

June 2, 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 20, 2026
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion
- 9:30 a.m. Open Sealed bids for replacement of Steam Boiler

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Designate NACO with the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes for the printing & mailing of the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing Pink Postcards
2. Approve ROW application 2026-09 for OPPD located at 722 Road and 627 Avenue
3. Approve or deny per request from Treasurer Jana Gerdes assisting Jennifer Nichols with deductible from May 18th storm damage to her personal car
4. Taking applications for Building & Grounds worker – clarification of duties
5. Adopt Resolution 2026-21 a subdivision for Maurice & Barbara Oestmann located in Sec 21 T5N R13E
6. Approve Health & Dental Insurance for Nemaha County Employees for 2026-2027
7. Approve an extension on ROW Permit 2025-16 for OPPD located at Hwy 136 between 627 Ave & 629 Ave.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Update of installation of Link2pump equipment for fuel monitoring

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

1. Approve the purchase of Semi-truck for Road District #3
2. Approve the purchase of Pup Trailer for Road District #2

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Road Rebuild Johnson SW C-64(354) – status
2. Discussion of Road Workers Union Contract renewal updates
3. Reminder of Scrap Tire Collection on Saturday June 6th – workers
4. Approve Driveway agreement for Marilyn Coatney

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. Veterans Service Office - Status Report for May 2026
2. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for May 2026
3. Sheriff will be holding an abandoned vehicle sale on Monday, June 15, 2026

Adjournment

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Tuesday, June 2, 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, second by Mellage to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the May 20, 2026, minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Claims – Motion by Weiss, second 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

9:30 a.m. Open Sealed bids for replacement of Steam Boiler - Opening Sealed Bids for the replacement of the Steam Boiler for the Courthouse. Notice to open the sealed bids for "Burnham Model CL-40 low pressure Steam Boiler for the Nemaha County Courthouse" was published in the

Nemaha Valley Observer on May 14th, May 21st, and May 28th. One bid was received: Cerris Systems Inc. for \$291,372.00. The Commissioners are currently applying for a grant through the US Department of Energy – Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant to cover some of the cost of replacing the Steam Boiler for the Courthouse. The Bid from Cerris Systems Inc. for \$291,372.00 will not be accepted, unless we receive the grant from US Department of Energy.

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Designate NACO with the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes for the printing & mailing of the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing Pink Postcards – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to Designate NACO with the State Print Shop and Pitney Bowes to provide the service of printing & mailing the LB 644 Joint Public Hearing Pink Postcards. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
2. Approve ROW application 2026-09 for OPPD located at 722 Road and 627 Avenue – Motion by Weiss, second by Hall to approve the Right of Way application 2026-09 for OPPD located at 722 Road and 627 Avenue. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
3. Approve or deny per request from Treasurer Jana Gerdes assisting Jennifer Nichols with deductible from May 18th storm damage to her personal car – tabled until the next meeting on June 17th.
4. Taking applications for Building & Grounds worker – clarification of duties
5. Adopt Resolution 2026-21 a subdivision for Maurice & Barbara Oestmann located in 21-5-13 – Motion by Weiss, second by Hall to adopt Resolution 2026-21 which is a subdivision for Maurice & Barbara Oestmann located in Sec 21 T5N R13E. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
6. Approve Health & Dental Insurance for Nemaha County Employees for 2026-2027 – Commissioners have decided to keep the current Health & Dental Insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a few more months and will investigate other options.
7. Approve an extension on ROW Permit #2025-16 for OPPD located at Hwy 136 between 627 Ave & 629 Ave – Motion by Weiss, second by Hall to approve an extension on Right of Way Permit 2025-16 for OPPD located at Hwy 136 between 627 Ave & 629 Ave. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Update of installation of Link2pump equipment for fuel monitoring

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

1. Approve the purchase of Semi-truck for Road District #3 – Motion by Weiss, second by Hall to approve the purchase of Semi-truck for Road District #3 from Cornhusker International Trucks for a new 2027 International HX620 Semi-tractor for \$166,900.00. The sealed bids were opened at the November 5, 2025 Commissioner meeting and tabled at the November 19, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, nay; Weiss, aye.
2. Approve the purchase of Pup Trailer for Road District #2 – Motion by Mellage to approve the purchase of Pup Trailer for Road District #2, which the motion died, due to the lack of a second.

