

May 20, 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 – May 6, 2026
Action/Approval of claims
- 8:30 a.m. County Officials Discussion
- 9:00 a.m. Melanie Stormer – Chief Probation Officer – Probation & Legislation update
Chris Reece – Problem Solving Court coordinator – 2026-2027 Budget - County Interlocal Agreement & State Interlocal Agreement
- 9:30 a.m. Region 5 Systems – APACE - updates
- 10:00 a.m. Tim McGonigal – NACO – Health/Dental Insurance Plan for Nemaha County Employees
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization
- 10:45 a.m. Open Public Discussion

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Fuel Bids for June 2026
2. Change the first Commissioner meeting in June to Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – due to Commissioner NACO conference in Kearney, Nebraska
3. Adopt Resolution 2026-19 Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026
4. Accept Resignation from Suki Fischer for the Building & Grounds position with Nemaha County effective May 28, 2026
5. Emergency Declaration of May 18, 2026, storm in Nemaha County Nebraska.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Boiler replacement – Bids on June 2 meeting
2. Link 2 pump – get the fuel monitoring system hooked up

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

1. Approve the purchase of Semi-truck for Road District #3

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Bridge #C006423450 Box Culvert Project C-64(252) Nemaha Southeast - Status
2. Johnson SW C-64(354) project updates

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. Scrap Tire Collection June 6th
2. NACO County Board Workshop in Kearney June 3-4, 2026
3. Road Union Contract renewal update

Adjournment

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, May 20, 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: Bryan Mellage, Commissioner District #2; Michael Weiss, Commissioner District #3; and County Clerk Diane Johnson. Mike Hall, Commissioner District # 1, was absent due to illness. Chairman Weiss noted the Open Meeting Laws posted on the bulletin board located in the Commissioner's room.

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to approve the May 6, 2026, minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

Claims – Motion by Mellage, 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; Mellage, aye.

- 8:30 a.m. County Officials Discussion – Discussed the storm damage to the Courthouse yard. Treasurer Jana Gerdes asked if the County could assist with the cost of the deductible for the damage to Jennifer Nichols car, from tree branches falling on her car during the storm. No action could be taken on the matter, since it was not on the agenda, so it will be on the June 2nd meeting agenda. Assessor Mallory Lempka explained to the Commissioners about Form 425, Report of Damaged Real Property, for significant damage occurring on or after January 1 and before July 1 of current year. Owners with damaged real property must file a Form 425 with the County Clerk on or before July 15th.
- 9:00 a.m. Melanie Stormer – Chief Probation Officer – Probation & Legislation update on Probation Chris Reece – Problem Solving Court coordinator – 2026-2027 Budget request from Nemaha County. Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to sign the SE NE Adult Drug Court Interlocal Agreement 2026-2027 Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson, and Pawnee Counties and approve the FY 2026-2027 budget request of \$9,153.85. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
- 9:30 a.m. Region 5 Systems – APACE - updates
- 10:00 a.m. Tim McGonigal – NACO – Health/Dental Insurance Plan for Nemaha County Employees The new rate proposal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield has a 14.65% increase, so we requested another quote from another Insurance Company. NACO has a quote from Medica Choice National with the same type of deductible, copays, coinsurance, and prescription drug copay. The Commissioners will review and decide on the Insurance plan on the June 2, 2026, meeting.
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization sine die at 10:44 a.m. and reconvened 10:47 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m. Open Public Discussion

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Discussion/Action – Business

1. Fuel Bids for June 2026 - The following fuel bid for June 2026 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$4.569, Regular with ethanol \$4.07. Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to accept the fuel bid for June 2026 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$4.569, Regular with ethanol \$4.07. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Change the first Commissioner meeting in June to Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – due to Commissioner NACO conference in Kearney, Nebraska – Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to change the first Commissioner meeting in June to Tuesday, June 2, 2026 – due to the Commissioner NACO conference in Kearney, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Adopt Resolution 2026-19 Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to adopt Resolution 2026-19 which adopts the Nemaha Natural Resources Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 which was prepared by Jeo Consulting Group. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

4. Accept Resignation from Suki Fischer for the Building & Grounds position with Nemaha County effective May 28, 2026 – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to accept the Resignation from Suki Fischer for the Building & Grounds position with Nemaha County effective May 28, 2026. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

5. Emergency Declaration for the May 18, 2026, storm in Nemaha County Nebraska – Motion Weiss, seconded by Mellage to adopt Resolution 2026 – 20 which is an Emergency Declaration for the May 18, 2026, high winds and heavy rain in Nemaha County Nebraska. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, 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		
26000616	Hall, Michael	1,247.60	26000653	Alexander, Arica L.	2,284.24
26000617	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,247.60	26000654	Anderson, Libbey	3,366.50
26000618	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60	26000655	Bedient, Jordan M.	632.00
26000619	Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.13	26000656	Erickson, Tara	2,897.70
26000620	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,138.00	26000657	Fischer, Suki K.	1,348.80
26000621	Zimmerman, Mary A.	1,864.00	26000658	Korby, Sandra J.	1,422.96
26000622	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.13	26000659	Anderson, Sheri L.	3,554.57

