

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 5, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 5, 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 Regular Meeting held December 29, 2025, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

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

\$105.00 was received in tipping fees December 23 – December 24. 1,260 yards of rock was hauled December 29, 2025 - January 2, 2026.

Schedule for the week was presented.

Discussion on selling vs. trading a grader.

Project OS 101 culvert/bridge replacement – all permits have now been approved. Road maintenance was discussed.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe met with Commission. Flooring repair and moving of furniture/equipment were discussed.

Register of Deeds

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert met with Commission to show a new App that is in beta testing yet. When completed, it will be available for downloading through the Ness County website and will provide various notifications to your phone for Ness County such as holiday closures, info to contact each Department, special meetings, or road closures. This App is included in the cost of website that is currently used, with no additional cost to the County.

Custodian

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission to discuss estimate for repair of basement drain.

Commission

Commission agreed to schedule a 5-County meeting for January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Reorganization

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission voted unanimously to appoint Travis Petersilie, Chairman of Ness County Commission for 2026.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a motion as follows:

That the Ness County News be named the Official County Publication.

That the following businesses be named as "Official Depositories":

First State Bank – Ness City

First State Bank – Ransom

Farmer's Bank and Trust – Bazine

People's Bank & Trust - Ness City

Mileage Rate

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, the Commission voted unanimously to set the mileage rate at 72.5 cents in accordance with the IRS, effective January 5, 2026.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable for December 31, 2025.

Discussion on process of collecting delinquent taxes.

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable for December 31, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Salaries

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission voted unanimously to approve 3.5% cost of living raise for eligible employees per schedule adopted by Commission. Increase to be implemented with January 30, 2026, payroll.

Elected Official Salaries are as follows: Commissioners-\$16,384.09, County Clerk-\$52,933.67, Treasurer-\$45933.58, Attorney-\$52,933.67, Register of Deeds-\$47,262.20, Sheriff-\$65,536.99, and Election Officer-\$2,422.76.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements for December 16 - 31, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, Ness County Clerk

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