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Road Rebuild Johnson SW C-64(354) – status
2. Discussion of Road Workers Union Contract renewal updates
3. Reminder of Scrap Tire Collection on Saturday June 6th – workers
4. Approve Driveway agreement for Marilyn Coatney – Motion by Hall, second by Mellage to approve a Driveway agreement for Marilyn Coatney located at 73280 643A Ave Peru, NE. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

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3. Sheriff will be holding an abandoned vehicle sale on Monday, June 15, 2026

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

General		General	
26000689	Hall, Michael	1,247.60	26000723 Alexander, Arica L. 3,154.42
26000690	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,247.60	26000724 Anderson, Libbey 3,811.00
26000691	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60	26000725 Bedient, Jordan M. 632.00
26000692	Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.13	26000726 Blundell, Kelsey R. 475.65
26000693	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,138.00	26000727 Erickson, Tara 3,163.10
26000694	Zimmerman, Mary A.	1,864.01	26000728 Fischer, Suki K. 756.46

26000695	Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.13	26000729	Korby, Sandra J.	1,557.80
26000696	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,112.00	26000730	Anderson, Sheri L.	3,481.20
26000697	Silvey, Christine M.	1,864.00	26000731	Jensen, Grant W.H.	2,260.00
26000698	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.13	26000732	Marburger, Shana M.	4,165.07
26000699	Lempka, Tricia	1,853.60	26000733	Reynolds, Jackie L.	3,024.68
26000700	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,238.99	26000734	Stevens, Katie L.	702.41
26000701	Mellage, Mary	2,635.13	26000735	Critser, Jennifer Renee	4,113.40
26000702	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,014.00	26000736	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
26000703	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.60	26000737	Billesbach, Douglas S.	558.75
26000704	Bohling, Gracelyn D.	216.00	26000738	Lane, Dennis A.	150.00
26000705	Davidson, Sheena L.	161.12	26000739	Mace, Eugene M.	486.82
26000706	Fischer, Suki K.	1,420.98	26000740	Reed, James P.	893.91
26000707	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00	26000741	Szenasi, John S.	210.00
26000708	Blundell, Kelsey R.	496.96	26000742	Hahn, Jill E.	1,687.50
26000709	Boden, Nathan J.	2,874.00	26000743	Volker, Linda K.	162.50
26000710	Brown, Brent B.	2,724.00		Road	
26000711	Davidson, Eli W.	4,829.60	26000744	Biaggi, James L.	864.00
26000712	Johnson, Danny D.	3,006.80	26000745	Bohling, Joshua M.	2,176.80
26000713	Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,906.80	26000746	Byfield, Jullian	2,156.80
26000714	Lottman, Brent E.	3,503.51	26000747	Carnahan, Clayton C.	75.64
26000715	Moyer, Casey J.	4,831.30	26000748	Core, Richard D.	2,136.80
26000716	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,856.80	26000749	Daugherty, Allan D.	2,287.20
26000717	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,691.20	26000750	Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,156.80
26000718	Rash, Zachary R.	559.08	26000751	Faulks, Kaje	2,116.80
26000719	Silvey, Harold L. Jr	2,724.00	26000752	Gottula, Joel L.	2,176.80
26000720	Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.13	26000753	Hall, Michael K.	1,428.88
26000721	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.51	26000754	Holthus, James E.	2,537.20
26000722	Volker, Linda K.	1,287.96	26000755	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,286.80
			26000756	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,753.54
			26000757	Simon, Randall R.	1,941.12
			26000758	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,347.20

