

# **June 17, 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 – June 2, 2026  
                         Action/Approval of claims
- 8:00 a.m.            Blane Anthony – Condition of County Roads
- 8:30 a.m.            County Officials Discussion
- 9:00 a.m.            Dakota Schulenburg – Cooper Nuclear Station Quarterly Update
- 10:00 a.m.           Judd Allen & Mike Boden – NACO – Health/Dental Insurance Plan for Nemaha County Employees

10:30 a.m.           Board of Equalization

#### **Executive Session \***

##### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for July 2026 will be on the July 1, 2026 meeting agenda
2. Approve the renewal of insurance FY 2026-2027 with NIRMA with a 2.66% increase to \$176,940.00
3. Adopt Resolution 2026-22 Budget Overage – Extension Office – Veterans Service
4. Adopt Resolution 2026-23 Subdivision for Sharon Kluck located in Sec 16 T4N R15E
5. Approve appointments to the Nemaha County Extension Board – David Goertz, Kelly Kennedy, Liz Bergmann
6. Approve to sign the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements for NE EMA

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

1. Approve or deny per request from Treasurer Jana Gerdes assisting Jennifer Nichols with deductible from May 18<sup>th</sup> storm damage to her personal car

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

1. Update of installation of Link2pump equipment for fuel monitoring

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

1. Declare Clinton Stonebarger's law enforcement vest as surplus, so it can be sold to Richardson County
2. Renting equipment for repairing the storm damage

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

1. Road Rebuild Johnson SW C-64(354) – status
2. Discussion of Road Workers Union Contract renewal updates
3. Concerns on Bridge C006412105 located on 637 Ave
4. Damage to Bridge C006410530 located on 629 Ave

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

1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for May 2026
2. Treasurer - Monthly report for May 2026
3. Treasurer - Pledged securities report as of May 30, 2026

##### **Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, June 17, 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: 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 June 2, 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.

8:00 a.m. Blane Anthony & Daniel Stukenholtz – Condition of County Roads – They spoke of concerns of the bad condition of county roads, especially after the recent hard rains.

8:30 a.m. County Officials Discussion – Sheriff Lottman spoke to the Commissioners about the claim to the Nemaha County Treasurer transferring unused budget funds from the Sheriff into the Capital Outlay fund for \$65,000.00 to use for the cost of a cruiser and for \$30,000.00 for Sheriff IT updates. The transfer of unused funds from Communications into 2913 - 911 Emergency Fund for \$28,206.00 for the cost of the Dispatcher's payroll for two pay periods. The transfer of unused funds from the Jail to the Capital Outlay fund for \$50,000.00 to cover County Jail updates and IT. Assessor Lempka spoke to the Commissioners about the claim to the Nemaha County Treasurer transferring unused budget funds to the Capital Outlay fund for \$13,500.00 to cover the cost of appraiser's fees that was budgeted for 2025/2026, but due to scheduling conflict the appraiser was not able to start until June. County Clerk Johnson spoke to the Commissioners about the claim to the Nemaha County Treasurer transferring unused budget funds from the Building & Ground to the County Buildings fund for \$25,000.00 for the replacement of the Courthouse Boiler/heating. The Commissioners approved the Claim for all the transfers.

Assessor Lempka spoke to the Commissioners on the policy of County plat books and the use by the County employees. The Treasurer's office handles the plat books and sells them to the public. The concern is allowing the County workers' plat books to assist them with their jobs and duties, but the current policy only allows one plat book to each office and road district.

County Treasurer Gerdes expressed concern on the handling of the May 18<sup>th</sup> storm and Commissioners not closing the courthouse, but County Clerk Johnson had locked the courthouse doors at 4:20 p.m. and left the building. She was concerned that the public building was not open or unlocked until 5:00 p.m. to provide shelter for the public if needed during the storm.

9:00 a.m. Dakota Schulenburg – Cooper Nuclear Station Quarterly Update – He spoke to the Commissioners about upcoming outage, IPAWS status, and being one of the 4 finalists for the Next Generation Nuclear.

