

August 26, 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
Approval of Agenda
Approval of meeting minutes – August 12, 2026
Action/Approval of claims
Action/Approval of claim payable to Weiss Construction

9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Fuel Bids for September 2026
2. Adopt Resolution #2026-32 Final Allocation of Levy for Ag Society and Fire Districts
3. Approve the 2026 Inventories of County Officials, Appointed Directors
4. Review the 2026/2027 Budget – Nemaha County will be in the Joint Public Hearing held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm located at the ESU #4 building in Auburn
5. Appoint Renee Critser & Nahum Winder as fiscal agents for the FEMA projects
6. Grant an extension for the ROW Permit #2025-09 for OPPD
7. Approve warrant/claim as an obligation to pay Village of Brunning \$500.00, after NEMA funds are received for the SE PET Region
8. Five Nines contract update

Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business

Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property

1. Update of Courtroom ceiling repair
2. Update of air quality test for the old Health & Human Services building
3. Review of Radon test results

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

1. Update a long reach excavator for FEMA cleanup
2. Need to order metal culverts
3. Sheriff Department – Purchase cruisers to replace two that were in accidents (Insurance declared totaled)

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Sign the Contract with Ace Eaton Metals for Project C-64(356) Brock Northwest for \$83,240.00 for bridge replacement with culvert.
2. Review letter from NE Department of Transportation pertaining to Bridges in Nemaha County
3. Approve/Take action on Bridge Projects C-64(231) Harms bridge & C-64(274) Rippe bridge

County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders

1. Carson Clayton on behalf of Rep. Adrian Smith's office will be at the Nemaha County Courthouse on Wednesday, September 2nd from 12:00 pm to 1:00 p.m.
2. Future dates for the Planning Commission meetings are: September 24, 2026; October 22, 2026; November 19, 2026; December 17, 2026, and January 28, 2027

Adjournment

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, August 26, 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.

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 August 12, 2026, minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Claims – Motion by Mellage, 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.

Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the Weiss Construction claim as presented by County Clerk and authorize for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, abstain.

9:00 a.m. Open Public Discussion

Executive Session *

Discussion/Action – Business

1. Fuel Bids for September 2026 - The following fuel bids for September 2026 were received: Gottula Propane Service #2 Clear Diesel \$5.048, Regular with ethanol \$3.63; Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$5.239, Regular with ethanol \$3.889. Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to accept the fuel bid for September 2026 from Gottula Propane Service, #2 Clear Diesel \$5.048, Regular with ethanol \$3.63. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
2. Adopt Resolution #2026-32 Final Allocation of Levy for Ag Society and Fire Districts – Motion by Mellage, second by Weiss to adopt Resolution #2026-32 which is the Final Allocation of Levy for Ag Society and Fire Districts. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
3. Approve the 2026 Inventories of County Officials, Appointed Directors – Motion by Hall, second by Mellage to approve the 2026 Inventories of the Nemaha County Officials and appointed Directors. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
4. Review the 2026/2027 Budget – Nemaha County will be in the Joint Public Hearing held on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm located at the ESU #4 Building in Auburn.
5. Appoint Renee Critser & Nahum Winder as fiscal agents for the FEMA projects – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to appoint Renee Critser and Nahum Winder as the fiscal agents for the FEMA projects for Nemaha County, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
6. Grant an extension for the ROW Permit #2025-09 for OPPD – Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to grant a six-month extension for the ROW Permit #2025-09 for OPPD. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
7. Approve warrant/claim as an obligation to pay Village of Brunning \$500.00, after NEMA funds are received for the SE PET Region – Motion by Mellage, second by Hall to approve the warrant/claim as an obligation to pay the Village of Brunning \$500.00, after NEMA funds are received for the SE PET Region. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
8. Five Nines contract update – tabled until the next meeting

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1. Update a long reach excavator for FEMA cleanup
2. Need to order metal culverts
3. Sheriff Department – Purchase cruisers to replace two that were in accidents (Insurance declared totaled) – Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to purchase 3 new Sheriff vehicles using the State Bidding Process, and use the insurance money, which will cover some of the cost of the replacement vehicles. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent

1. Sign the Contract with Ace Eaton Metals for Project C-64(356) Brock Northwest for \$83,240.00 for bridge replacement with culvert. Motion by Weiss, second by Mellage to Sign the Contract with Ace Eaton Metals for Project C-64(356) Brock Northwest for \$83,240.00 for bridge replacement with culvert. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
2. Review of the letter from NE Department of Transportation pertaining to Bridges in Nemaha County
3. Approve/Take action on Bridge Projects C-64(231) Harms bridge & C-64(274) Rippe bridge – Highway Superintendent, Dan Alexander discussed the plans for the bridge replacements and the cost involved. Each bridge would cost around \$1,000,000.00 each to be replaced. The Commissioners have decided to start the bid process for the C-64(274) Rippe bridge replacement and wait on the other project for a few years.

