

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
June 23, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Dave Albers called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark Davis and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 16, 2025, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Health Department**

Ness County Health Department Administrator- Dennille Schweitzer met with Commission. Ness County's WIC program funds have been cut by \$10,000, affecting services in western Kansas. New Grants will be awarded after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Road and Bridge**

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

Road concerns were reviewed.

\$2,045.00 was received in tipping fees June 10 – June 14, 2025

Discussion on bridge inspection needed on OS 66.

Discussion on L Road widening right of way acquisition.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to approve Kirkham Michael conducting the survey on L Road right of way as discussed.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe met with Commission. LEPC meeting will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Ness County Health Department. Discussion on weather station issues. May need to relocate it. Hazard Mitigation meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Tax Roll**

The following changes were made to the 2023 tax roll: Abate-Oil \$13,363.44.

The following changes were made to the 2024 tax roll: Abate- Personal Property \$54.62.

**City of Ness City**

Ann Kuhlman, Mayor of Ness City met with Commission to present 2026 budget request for the City Airport.

**Sherri Walker**

Sherri Walker from the Ness County Council on Ageing met with Commission to present 2026 budget requests.

**Ness County EMS**

Kathy Clouston, Ness County EMS Director updated Commission on State Inspection of Ness County EMS vehicles and policies. Inspection was very successful. Repairs are needed to newest ambulance, under warranty. Clouston is working to apply for several new Grants.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer met with Commission to review Accounts Payable vouchers. Discussion on pending case for Ness County.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable for June 20, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**Patrick Zippitelli**

Patrick Zippitelli asked to speak with Commissioners to discuss an employee incident.

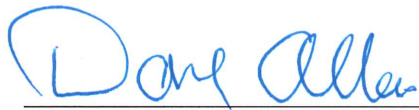
**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to recess into executive session to discuss matters relating to actions affecting a person of a public institution exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(5) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Zippitelli and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:35 a.m. No action taken.

**Daily Statement**

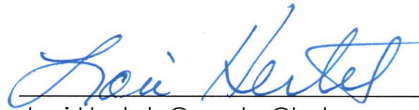
Daily Statements for June 2-13, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Attest:



Dave Albers, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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