

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
December 29, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, December 29, 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.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of the Regular Commissioner Meeting held December 22, 2025, were approved as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. 2025 Payment under protest applications were reviewed.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Colby Dunagan from Foley Equipment and Commissioners. Dunagan presented bid estimate on a ripper for model 150-15J. No decisions were made at this time.

Work schedule for week was presented by Whipple. Hauling rock for wind tower project. Proceeds from sale of excess equipment from Road & Bridge Department and Landfill Department have been deposited with Treasurer.

Approval was received from Kansas Department of Agriculture for permit and approval for OS 101 Culvert Replacement.

**Commission**

Davis asked for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted to recess into an executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:40 a.m. No decisions were made.

**County Clerk**

County Clerk Hertel presented Commission with a letter of resignation from Forrester Township Clerk Betty Keilman. No replacement has been suggested at this time. The remaining Township Board will need to find a replacement to fill the open position.

**Ness County EMS**

Commission met with Kathy Clouston, Ness County EMS Director.

Review of the past year was discussed.

Grants are opening up for 2026 beginning in January.

Vehicle maintenance and repairs were reviewed. Clouston is very thankful for Road & Bridge Department with their help in maintaining and repairing the Ambulances.

**Noxious Weed**

Ness County Noxious Weed Director Chilton Miller met with Commission. Flooring repair prep was discussed.

Prairie Dog eradication plan.

Discussion on customer chemical pickup when out of office.

Unused office equipment was discussed.

**Payroll**

Payroll for December 31, 2025, was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**County Attorney**

County Attorney Jacob Gayer met with Commission to determine what can be done with unclaimed impounded vehicles located at Road & Bridge Department.

**Adds/Abate/Escapes to Tax Roll**

The following changes were made to the 2025 tax roll:

Abate- Real Estate-\$7,081.00, Trucks- \$83.88, & Oil-\$180.36, Personal Property-\$4248.58.

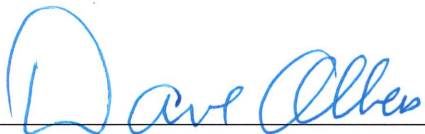
Add- Real Estate- \$5,154.08.

The following changes were made to the 2024 tax roll:

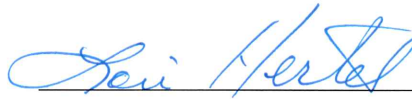
Abate- Real Estate-\$1,882.14 & Oil-\$1,857.38.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:



Dave Albers, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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