	Auto Parts of NC	447.47
26041700	Board of Public Works	733.46
26041701	Eggers Bros.	1,383.30
26041702	Farm & City Supply	235.99
26041703	Graybill Tire	109.28
26041704	Hullman's Ford	2,168.09
26041705	Johnson Quik Stop	135.00
26041706	Martin Marietta	69,230.65
26041707	Medical Enterprises	72.00
26041708	MHC Kenworth	242.10
26041709	NE Child Support	229.50
26041710	NE/IA Industrial Fasteners	4.23
26041711	Nem Co Tax, Ret	3,176.58
26041712	Nem Co Tax, SS, FWH	6,323.25
26041713	NMC Exchange	261.95
26041714	Pfeiffer Welding	3,103.98
26041715	Powerplan	703.04
26041716	RDO	212.99
26041717	Sapp Bros.	21,997.44
26041718	SE Weed Management	250.00
26041719	Tifco	836.19
26041720	Verizon	84.01
26041721	Whetrock	17,745.87
26041722	Windstream	716.87
	Register of Deeds Preservation & Mod. Fund	
26041723	MIPS	413.36
	911 Emergency Management Fund	
26041724	Emergency Services Marketing	2,365.00
	911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	
26041725	CenturyLink	2,834.84
26041726	Pinpoint	225.00

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 11:11 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.

Diane Johnson
County Clerk