

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
June 9, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 9, 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 County Clerk Hertel in attendance.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 2, 2025, were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe followed up with Commission on Old Settlers Reunion.

Road and Bridge

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

Road concerns were reviewed.

Fuel bids were presented: AV Energy, LLC - \$18,151.05, Midland Marketing - \$18,172.35.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to accept bid from AV Energy, LLC for \$18,151.05. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office

\$365.00 was received in tipping fees May 27 – May 31, 2025

Commission approved a shared leave request presented by Johnson.

KCAMP approved repair costs to loader.

Commission

Commission discussed the upcoming contracted County Appraiser position, with a 4-year term.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to recess into executive session to discuss contract position pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:10 a.m.

County Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell met with Commission requesting an executive session to discuss employee matters.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to recess into executive session to discuss an employee incident pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:12 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, Mitchell and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:22 a.m.

County Appraiser

Ness County Appraiser Kelly DesLauriers met with Commission to report the 2024 Ratio Study for 2025 Compliance. Certification is complete for 2025.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss contract position pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 15 minutes beginning at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and DesLauriers) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 10:45 a.m. No decisions were made.

Kansas Workforce One

Deb Scheibler of Kansas Workforce One program spoke with Commission on updating their Agreement with Ness County. This program works by assisting employers to find motivated employees, providing training and assistance.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer met with Commission to review Accounts Payable vouchers for June 6, 2025.

Health Department

Ness County Health Department Administrator- Dennille Schweitzer met with Commission to follow up on Old Settlers Reunion turnout. Preparedness Training is scheduled for June 12 & 13. Still looking for bids on Janitorial services.

Commission

Albers asked for Executive session to discuss contract personnel matters.

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)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 12:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Hertel) in executive session. Regular session resumed at 12:15 p.m.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted to retain Kelly Deslauriers as County Appraiser for a 4-year term. Yay – Albers & Davis, Nay-Petersilie. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable for June 6, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements for May 16 - 30, 2025 were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Attest:



Dave Albers, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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