# THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS July 28, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 28, 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 Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commission. \$875.00 was received in tipping fees July 15 – July 19, 2025.

Work schedule was presented.

Discussion on Bomag repairs, Barry Tractor will be contacted.

Pending contract for sand was discussed.

Federal requirements have changed for biennial bridge inspections adding 40+ additional items to measure & record. This increases the cost of inspection for Ness County bridges from \$15,000 to \$43,000.

Discussion on open positions, applications, and advertisement for openings.

## **Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe updated Commission on repairs needed to Emergency Management vehicle. LEPC meeting was discussed.

#### **Health Department**

Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer and Custodian Janelle Harrison met with Commission to discuss cleaning maintenance at the Health Department. **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 5 minutes beginning at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, and Petersilie in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:40 a.m. No action taken.

<u>Motion:</u> Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to offer a contract to Sheridan Schaben to clean the Health Department 2 hours per week after normal working hours.

# **Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable for July 25, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

# Commissioners

Discussion on mil levy for 2026 budget. Conference call to Aaron Koehn, CPA.

# Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held July 21, 2025, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Attest:

Dave Albers, Chairman

Lori Hertel, County Cleri