

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
March 9, 2026

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

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 2, 2026, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commissioners. \$660.00 was received in tipping fees February 24 – February 28, 2026. Discussion on cost of sand in other counties and location of pits. NextEra wind tower culvert replacement was discussed. Sandy Rupp met with Whipple and Commissioners to discuss sand.

**Treasurer**

Ness County Treasurer Malee Schaben met with Commission to update them on department changes and what is currently being worked on at this time of the year. New printer that will reduce wait time on documents. Working on procedures to become more efficient and up to date. Pledge money through Banking is making changes-waiting to see results. Delinquent Personal Property and Real Estate tax sales are currently going thru statutory processes to improve County collection rates for local entities.

**Diane Delaney**

Delaney met with Commission. Due to the sale of her property, discussion on Airport airspace was discussed.

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

The following changes were made to the 2025 tax roll:  
Abate-Real Estate-\$12,460.90 and Oil-\$97,596.70.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Management Director Travis Rothe was asked to meet with Commission to discuss Fire districts and paging.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer discussed legal options and statutes for delinquent tax collections. Commission discussed legal recourse for landowner using County right-of-way. Accounts Payable for March 6, 2026, was reviewed by Gayer.

**Health Department**

Dennille Schweitzer, Administrator of Ness County Health Department presented a signature page for Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Grant for Aid to Local and/or MIECHV application for 2026-2027.

**Daily Statement**

Daily Statements for February 17 - 27, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable for March 6, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Attest:

  
Travis Petersilie-Chairman

  
Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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