

**August 28, 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 – August 14, 2024  
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Kim Tanner - Cooper Nuclear Station - implementation of IPAWS and removal of sirens
- 9:30 a.m. Ed Uken - Hamilton Telecommunications - Quote for surveillance cameras for the Courthouse
- 10:00 a.m. Susan Piper and others - Concerned Nemaha County Citizen about Solar Farms in Nemaha County  
Open Public Discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Board of Equalization

**Executive Session \***

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for September, 2024
2. Adopt Resolution #2024-20 Final Allocation of Levy for Ag Society and Fire Districts
3. Inventories for Nemaha County Officials, District and County Court, EMA, Extension, and Veterans Service
4. Approve ROW application #2024-13 from Windstream by 731 Road Johnson NE
5. Approve ROW application #2024-14 from OPPD 73258 635 Ave Brock NE
6. Approve ROW application #2024-15 from OPPD 72598 633 Ave Auburn NE
7. Adopt Resolution #2024-21 Subdivision for Leroy A. & Jane E. Meyer

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

1. Look over County Budget – set hearing date
2. Zoning for Nemaha County - Planning Commission
3. Nemaha County Property obtained from Tax Sales

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

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

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve the Proposal from Micheels Construction Co for chip sealing the old Hwy 136 west of Brownville

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Received Payment for the Tire Recycling from NDEE Waste Grant \$21,925.50
2. Treasurer Gerdes report on county tax sale certificate foreclosures from 2023
3. Received check from Big Iron for 2001 Motor grader in amount of \$56,292.50

**Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, August 28, 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 August 14, 2024 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage 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. Kim Tanner - Cooper Nuclear Station - implementation of IPAWS and removal of sirens
- 9:30 a.m. Ed Uken - Hamilton Telecommunications - Quote for surveillance cameras for the Courthouse
- 10:00 a.m. Susan Piper and around 20 Concerned Nemaha County Citizens voiced their opinions about the Solar Farms in Nemaha County. National-grid Renewables of Brock Solar had 3 representatives and their attorney present. Commissioners asked many questions about the current Solar Farm located by Brock.  
Open Public Discussion
- 11:20 a.m. Sine Die for Board of Equalization reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

**Executive Session \***

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for September, 2024 - The following fuel bid for September, 2024 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$2.83, Regular with ethanol \$2.655. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to accept the fuel bid for September, 2024 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$2.83, Regular with ethanol \$2.655. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
2. Adopt Resolution #2024-20 Final Allocation of Levy for Ag Society and Fire Districts – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to adopt Resolution #2024-20 which determines a final Allocation of Levy authority for the Ag Society and the Fire Districts. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.
3. Inventories for Nemaha County Officials, District and County Court, EMA, Extension, and Veterans Service – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Inventories for the Nemaha County Officials, District and County Court, EMA, Extension, and Veterans Service Office. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
4. Approve ROW application #2024-13 from Windstream by 731 Road Johnson NE – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way application #2024-13 from Windstream located by 731 Road Johnson NE. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.
5. Approve ROW application #2024-14 from OPPD 73258 635 Ave Brock NE – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the Right of Way application #2024-14 from OPPD located at 73258 635 Ave Brock NE. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

6. Approve ROW application #2024-15 from OPPD 72598 633 Ave Auburn NE – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the Right of Way application #2024-15 from OPPD located at 72598 633 Ave Auburn NE. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

7. Adopt Resolution #2024-21 Subdivision for Leroy A. & Jane E. Meyer – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to adopt Resolution #2024-21 which is a Subdivision for Leroy A. & Jane E. Meyer located in Sec 27 5N 12E. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

1. Look over the County Budget – set hearing date - Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. during a Commissioner’s Meeting. The Joint Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. located at the ESU #4 building.

2. Nemaha County - Planning Commission – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to begin the Nemaha County Planning Commission, with 5 members on the Commission. The members must be Nemaha County resident and at least one representative from each commissioner district. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye. The Commissioners need interested Nemaha County residents that would like to be on Nemaha County Planning Commission, to contact the County Clerk’s office (402)274-4213 by September 9<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. The commission will consist of 5 members selected by the Board of Commissioners.

3. Nemaha County Property obtained from Delinquent Tax Sales - The properties that received no bids at the June 5, 2024 meeting are available to anyone that offers a bid in writing to the Board of Commissioners through the County Clerk’s office.

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

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

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve the Proposal from Micheels Construction Co for chip sealing the old Hwy 136 west of Brownville – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the Proposal of \$11,860.00 from Micheels Construction Co for chip sealing the old Hwy 136 west of Brownville. Additional cost will be added for repairs on the By-pass around the east side of Auburn. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

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

**General**

Salaries	\$69,782.07
AFLAC	3362.90
Airstream	860.14
American Tower	1,102.34
Baylor, Evnen, Wolfe, Tannehill	1,338.50
Bennett, Pam	200.00
BC/BS	34,680.99
Capital Business	103.65
Capital Business Systems	988.54
Centec	1,992.64

Constellation	15.00
Culligan	120.00
DAS	658.62
Detectachem	662.57
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	3,287.00
First Concord	711.16
First Concord	166.60
FTC	25.00
Futurity	1,500.00
Gilbert Svcs.	33.50
Gravatt, Jere	200.00
Great West Life	50.00
Halbert, Dunn & Burns	85.50
Handley Law	5,854.50
Hometown Leasings	712.44
Koch's Auto	1,200.00
Legalshield	43.90
Lempka, Mallory	436.30
Liberty National	374.00
Longs Creek	1,519.00
Madison National Life	115.32
Metschke, Marty	34.41
Nem Co Tax Acct. (Ret.)	11,696.09
Nem Co Tax Acct. (SS/FWH)	21,298.74
Nem Co Tax Acct. (Nationwide)	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. (NWH)	7,313.57
Nem Co Treasurer	736.30
Otoe Co Sheriff	44.60
Paper Tiger	155.00
Petersen Reporting	252.20
Priority Printing	222.10
Quill	436.07
Region V Systems	1,284.00
Schneider Geospatial	11,220.00
Shell Wex Bank	19.82
Town & Country Vet	521.40
UNL Extension	23.41
US Bank	9,718.78
Verizon	1,284.92
VSP	309.71
Washington National	130.80
<b>Road</b>	
Salaries	19,844.36
AFLAC	212.32
AKRS	530.39
BC/BS	16,597.11
Credit Management Svcs.	64.58
First Concord	150.00
Greenwade Tree Svc.	400.00
Holiday Inn Kearney	269.90
Hotsy Equipment	506.03
Legalshield	36.90
Madison National Life	9.45
Martin Marietta	54,495.59
Metal Culverts	55,667.20
Midwest Svc. & Sales	10,639.60

NE Child Support Ctr.	229.50
NE Child Support Ctr.	298.40
NE Public Employee Local 251	330.00
NE/IA Industrial Fasteners	93.64
Nem Co Tax Acct. (Ret.)	3,068.83
Nem Co Tax Acct. (SS/FWH)	5,956.68
Nem Co Tax Acct. (NWH)	2,014.21
New York Life	88.00
NMC Exchange	2,233.04
Pfeiffer Welding	632.50
Powerplan	2,949.18
VSP	102.23
<b>Register of Deeds Preservation Fund</b>	
Bear Graphics	920.16
<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Verizon	25.80
<b>911 Wireless Service Holding Fund</b>	
Charter Communications	70.96
CenturyLink	8,045.31
<b>Jail Commissary Fund</b>	
US Bank	41.00
<b>Other Capital Projects Fund</b>	
Volitant Technologies	2,500.00

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to adjourn at 12:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, 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