General

26062056	A-1 Locksmith	800.00
26062057	Action Technology	2,572.00
26062058	American Recycling	1,627.71
26062059	APCO International	525.00
26062060	AT&T	522.48
26062061	Aub Auto Center	108.90
26062062	Aub G&S Market	121.57
26062063	Board of Public Works	2,863.18
26062064	Bob Barker Co.	267.22
26062065	Casey's	457.20
26062066	CentralSquare	1,950.00
26062067	Culligan	91.50
26062068	Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	2,049.44
26062069	Eakes	65.00
26062070	Galls	53.90
26062071	Gene Steffy Auto	44,588.00
26062072	Gov't Forms & Supplies	447.10
26062073	Great West Life	50.00
26062074	Handley Law	700.00
26062075	Hometown Leasing	712.44
26062076	Kollasch Law	6,000.00
26062077	Kraviec Maurstad Law	2,007.80
26062078	Larson Motor Group	2,911.01
26062079	Lempka Mallory	365.74
26062080	Less Mess LLC	7,000.00
26062081	Longs Creek	1,678.50
26062082	Marvin Planning	2,550.00
26062083	Matthew Bender Co.	171.10
26062084	Mellage Mary	200.00
26062085	MIPS	1,604.24

26062086	Motorola	18,863.97
26062087	NACO	175.00
26062088	NEHHS	90.00
26062089	NE Notary Assn.	163.00
26062090	Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court	72.00
26062091	Nem Co Court/Justice	348.00
26062092	Nem Co Tax Acct Ret	13,277.67
26062093	Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH	24,582.33
26062094	Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide	75.00
26062095	Nem Co Tax Acct Clearly	972.88
26062096	Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient	1,000.00
26062097	Voided	
26062098	Nem Natural Resources Dist.	7,072.15
26062099	Nemaha Valley Observer	867.38
26062100	NENA	460.00
26062101	OPPD	53.23
26062102	Pinpoint	125.90
26062103	Quill	950.13
26062104	Richardson Co. Sheriff	373.43
26062105	Sapp Bros.	4,574.96
26062106	Sayler Screenprinting	101.00
26062107	Tractor Supply	229.21
26062108	UNL Extension	66.45
26062109	UNL Ag	18,612.00
26062110	US Bank	4,332.51
26062111	Vanguard	1,925.00
26062112	Verizon	807.47
26062113	Weiss, Michael	267.53
26062114	Wilson Electric	650.00
	Road	
26062115	AKRS	9,631.24
26062116	American Recycling	196.11
26062117	Aub Auto Center	1,160.33
26062118	Big State Industrial Supply	763.50
26062119	Board of Public Works	580.85
26062120	Bruna Implement	410.13
26062121	Commercial Industrial Supply	595.47
26062122	Farm & City Supply	105.89
26062123	Frontier Cooperative	247.50
26062124	Graham Tire	1,109.68
26062125	Koch's Auto	3,291.99
26062126	Martin Marietta	52,953.57
26062127	MHC Kenworth	304.12
26062128	NE Child Support	229.50
26062129	NE/IA Industrial Supply	27.08
26062130	Nem Co Tax, Ret	3,155.94
26062131	Nem Co Tax, SS, FWH	6,201.35
26062132	NE Machinery Co.	2,931.07
26062133	Powerplan	536.76
26062134	RDO	184.89
26062135	Sack Lumber	253.61
26062136	Sapp Bros.	28,402.02
26062137	Schlange Allan	385.00
26062138	Tractor Supply	119.65
26062139	US Bank	28.49
26062140	Verizon	155.46
	Register of Deeds Preservation & Mod. Fund	
26062141	MIPS	413.36
	911 Emergency Management Fund	
26062142	Verizon	39.93

911 Wireless Service Holding Fund

26062143	CenturyLink	2,830.99
26062144	Pinpoint	225.00

With no further business coming before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to adjourn at 9:50 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