

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
July 14, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 14, 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 Lori Hertel in attendance.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Interim-Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commission. \$290.00 was received in tipping fees July 1 – July 5, 2025

Upon the recommendation of Whipple, Commission has agreed to no longer be a collection site for household hazardous waste due to certification has expired and not enough collected to fill a load.

KDHE Landfill Inspector visited the Landfill last week. No violations found.

Road concerns were discussed. Several areas of crops growing within the County right-of-way obstructing motorist's vision. Whipple was instructed to mow County rights-of-way to improve visibility where needed.

Custodian

Janelle Harrison met with Commission to discuss Courthouse and yard maintenance.

Health Department

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer discussed department issues. Schweitzer asked for executive session to discuss an employee incident.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted to recess into executive session to discuss employee matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:33 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, Schweitzer, Mitchell and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:43 a.m. No action taken.

Treasurer

Ness County Treasurer Layne Wasinger met with Commission to report that the old server will be removed and destroyed, as it is no longer needed.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel asked for an executive session to discuss an employee matter.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission voted to recess into executive session to discuss employee matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:05 a.m. No action taken.

Julie Yarmer

Julie Yarmer, President of Freedom Claims Management Inc. along with associates Hadley and Haden met with Commission to discuss 2026 funding projections of our Health Benefits Plan for Ness County.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed Accounts Payable vouchers for July 11, 2025.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable for July 11, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Ness County EMS

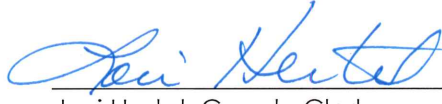
Kathy Clouston, Ness County EMS Director updated Commission on the approval of round one (1) in applying for a \$225,000 grant available from the Patterson Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:



Dave Albers, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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