

# **March 26, 2025**

## **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 12, 2025  
Action/Approval of claims
- 9:00 a.m. Aaron Clark – Nextlink – NE BEAD Grant Funding Application
- 9:30 a.m. Mark & Judy DeBuhr – Concerns on Bridge #C006402830
- 9:45 a.m. Open Public Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Board of Equalization
- 10:30 a.m. County Officials Meeting – Judd Allen NACO Benefits – Answer questions on the new Online Benefit Enrollment System and benefits available to County Employees

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for April 2025
2. Extend the Lawn Care Service Contract with Green Care Law Service to December 31, 2025
3. Treasurer Gerdes - Discuss the addition of a new fund or new revenue number for Veteran's Aid donations
4. Review the current Nemaha County Road Department Emergency Action Plan
5. Accept the resignation of Marty Metschke from the Nemaha County Planning Committee
6. Appointment of Matthew Smith to the Nemaha County Planning Committee

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

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

1. Bid process for Pest Control for Courthouse, Jail, HHS, and Wellness Center will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>

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

1. Bid process for the two Canon Copiers will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
2. Purchase 2 Dodge Durango's under State Contract for the Sheriff Department
3. Possible acquisition of K9 for Sheriff Department

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

1. Bridge projects – updates

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

1. Received the Federal Fund Purchase Program money for the Bridge Program

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 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 Mellage, seconded by Hall to approve the March 12, 2025 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.

9:00 a.m. Aaron Clark – Nextlink – NE BEAD Grant Funding Application – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to sign a letter of support of Nextlink Internet's grant application for the Nebraska BEAD Funding. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

9:30 a.m. Mark & Judy DeBuhr – Concerns on Bridge #C006402830 located on 725 Road

9:45 a.m. Open Public Discussion

10:05 a.m. Sine Die for Board of Equalization, reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

10:30 a.m. County Officials Meeting – Judd Allen NACO Benefit Service Representative and Mike Boden NACO Benefit Services Manager – The new Online Benefit Enrollment System and the benefits available to County Employees. The online portal reduces the need to coordinate with multiple vendors and puts everything into one easy to use location. Alliant's Customer Service Team can assist the County Employees with making the benefit choices that work for them. Alliant will also create a customized benefit guide for the group listing available benefits and cost to the employees. Due to the new platform, the current fringe benefits will still be available to the current enrollees but will not be available to new employees of Nemaha County. The new platform will offer similar fringe benefit policies to all Nemaha County employees.

### **Executive Session \***

#### **Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for April 2025 - The following fuel bid for April, 2025 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$2.855, Regular with ethanol \$2.689. Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to accept the fuel bid for April 2025 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$2.855, Regular with ethanol \$2.689. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Extend the Lawn Care Service Contract with Green Care Law Service to December 31, 2025 – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage Extend the Lawn Care Service Contract with Green Care Law Service to December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

3. Treasurer Gerdes - Discuss the addition of a new fund or new revenue number for Veteran's Aid donations – Motion by Hall, seconded by Mellage to approve the creation of a new revenue number by Treasurer Gerdes for the money donated to the Veterans Service Aid Program. After the recent audit, the Veterans Service Board and Veterans Service Office will be forming a new policy to handle the donated money to the Veterans Services Aid, by paying to the Nemaha County Treasurer. When Veterans need to replenish their petty cash account, a claim form will be filed with the County Clerk balancing with the amount of donations deposited into the Treasurer fund. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

4. Review the current Nemaha County Road Department Emergency Action Plan – Copies of the plan on file will be given to the Road Department Employees to review
5. Accept the resignation of Marty Metschke from the Nemaha County Planning Committee – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to accept the resignation of Marty Metschke from the Nemaha County Planning Committee. Roll call vote: Hall, aye; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.
6. Appointment of Matthew Smith to the Nemaha County Planning Committee – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall to appoint Matthew Smith of Johnson area to the Nemaha County Planning Committee, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye; Hall, aye.

