

**April 10, 2024**  
**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 27, 2024  
Action/Approval of claims  
Action/Approval of claim payable to Mellage Truck & Tractor  
Action/Approval of claim to First Concord, Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Dept of Correctional Services (due to the invoice/tickets being filed after the 90 days deadline from when the services were provided, as per Nebr. State Statute §23-135)  
  
Dan Alexander - Midwest Engineering - Highway Superintendent
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Sealed Bids for Sheriff a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup and a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup
- 9:30 a.m. Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer - Presentation, an update and some statistics
- 10:00 a.m. Susan Keholm, SENCA Development Director - 2023 Annual Report, Proclamation May  
Community Action Month Danyel Lewis, SENCA Family Development Nemaha County Outreach Program Debbie Green, SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate
- 10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization  
10:45 a.m. Taylor Wenzl - Murphy Tractor & Equipment - Motor grader information

**Executive Session \***

1. Brock Northwest C-64(335) project Claim filed against the County
2. Draft Letter from NE Auditor of Public Accounts

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Approve the Audit Report for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from NE Auditor of Public Accounts
2. Approve the Federal Single Audit Report for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from NE Auditor of Public Accounts
3. Approve ROW Application #2024-05 OPPD located 6 miles South of Auburn
4. Review Claim filed by Tony Knight rock damage
5. Approve ROW Application #2024-06 Nemaha County Rural Water District #2 located Sec 3-4-13

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

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

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

1. Sheriff quotes for replacing enclosed trailer for ATV

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Project C-64(322) replacing bridge with culverts - progress report
2. Approve Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader, Excavator, Wheel Loader Courses for Byfield, Dunekacke, Lickteig
3. Approve NE DOT Road Worker Training for Byfield, Bohling, Daugherty, Dunekacke, Gottula, Hall, Holthus, Knippelmeyer, Lickteig, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley
4. Approve Driveway Permit for Badgett located 732 Road Auburn

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. County Clerk - Monthly Fee Report for March, 2024
2. Veterans Service Office - Status Report for March, 2024
3. Clerk of District Court – Monthly Fees/Fines Report for March, 2024
4. Treasurer - Monthly report for March, 2024
5. Treasurer - Pledged securities report as of March 31, 2024
6. Sheriff - Quarterly Report 1st Calendar Quarter of 2024
7. Receipt/check from Alter Metal Recycling for \$3,437.33

**Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, Commissioner's Chambers, Nemaha County Courthouse, Auburn, NE for a regular scheduled meeting. Notice of meeting was published weekly in the Nemaha County Herald. 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 also 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 meeting.

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 Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the March 27, 2024 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.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to approve the accounts payable claim to Mellage Truck and Tractor presented by the County Clerk and authorize for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, abstain; Weiss, aye.

Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the accounts payable to First Concord, Vanguard Appraisals Inc, Dept of Correctional Services (due to the invoice/tickets being filed after the 90 days deadline from when the services were provided, as per Nebr. State Statute §23-135). Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

Dan Alexander - Midwest Engineering - Highway Superintendent: Josh Keithley with Midwest Engineering Inc spoke to the Commissioners about two possible upcoming bridge projects. Bridge structure C006423450 located 3 miles south and 2.5 miles east of Nemaha, which was damaged in 2019 and is currently closed. Structure repair cost would be over half of the cost to replace the bridge, so he advised replacing the structure with a box culvert or small bridge. Bridge structure C006401405 located on 732 Road, 1 mile north of Johnson could be replaced with 3 culverts. MEI will begin the engineering phase of these 2 projects.

9:15 a.m. Opening Sealed Bids for Sheriff vehicles a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup and a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup. Notice to open Sealed bids for a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup and a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup was published in the Nemaha County Herald on March 21st and 28th and April 4th. Four bids were received for each pickup. Sealed bids received for the 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup were: Levi Bridgewater - \$4,000.00; Justin Cotton - \$6,500.01; Joel Gottula - \$4,652.00; and Rob Beasterfield - \$6,500.00. Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to accept the bid for the 2016 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup from Justin Cotton for \$6,500.01. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye. Sealed bids for the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup were: Gary Nerison - \$4,000.00; Levi Bridgewater -

\$4,000.00; Justin Cotton - \$6,500.01; Rob Beasterfield - \$8,500.00. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to accept the bid for the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup from Rob Beasterfield for \$8,500.00. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

9:30 a.m. Melanie Stormer, Chief Probation Officer - Presentation, an update and some statistics - absent due to illness

10:00 a.m. Susan Keholm, SENCA Development Director - 2023 Annual Report, Proclamation May Community Action Month  
Danyel Lewis, SENCA Family Development Nemaha County Outreach Program  
Debbie Green, SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate

Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to sign the Proclamation declaring May, 2024 as Community Action Month in Nemaha County Nebraska. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

10:30 a.m. Board of Equalization Sine Die at 10:55 a.m. reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

10:45 a.m. Taylor Wenzl - Murphy Tractor & Equipment - Motor grader information

### **Executive Session \***

1. Brock Northwest C-64(335) project Claim filed against the County - no action taken
2. Draft Letter from NE Auditor of Public Accounts - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. for Strategy session with respect to collective bargaining, pending litigation. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye. Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to leave Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye. No action was taken.

### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Approve the Audit Report for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from NE Auditor of Public Accounts - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall, to approve the Audit Report for Nemaha County Nebraska for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
2. Approve the Federal Single Audit Report for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from NE Auditor of Public Accounts - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Federal Single Audit Report for Nemaha County Nebraska for July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023 from Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
3. Approve ROW Application #2024-05 OPPD located 6 miles South of Auburn - Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the Right of Way Application #2024-05 for OPPD located 6 miles South of Auburn. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
4. Review Claim filed by Tony Knight rock damage - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to pay a claim filed by Tony Knight from rock damage to a 2022 Honda CRV in the amount of \$1,510.25, when a County Road Department rock truck pulled onto the highway scattering rock and spraying the 2022 Honda CRV. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
5. Approve ROW Application #2024-06 Nemaha County Rural Water District #2 located Sec 3-4-13 - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to Approve the Right of Way Application #2024-06 for Nemaha County Rural Water District #2 located near Sec 3-4-13. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

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

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

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

1. Sheriff quotes for replacing enclosed trailer for ATV - tabled until the next meeting

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Project C-64(322) replacing bridge with culverts - progress report - starting to remove trees in the project area.

2. Approve Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader, Excavator, Wheel Loader Courses for Byfield, Dunekacke, Lickteig - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader Course, Jurnee Excavator Course, and Jurnee Wheel Loader Course for Jullian Byfield, Matthew Dunekacke, and Scott Lickteig Effective April 8, 2024; Byfield, Dunekacke, and Lickteig will receive a one-time wage increase of \$.25 per Course which is \$.75 total per hour raise, as per Road Union Contract dated July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

3. Approve NE DOT Road Worker Training for Byfield, Bohling, Daugherty, Dunekacke, Gottula, Hall, Holthus, Knippelmeyer, Lickteig, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the NE DOT Road Worker Training for Jullian Byfield, Josh Bohling, Allan Daugherty, Matthew Dunekacke, Joel Gottula, Mike Hall, Jim Holthus, Travis Knippelmeyer, Scott Lickteig, Josh Riggins, Randall Simon, and Donald Wamsley. Effective April 8, 2024 Byfield, Bohling, Daugherty, Dunekacke, Gottula, Hall, Holthus, Knippelmeyer, Lickteig, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley will receive a one-time wage increase of \$.25 per hour as per Road Union Contract dated July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Hall, abstain; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

4. Approve Driveway Permit for Alicia Badgett located 732 Road Auburn - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Driveway Permit for Alicia Badgett located on 732 Road Auburn. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

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**Adjournment**

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

**General**

Salaries	70,719.08
Access Elevator	919.00
Airespring	406.12
Airstream	661.37
American Recycling	1,963.90
Americom	337.50
APACE	105.00
APACE	3,225.25
Aub Newspaper	1,037.03
Auto Parts of NC	158.46
Board of Public Works	3,592.30

Charm-Tex	239.60
Cody's U-Save	14.70
Culligan	39.00
Dept. of Corrections	697.29
Eggers Bros.	167.27
ES&S	2,670.31
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	332.50
First Concord	873.00
Five Nines	2,615.20
Glenn's Corner Market	280.66
Great West Life	50.00
Green Care Lawn Svc.	1,425.00
Helmink Printing	342.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	1,534.94
Lancaster Co Sheriff	40.20
Lynch's Hardware	54.54
Microfilm Imaging	130.00
MIPS	1,374.87
Murray Law	3,762.00
Nem Co Clerk of Dist Court	180.00
Nem Co Court/Justice	216.00
Nem Co Petty Cash	251.16
Nem Co Sheriff	540.20
Nem Co Tax Acct Ret	11,789.67
Nem Co Tax Acct SS/FWH	21,621.34
Nem Co Tax Acct Nationwide	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct Quadient	1,000.00
Nem Co Treasurer	150,000.00
Olowolafe Law Firm	4,583.33
Otoe Co Sheriff	120.00
Paper Tiger	115.00
Physician's Lab	3,174.00
Pinpoint	575.90
Pottawattamie Co Sheriff	82.00
Quill	1,272.80
Sack Lumber	59.17
Sapp Bros.	3,919.39
Spartan Stores	212.22
UNL AEM Business Ctr.	13,895.83
UNL Extension	101.72
Vanguard	5,875.00
Windstream	1,331.49
Woltemath, Becky	147.54

**Road**

Salaries	19,023.39
American Recycling	185.51
Auto Parts of NC	365.16
Barco	1,037.09
Board of Public Works	629.72
Dept. of Corrections	200.00
Eggers Bros.	49.92
First Wireless	893.67
Frontier Cooperative	560.54
Graybill Tire	42.23
Holiday Inn	269.90
Johnson Quik Stop	235.00
Lynch's Hardware	13.87
Martin Marietta	35,107.80
Mellage Truck & Tractor	129.76
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Child Support	298.40
Nem Co Tax, ret	2,937.88
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	5,636.83
PowerPlan	1,131.14
Sack Lumber	162.68
Sapp Bros.	18,180.76
Tractor Supply	622.93
Whetrock	2,167.90
Windstream	720.06
<b>Register of Deed Preservation Fund</b>	
MIPS	398.86
<b>Juvenile Diversion Program Fund</b>	
3rd Millennium Classrooms	150.00
<b>911 Wireless Service Holding Fund</b>	
Lumen	14,500.00

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Hall, seconded by Weiss to adjourn at 11:15 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](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov).

Diane Johnson  
County Clerk