

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
January 19, 2025

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, January 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Chairman Travis Petersilie called the meeting to order with Commissioners Mark Davis, Dave Albers, and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Road and Bridge

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

Colby Dunagan from Foley Equipment and Brad Smith from Murphy Tractor were present for Commissioners final decision on the purchase of a motor grader.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to purchase the Foley Caterpillar model 150-15J 2025 for \$363,980.00.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to trade-in Unit #65, 2011 Model 12M Caterpillar for \$48,300.00.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Petersilie, Commission voted to approve purchase of Rippers for new Caterpillar in the amount of \$25,315.00. Albers & Petersilie – yes, Davis – no.

\$1,030.00 was received in tipping fees January 6 – January 10. 75 yards of rock and 30 yards of crushed cement was hauled January 12, - January 16.

Weekly work schedule was presented.

Review of bridges in need of repairs.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 12, 2026, were approved as presented.

Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. Payment under Protest applications were reviewed.

Emergency Management

Ness County Emergency Manager Travis Rothe met with Commission.

Storm Spotter meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Location is 4-H Building. Floor repair is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, January 21st.

Health Department

Dennille Schweitzer, Ness County Health Department Administrator met with Commission.

Health Department will be closed on January 28th for Regional Nurses Meeting in Garden City and February 10th for Preparedness Workshop in Garden City.

Discussed combining Emergency Preparedness and Economic Development Departments like in the past.

Adds/Abate/Escapes to Tax Roll

The following changes were made to the 2024 tax rolls:

Abate- Oil-\$52,840.20.

The following changes were made to the 2025 tax roll:

Abate- Trucks-\$634.99, Personal Property-\$5,936.84, & Oil-\$11,990.58

RESOLUTION

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to adopt Resolution 2026-02.

Resolution 2026 – 02

WHEREAS Ness County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending 2026 to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Board of Commissioners or the members of the general public of Ness County and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A 75-1120a(a) for the year ending 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas in regular meeting duly assembled this 19th day of January 2026 that the Board of Commissioners waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to Ness County for the year ending 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of Ness County to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

PASSED and ADOPTED, this 19th day of January 2026.

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Commission

Commission discussed donation to Ness County Bank Building Foundation for year 2026.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to make a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Ness County Bank Building Foundation.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to make a contract offer to Kevin Bawden for Noxious Weed Department contract labor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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