10:00 a.m. Judd Allen & Mike Boden – NACO – Health/Dental Insurance Plan for Nemaha County Employees. Judd Allen with NACO spoke to the Commissioners about the Health/Dental Insurance coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the 14.65% premium increase and other options to the County. He presented a Medica Quote with lower premiums, but no guarantee of receiving low premiums for the next year.

Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to approve the renewal of Health/Dental Insurance coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The total cost per employee is \$1,454.61 per month, and the additional benefit for the employee if enrolled with Blue Cross/Blue Shield family, spouse, or children coverage, is 70% of the cost of premiums. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

10:30 a.m. Sine die for Board of Equalization and reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for July 2026 will be on the July 1, 2026 meeting agenda

2. Approve the renewal of insurance FY 2026-2027 with NIRMA with a 2.66% increase for \$176,940.00 per year – Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to approve the renewal of insurance for buildings, property, vehicles, and workmen's comp FY 2026-2027 with NIRMA with a 2.66% increase for \$176,940.00 per year. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

3. Adopt Resolution 2026-22 Budget Overage – Extension Office – Veterans Service – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to adopt Resolution 2026-22 which covers the Budget Overage for 2025/2026 for the Extension Office - \$3,560.53, Veterans Service Office - \$836.51, and Clerk of District Court - \$643.26. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

4. Adopt Resolution 2026-23 Subdivision for Sharon Kluck located in Sec 16 T4N R15E – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss, to adopt Resolution 2026-23 which is a Subdivision for Sharon Kluck located in Sec 16 T4N R15E. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

5. Approve appointments to the Nemaha County Extension Board – David Goertz, Kelly Kennedy, Liz Bergmann – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to approve the appointments to

the Nemaha County Extension Board – David Goertz, Kelly Kennedy, Liz Bergmann. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

6. Approve to sign the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements for NE EMA – Motion Mellage, second by Weiss to approve to sign the Subrecipient Certification of Compliance with Foreign National Vetting Requirements for the NE EMA. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

1. Approve or deny per request from Treasurer Jana Gerdes assisting Jennifer Nichols with deductible for the storm damage to her personal car from May 18<sup>th</sup> storm – Tabled from the June 2, 2026 meeting. A motion was made at the June 2, 2026 meeting by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the claim from Treasurer Jana Gerdes assisting Jennifer Nichols with the deductible for damage to her personal car from the May 18<sup>th</sup> storm. Roll call vote: Weiss, nay; Mellage, nay. The claim is denied.

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

1. Update of installation of Link2pump equipment for fuel monitoring – Road District #3 is the only road district that has installed the Link2pump equipment for fuel monitoring.

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

1. Declare Clinton Stonebarger’s law enforcement vest as surplus, so it can be sold to Richardson County – Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to declare Clinton Stonebarger’s law enforcement vest as surplus, so it can be sold to Richardson County. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Renting equipment for repairing the storm damage