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

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

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

1. Bid process for the two Canon Copiers will be held on the Commissioner meeting on April 23, 2025.
2. Purchase 2 Dodge Durango's under State Contract for the Sheriff Department – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Hall, grant permission to Sheriff Lottman to purchase 2 new Dodge Durango's using the State Bidding System. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Hall, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Possible acquisition of K9 for Sheriff Department

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Bridge projects – updates

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Received the Federal Fund Purchase Program money for the Bridge Program

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

**General**

Salaries	\$74,696.51
A-1 Locksmith	1,265.00
Action Technology	8,310.12
Adams Co Sheriff	18.50
AFLAC	3,280.28
American Tower	1,146.34
APACE	120.00
Aub Auto Ctr	1,197.73
Aub Newspaper	7.00
Beard's Salvage	17.00
BC/BS	33,459.00
Boden LS	1,000.00
Bohling, Ryan	11.20
BRITE	20,132.00
Capital Business	145.34
CentralSquare	22,633.60
CJIS OPS	4,050.00
Constellation	1,380.30
Critser, Justin	50.00
DAS	1,004.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, Merwin	1,121.00

First Concord	801.10
First Concord	1,987.56
Gerdes, Jana	93.66
Goertz, David	37.80
Great West Life	50.00
Johnson, Diane	94.22
King Risk Partners	4,434.48
Legacy Lawn Care	2,425.00
Legalshield	43.90
Liberty National	374.06
Longs Creek	1,626.00
Madison National	149.72
Marburger, Shana	56.70
Mellage, Bryan	209.73
Meyer, Brycen	50.00
Meyer Earp	102.37
Midwest Card & ID	250.00
Millette Admin	1,248.00
NACO	185.00
NACT	175.00
NEHHS	108.00
NE State Patrol	1,197.00
Nem Co Sheriff	447.59
Nem Co Tax, ret	12,540.50
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	22,719.90
Nem Co Tax, annt	75.00
Nem Co Tax, nwh	7,394.31
New York Life	117.00
Obermeyer, Daryl	19.60
Otoe Co Sheriff	19.75
Petersen Reporting	372.50
Quill	244.05
Raymond's Electric	360.00
Region V Systems	8,134.50
Silverman, Deborah	78.01
Striggow's	288.00
Thomson Reuters West	446.08
UNL Extension	65.02
US Bank	13,449.87
Verizon	995.33
VSP	297.16
Wakulinski, Leigh	56.00
Wamsley, Samantha	100.80
Washington National	130.80
Windstream	104.51
<b>Road</b>	
Salaries	\$20,566.75
AFLAC	212.32
BC/BS	15,388.12
Constellation	303.10
First Concord	244.44
Hall, Mike	79.88
Legalshield	36.90
Madison National	9.45
Mainelli Wagner	3,300.00
Martin Marietta	3,554.99

MHC Kenworth	63.16
Midwest Engineering	2,970.00
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Pub Empl Local 251	330.00
NE Weed Control	325.00
NE/IA Industrial	149.99
Nem Co Tax, ret	3,115.70
Nem Co Tax, ss, fwh	6,169.06
Nem Co Tax, nwh	1,935.81
New York Life	88.00
Sack Lumber	63.56
Truck Wash America	367.70
US Bank	190.47
Vermeer	32.00
Village of Johnson	65.95
VSP	102.24
Weldon Parts	501.60
<b>Juvenile Diversion Program Fund</b>	
US Bank	45.81
<b>911 Emergency Management</b>	
Verizon	42.94
<b>911 Wireless Service Holding Fund</b>	
CentralSquare	20,510.34
Geo-Comm	6,442.57
<b>Jail Commissary Fund</b>	
US Bank	96.00
<b>Other Capital Projects Fund</b>	
Dumpster Express	1,067.00
US Bank	79.99

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

Diane Johnson  
County Clerk