

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 27, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Dave Albers called the meeting to order with Commissioners Mark Davis, Travis Petersilie, and Clerk Brandy Hertel in attendance.

Noxious Weed

Ness County Noxious Weed Director Chilton Miller met with Commission to update on spray progress. 50% of County roads have been sprayed, with the pre-emergent working well. Miller discussed repairs on sprayer needed.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Ron Johnson and Assistant Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commission.

Johnson presented the Ness County Waste Management Emergency Response Plan for review and approval.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to approve and sign the Ness County Waste Management 2025 Emergency Response Plan as presented.

\$150.00 was received in tipping fees May 13 – May 17, 2025

400 yards of dirt and 580 yards of sand was hauled May 12 - May 16, 2025

Johnson submitted revised tire bids for 16 tires-1400R24 from: CGS-Bridgestone

\$1,570.70/Firestone \$1,057.68, Kansasland-Bridgestone \$1,625.00/Firestone

\$1,090.00/Michelin \$1,552.20, J&J Fuel-Firestone \$1,036.00, Best-One of Kansas, Inc-

Bridgestone \$1,473.54/Firestone \$1,195.00/Michelin \$950.00.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted unanimously to accept Best-One Tires & Service quote for 16 Michelin 1400R24 tires at \$950.00 per tire.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer requested executive session per phone conference to discuss pending litigation.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 9:16 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Gayer per phone conference) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 9:26 a.m. No decisions were made.

Road and Bridge

Potential contract for sand is being reviewed by landowner & Attorney.

Equipment repairs were discussed.

Weekly work schedule was presented.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve agreement and understanding letter from Adams Brown, LLC for 2026 Budget preparation.

Ness County EMS

Kathy Clouston, Ness County EMS Director met with Commission. Discussion on Regional webinar next week, street repairs this fall on Topeka Ave which impacts the Ambulance accessibility, overall EMS is doing well even with EMT shortage in Ransom.

Minutes and Correspondence

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 19, 2025, were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

County Appraiser

Ness County Appraiser Kelly DesLauriers met with Commission to discuss expiring contract.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3) for a period of 15 minutes beginning at 10:29 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and DesLauriers) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 10:44 a.m. No decisions were made.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer and Attorney Logan Shultz spoke with Commission on a matter of pending litigation per conference call.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 11:01 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, B. Hertel, Gayer and Shultz per phone conference) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 11:11 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commission

Albers asked for executive session to discuss expiring Appraiser contract

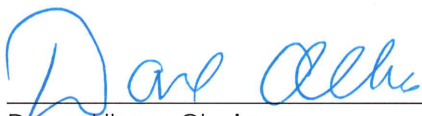
Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, and Petersilie) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 11:23 a.m. No decisions were made.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable for May 23, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Attest:



Dave Albers, Chairman



Brandy Hertel, Office Clerk

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