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

- 1. Road Rebuild Johnson SW C-64(354) – status
- 2. Discussion of Road Workers Union Contract renewal updates
- 3. Concerns on Bridge C006412105 located on 637 Ave – will speak to Dan Alexander, the Highway Superintendent, to replace the bridge with metal culverts.
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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  |                         |          |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|
| 26000759 | Hall, Michael            | 1,247.60 | 26000795 | Alexander, Arica L.     | 2,217.60 |
| 26000760 | Mellage, Bryan W.        | 1,247.60 | 26000796 | Anderson, Libbey        | 2,910.00 |
| 26000761 | Weiss, Michael J.        | 1,247.60 | 26000797 | Bedient, Jordan M.      | 326.00   |
| 26000762 | Johnson, Diane L.        | 2,485.13 | 26000798 | Blundell, Kelsey R.     | 277.68   |
| 26000763 | Tanner, Crystal R.       | 2,138.01 | 26000799 | Erickson, Tara          | 3,108.25 |
| 26000764 | Zimmerman, Mary A.       | 1,864.00 | 26000800 | Fischer, Suki K.        | 2,254.08 |
| 26000765 | Gerdes, Jana J.          | 2,485.13 | 26000801 | Korby, Sandra J.        | 1,513.52 |
| 26000766 | Nichols, Jennifer L.     | 2,112.00 | 26000802 | Anderson, Sheri L.      | 3,075.43 |
| 26000767 | Silvey, Christine M.     | 1,864.00 | 26000803 | Guthrie, Bryan L.       | 551.36   |
| 26000768 | Lempka, Mallory A.       | 2,485.13 | 26000804 | Jensen, Grant W.H.      | 2,260.00 |
| 26000769 | Lempka, Tricia           | 1,853.60 | 26000805 | Marburger, Shana M.     | 3,132.83 |
| 26000770 | Mayer, Ashley M.         | 1,818.24 | 26000806 | Reynolds, Jackie L.     | 2,673.64 |
| 26000771 | Mellage, Mary            | 2,635.13 | 26000807 | Stevens, Katie L.       | 1,735.20 |
| 26000772 | Wamsley, Samantha J.     | 2,014.00 | 26000808 | Critser, Jennifer Renee | 5,469.73 |
| 26000773 | Wilken, Nicole C.        | 1,941.60 | 26000809 | Winder, Nahum O.        | 2,618.12 |
| 26000774 | Bohling, Gracelyn D.     | 720.00   | 26000810 | Bohling, Gailen D.      | 367.50   |
| 26000775 | Davidson, Sheena L.      | 161.12   | 26000811 | Mace, Eugene M.         | 476.88   |
| 26000776 | Mitchell, Lisa A.        | 1,520.00 | 26000812 | Reed, James P.          | 904.68   |
| 26000777 | Blundell, Kelsey R.      | 77.65    | 26000813 | Szenasi, Jan R.         | 90.00    |
| 26000778 | Boden, Nathan J.         | 2,874.00 | 26000814 | Hahn, Jill E.           | 900.00   |
| 26000779 | Boden, Nathan J.         | 704.62   | 26000815 | Volker, Linda K.        | 256.25   |
| 26000780 | Brown, Brent B.          | 2,724.00 | Road     |                         |          |
| 26000781 | Davidson, Eli W.         | 2,841.20 | 26000816 | Biaggi, James L.        | 1,440.00 |
| 26000782 | Davidson, Eli W.         | 795.36   | 26000817 | Bohling, Gailen D.      | 151.28   |
| 26000783 | Erickson, Christopher M. | 465.90   | 26000818 | Bohling, Joshua M.      | 2,176.80 |
| 26000784 | Johnson, Danny D.        | 6,527.80 | 26000819 | Byfield, Jullian        | 2,156.80 |
| 26000785 | Kadavy, Matthew T.       | 2,906.80 | 26000820 | Carnahan, Clayton C.    | 75.64    |

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| 26000786 | Lottman, Brent E.     | 3,503.51 | 26000821 | Core, Richard D.       | 2,136.80 |
| 26000787 | Moyer, Casey J.       | 2,940.40 | 26000822 | Daugherty, Allan D.    | 2,287.20 |
| 26000788 | Neeman, Jonathan R.   | 2,856.80 | 26000823 | Dunekacke, Matthew R.  | 2,156.80 |
| 26000789 | Ractliffe, Zachary A. | 2,691.20 | 26000824 | Faulks, Kaje           | 2,116.80 |
| 26000790 | Ractliffe, Zachary A. | 1,913.84 | 26000825 | Gottula, Joel L.       | 2,176.80 |
| 26000791 | Silvey, Harold L. Jr  | 2,724.00 | 26000826 | Hall, Michael K.       | 1,563.68 |
| 26000792 | Homolka, Morgan T.    | 2,485.13 | 26000827 | Holthus, James E.      | 2,537.20 |
| 26000793 | Ligouri, Angelo M.    | 3,313.51 | 26000828 | Knippelmeyer, Jason W. | 2,286.81 |
| 26000794 | Volker, Linda K.      | 1,528.30 | 26000829 | Lickteig, Scott A.     | 2,537.20 |
|          |                       |          | 26000830 | Simon, Randall R.      | 2,156.80 |
|          |                       |          | 26000831 | Wamsley, Donald L.     | 2,347.20 |
|          |                       |          | 26000832 | Schlange, Allan J.     | 405.00   |