26000623	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,112.00	26000660	Dunsford, Jonathon T.	161.12
26000624	Rademacher, Corinne M.	765.00	26000661	Jensen, Grant W.H.	2,260.00
26000625	Silvey, Christine M.	1,864.00	26000662	Marburger, Shana M.	2,648.24
26000626	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.13	26000663	Reynolds, Jackie L.	2,799.64
26000627	Lempka, Tricia	1,853.60	26000664	Critser, Jennifer Renee	3,830.30
26000628	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,922.51	26000665	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
26000629	Mellage, Mary	2,635.13	26000666	Bohling, Gailen D.	300.00
26000630	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,014.00	26000667	Lane, Dennis A.	352.50
26000631	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.60	26000668	Mace, Eugene M.	397.40
26000632	Davidson, Sheena L.	161.12	26000669	Reed, James P.	850.83
26000633	Fischer, Suki K.	1,071.12	26000670	Szenasi, Jan R.	112.50
26000634	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00	26000671	Hahn, Jill E.	1,537.50
26000635	Boden, Nathan J.	2,874.00	26000672	Volker, Linda K.	281.25
26000636	Brown, Brent B.	2,724.00		Road	
26000637	Closner, Jacob S.	1,040.16	26000673	Biaggi, James L.	960.00
26000638	Davidson, Eli W.	2,841.20	26000674	Bohling, Gailen D.	75.64
26000639	Davidson, Eli W.	223.70	26000675	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
26000640	Johnson, Danny D.	3,006.80	26000676	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
26000641	Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,906.80	26000677	Carnahan, Clayton C.	75.64
26000642	Lottman, Brent E.	3,503.51	26000678	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
26000643	Moyer, Casey J.	2,940.40	26000679	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.20
26000644	Moyer, Casey J.	103.14	26000680	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
26000645	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,856.80	26000681	Faulks, Kaje	2,116.80
26000646	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,691.20	26000682	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
26000647	Rash, Zachary R.	683.32	26000683	Hall, Michael K.	1,577.16
26000648	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,724.00	26000684	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
26000649	Stonebarger, Clinton E.	1,795.86	26000685	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.80
26000650	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.13	26000686	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,537.20
26000651	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.51	26000687	Simon, Randall R.	2,156.80
26000652	Volker, Linda K.	1,312.61	26000688	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20

General

Salaries	\$79,924.14
Access Elevator	596.80
AFLAC	2,288.99
Airstream	142.50
American Tower	1,192.34
APACE	135.00
Applied Connective	80.00
AT&T	522.48
Aub Auto	1,562.50
Aub Family Health	1,556.12
Aub G&S	39.92
Bender Reese Post #330	75.00
Bennett's Fire Protection	53.00
Black Hills	327.15
BC/BS	35,824.07
Bob Barker Co	239.47
Capital Business	112.63
City of Peru	75.00
Constellation	50.32
Culligan	138.10

DAS	840.00
Douglas Co Sheriff	8.76
Election Clerical	9,149.62
Elite Court Reporting	270.40
EMA Exercise	50.00
Fairfield Inn	259.90
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	5,307.00
First Concord	1,164.84
First Concord	3,077.68
Galls	1,261.36
Gilbert Services	1,369.84
Government Forms & Supplies	246.28
Great West Life	50.00
Green Care Lawn	665.00
Ground Pounders	2,200.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	299.90
Liberty National	374.00
Longs Creek	1,343.00
Madison National Life	159.05
MIPS	262.71
Mutual of Omaha	503.40
NACO	250.00
Nem Co Ag Society	150.00
Nem Co Court/Justice	116.00
Nem Co Petty Cash	25.00
Nem Co Tax, ret	12,675.43
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	23,432.67
Nem Co Tax, annt	75.00
Nem Co Tax, nwh	6,502.32
Nem Co Treasurer	200,000.00
Nemaha Methodist Church	75.00
New Life Church	75.00
New York Life	117.00
Physician's Lab	1,950.00
Quill	795.47
Spartan Stores	88.85
St. Paul Lutheran Church	75.00
Thomson Reuters	274.71
Trustmark	292.02
Village of Brock	75.00
Village of Brownville	75.00
VSP	313.39
Windstream	109.32
Road	
Salaries	\$21,847.58
AFLAC	181.38
Aub Family Health	35.00
Black Hills	62.20
BC/BS	17,457.39
Constellation	12.05
First Concord	287.60
Heroes for Homeowners	400.00
Johnson Quik Stop	203.00
Madison National Life	9.45
Midwest Engineering	5,607.50
Mutual of Omaha	39.12

NE Child Support	229.50
NE Public Employee Local #251	385.00
NE/IA Industrial Fasteners	497.62
Nem Co Tax, ret	3,172.54
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	6,253.16
Nem Co Tax, nwh	1,745.24
New York Life	88.00
Tifco	167.23
Trustmark	34.56
Village of Johnson	57.44
VSP	111.78
Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund	
Midwest Engineering	24,897.50
Visitors Promotion Fund	
Kistner, Sonia	75.40
Veteran's Memorial Fund	
Grimm's Gardens	1,104.46
Woltemath, Becky	273.89
911 Wireless Service Fund	
AFLAC	161.61
BC/BS	9.21
Nem Co Tax, nwh	390.60
VSP	9.62
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	
GEO-COMM	4,482.00

With no further business coming before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, 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