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

Nemaha County Wages (Gross)

Alexander, Arica L.	2,195.60	Knippelmeyer, Jason W.	2,367.60
Andersen, Sheri L.	2,181.48	Korby, Sandra J.	1,165.28
Anderson, Libbey	2,719.00	Lempka, Mallory A.	2,485.13
Bedient, Jordan M.	326.00	Lempka, Tricia L.	1,893.12
Biaggi, James L.	168.00	Lickteig, Scott A.	2,626.00
Blundell, Kelsey R.	2,624.80	Ligouri, Angelo M.	3,313.51
Boden, Nathan J.	2,874.00	Lottman , Brent E.	3,503.51
Bohling, Gailen D.	458.14	Mace, Eugene M.	447.08
Bohling, Joshua M.	2,257.60	Marburger, Shana M.	1,993.20
Brown, Brent B.	2,724.00	Mayer, Ashley M.	1,291.15
Burres, Steven T.	248.48	Mellage, Bryan W.	1,247.60
Byfield, Julian C.	10,632.24	Mellage, Mary M.	2,635.13
Carnahan, Clayton C.	75.64	Mitchell, Lisa A.	1,520.00
Carnahan, Kyle E.	1,750.00	Moyer, Casey J.	2,940.40
Constatine, Mary J.	2,051.60	Neeman, Jonathan R.	2,856.80
Core, Richard D.	2,217.60	Nichols, Jennifer L.	2,112.00
Critser, Jennifer R.	2,414.80	Ractliffe, Zachary A.	2,691.20
Daugherty, Allan D.	2,376.01	Rash, Zachary R.	1,102.63
Davidson, Eli W.	2,841.20	Reed, James P.	850.83
Davidson, Sheena L.	161.12	Reynolds, Zachary R.	1,848.00
Dunekacke, Matthew R.	2,237.60	Schlange, Allan J.	1,282.50
Erickson, Tara L.	3,242.53	Silvey, Christine M.	1,864.00
Faulks, Kaje A.	2,197.61	Silvey, Harold L.	2,874.00
Fischer, Suki K.	2,238.52	Simon, Randall R.	2,237.61
Gerdes, Jana J.	2,485.13	Stevens, Katie L.	1,950.25
Gottula, Joel L.	2,257.60	Szenasi, John S.	90.00
Hahn, Jill E.	2,298.79	Tanner, Crystal R.	2,138.00
Hall, Michael K.	2,366.40	Volker, Linda K.	1,644.96
Holthus, James E.	2,626.00	Wamsley, Donald L.	2,436.00
Homolka, Morgan T.	2,485.13	Wamsley, Samantha J.	2,014.00
Jensen, Grant W.	3,925.00	Weiss, Michael J.	1,247.60
Johnson, Danny D.	3,006.80	Wilken, Nicole C.	1,941.61
Johnson, Diane L.	2,485.13	Winder, Nahum O.	1,697.60
Kadavy, Matthew T.	2,906.80	Zimmerman, Mary A.	2,036.00

General

American Tower	1,192.34
APACE	270.00
Aub Family Health	140.36
Bennett's Fire	178.70
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	36,701.88
Capital Business	140.53
Casey's Mastercard	1,642.25
DAS State	577.00
Eakes Office	77.00
First Concord	608.73
First Concord	67.50
First Wireless	554.50
Five Nines Tech	1,361.20
Gilbert Services	337.00
Halbert Dunn & Burns	6,947.65
Longs Creek	4,475.50
Madison Life	43.32
Morrissey & Dalluge	500.00
NACO	120.00
NE APCO/NENA	190.00
NE Notary	161.00
Nem Co Tax ss fwh	8,003.22
Nem Co Tax ret	7,588.22
Nem Co Treasurer	7,080.74
Petersen Reporting	1,843.65
Priority Printing	337.44
Thomson Reuters	274.71
US Bank	2,544.33
Vanguard Appraisals	3,117.50
Verizon Wireless	807.47

Windstream	318.56
Road	
Allan Schlange	555.56
Bennett's Fire	434.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	18,934.20
Holiday Inn	419.85
Johnny's Tire	185.00
Madison Life	9.45
Midwest Engineering	24,595.50
National Sign	4,289.63
Nem Co Petty Cash	60.00
Nem Co Tax ss fwh	2,173.21
Nem Co Tax ss ret	1,951.26
Nutrien Ag	200.00
Schendel Pest	254.50
Verizon	91.31
Weiss Construction	1,179.17
Vacation Sick Leave	
Payroll – Gross	10,883.71
SE Regional EMA	
City of Wiber	500.00
Jean Engle	76.13
Jefferson Co EMA	460.42
Lancaster Co EMA	849.27
Nemaha Co EMA	76.13
Sycamore Consult	8,000.00
Village of Pickrell	500.00
Wymore Rural Water	500.00
Jail Commissary	
Combined Public	620.00
Highway Bridge	
Midwest Engineering	44,259.50

With no further business coming before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to adjourn at 10:12 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