**General**

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|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 26062145 | AFLAC                                | 2,214.50  |
| 26062146 | American Tower                       | 1,192.34  |
| 26062147 | APACE                                | 120.00    |
| 26062148 | Applied Connective                   | 80.00     |
| 26062149 | Aslan Mechanical                     | 189.00    |
| 26062150 | Aub Auto Center                      | 1,780.70  |
| 26062151 | Aub Design Shop                      | 191.74    |
| 26062152 | Auto Parts of NC                     | 246.66    |
| 26062153 | Benchmark                            | 644.35    |
| 26062154 | Bennett's Auto Body                  | 2,500.00  |
| 26062155 | Black Hills Energy                   | 333.57    |
| 26062156 | BC/BS                                | 37,008.96 |
| 26062157 | Bohling, Ryan                        | 11.60     |
| 26062158 | Capital Business                     | 158.79    |
| 26062159 | Centec                               | 3,035.53  |
| 26062160 | Cody's U-Save                        | 54.17     |
| 26062161 | Constellation                        | 33.50     |
| 26062162 | Crowne Plaza Kearney                 | 599.80    |
| 26062163 | Culligan                             | 106.20    |
| 26062164 | Eakes                                | 1,920.00  |
| 26062165 | Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin    | 587.50    |
| 26062166 | Farmer's Cooperative                 | 741.66    |
| 26062167 | First Concord                        | 904.84    |
| 26062168 | First Concord                        | 766.51    |
| 26062169 | Five Nines                           | 3,111.50  |
| 26062170 | Gerdes, Jana                         | 291.18    |
| 26062171 | Gilbert Services                     | 1,556.46  |
| 26062172 | Goertz, David                        | 39.15     |
| 26062173 | Great West Life                      | 50.00     |
| 26062174 | Green Care Lawn Svc.                 | 550.00    |
| 26062175 | Hall, Mike                           | 290.00    |
| 26062176 | Holiday Inn Kearney                  | 239.90    |
| 26062177 | Kennedy, Kellie                      | 82.65     |
| 26062178 | Larson Motor Group                   | 1,334.30  |
| 26062179 | Lempka, Mallory                      | 88.02     |
| 26062180 | Liberty National                     | 374.00    |
| 26062181 | Longs Creek                          | 1,862.50  |
| 26062182 | Madison Nat'l Life                   | 126.71    |
| 26062183 | Marburger, Shana                     | 37.70     |
| 26062184 | Mellage, Bryan                       | 176.90    |
| 26062185 | Microfilm Imaging                    | 150.00    |
| 26062186 | Motorola                             | 310.00    |
| 26062187 | Mutual of Omaha                      | 497.60    |
| 26062188 | NE Dept. of Revenue Prop. Assessment | 320.00    |
| 26062189 | NEHHS                                | 1,378.00  |
| 26062190 | NELETC                               | 175.00    |
| 26062191 | Nem Co Ag Society                    | 100.00    |

