

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
February 9, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ness County Commissioner Chambers. Vice-Chairman Mark Davis called the meeting to order with Commissioner 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 Commissioners.

\$75.00 was received in tipping fees January 28 – January 31. 400 yards of rock was hauled February 2 – February 6.

Updates on wind tower progress and hauling of rock. Discussion on options of where to store the rock.

Whipple requested an Executive Session to discuss an employee matter.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss an employee incident pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 15 minutes beginning at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Whipple, Seib and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:30 a.m. No decisions were made.

Appraiser

Ness County Appraiser Kelly Deslauriers met with Commission to provide estimates of County values that look to be lower in 2026. Deslauriers spoke of issues that have been discovered with oil renditions that were submitted to her department incorrectly. Corrections are in process.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held February 2, 2026, were approved as corrected.

Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to approve \$150.00 donation for Support of the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL).

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to appoint McKenzie Noll to fill the vacated position of Clerk for Forrester Township.

Adds/Abate/Escapes to Tax Roll

The following changes were made to the 2025 tax roll:

Abate- Trucks-\$1,000.68, Personal Property-\$3,044.32, Real Estate-\$11,627.84 and Oil-\$19,614.58.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements for January 16 - 30, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable for February 6, 2026.

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Health Department

Dennille Schweitzer, Ness County Health Department Administrator met with Commission. Update presented on new billing system for EMS and Health Department.

The Preparedness Workshop for yearly planning is Tuesday, February 10th in Garden City.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Attest:


Mark Davis, Vice-Chairman
Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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