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| 26062192 | Nem Co Petty Cash             | 15.00      |
| 26062193 | Nem Co Sheriff                | 187.49     |
| 26062194 | Nem Co Tax Acct, Ret          | 13,644.60  |
| 26062195 | Nem Co Tax Acct, SS/FWH       | 25,564.55  |
| 26062196 | Nem Co Tax Acct, Nationwide   | 75.00      |
| 26062197 | Nem Co Tax Acct, NWH          | 7,327.57   |
| 26062198 | Nem Co Treasurer              | 411,706.00 |
| 26062199 | Nemaha Valley Observer        | 6.85       |
| 26062200 | New York Life                 | 117.00     |
| 26062201 | Norfolk Lodge & Suites        | 770.00     |
| 26062202 | Paper Tiger                   | 124.00     |
| 26062203 | Quill                         | 1,115.48   |
| 26062204 | Region V Systems              | 856.00     |
| 26062205 | Sapp Bros.                    | 616.61     |
| 26062206 | Schendel Pest Control         | 210.00     |
| 26062207 | Segra Fiber Platform          | 479.85     |
| 26062208 | Solie, Deborah                | 31.90      |
| 26062209 | Spartan Stores                | 82.20      |
| 26062210 | The Spotted Cow               | 641.40     |
| 26062211 | Thomson Reuters               | 274.71     |
| 26062212 | Trustmark                     | 292.02     |
| 26062213 | UNL Extension                 | 102.24     |
| 26062214 | US Bank                       | 3,494.89   |
| 26062215 | Verizon                       | 167.83     |
| 26062216 | VSP                           | 294.47     |
| 26062217 | Weiss, Michael                | 398.03     |
| 26062218 | Winder, Nahum                 | 83.17      |
| 26062219 | Windstream                    | 1,227.07   |
|          | <b>Road</b>                   |            |
| 26062220 | AFLAC                         | 181.38     |
| 26062221 | Andrew Fertilizer             | 1,454.50   |
| 26062222 | Auto Parts of NC              | 119.17     |
| 26062223 | Beard's Salvage               | 324.20     |
| 26062224 | Bennett's Fire Protection     | 51.50      |
| 26062225 | Black Hills Energy            | 48.75      |
| 26062226 | BC/BS                         | 19,672.97  |
| 26062227 | Eggers Bros.                  | 1,236.26   |
| 26062228 | Farmer's Cooperative          | 102.00     |
| 26062229 | First Concord                 | 287.60     |
| 26062230 | First Wireless                | 2,159.68   |
| 26062231 | Five Nines                    | 86.50      |
| 26062232 | Gilbert Services              | 107.46     |
| 26062233 | Interstate Power Systems      | 642.37     |
| 26062234 | Johnson Quik Stop             | 171.45     |
| 26062235 | Koch's Auto                   | 93.00      |
| 26062236 | Madison Nat'l Life            | 9.45       |
| 26062237 | Martin Marietta               | 51,280.39  |
| 26062238 | MHC Kenworth                  | 457.15     |
| 26062239 | Mutual of Omaha               | 39.12      |
| 26062240 | NE Child Support Ctr.         | 229.50     |
| 26062241 | NE Public Empl. Local No. 251 | 385.00     |
| 26062242 | Nem Co Tax Acct, Ret.         | 3,216.60   |
| 26062243 | Nem Co Tax Acct, SS/FWH       | 6,358.25   |
| 26062244 | Nem Co Tax Acct, NWH          | 1,775.47   |
| 26062245 | New York Life                 | 88.00      |
| 26062246 | RDO                           | 571.54     |
| 26062247 | Rohrs, Cathy                  | 60.00      |
| 26062248 | Sapp Bros.                    | 16,516.51  |
| 26062249 | Schlange, Allan               | 162.04     |
| 26062250 | Tifco                         | 373.83     |

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| 26062251 | Trustmark                                    | 34.56    |
| 26062252 | US Bank                                      | 608.27   |
| 26062253 | Village of Johnson                           | 55.49    |
| 26062254 | VSP                                          | 111.78   |
| 26062255 | Weiss Construction                           | 1,410.00 |
| 26062256 | Whetrock                                     | 3,920.47 |
| 26062257 | Windstream                                   | 726.02   |
|          | <b>2019 Disaster Fund</b>                    |          |
| 26062258 | NE Emergency Management Agency               | 4,742.93 |
|          | <b>SE Regional Emergency Management Fund</b> |          |
| 26062259 | Engle, Jean                                  | 161.70   |
| 26062260 | Fillmore Co EMA                              | 1,656.33 |

With no further business coming before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to adjourn at 11:03 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](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov).

Diane Johnson  
County Clerk