

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
March 30, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 30, 2026, 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 Deputy County Clerk Makenzie Eck in attendance.

**Road and Bridge**

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commissioners. City wide clean-up days have been scheduled with Road and Bridge Department.

Bazine – April 24

Ness – April 28

Ransom – May 14

Ufica – to be determined

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to waive landfill fees for the participating cities.

\$615.00 was received in tipping fees March 17 – March 21, 2026. 780 yards of crushed concrete and 500 yards of rock were hauled March 23-27.

Whipple updated Commission on issue with fuel station power shutting off. Problem will be addressed tomorrow.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Management Director Travis Rothe presented a Courthouse Emergency Action Plan for review.

Billing inquiry for Motorola was discussed.

Weather Radio may need to be relocated for optimal service.

**Sheriff**

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell was present to discuss employee hiring, retention, and wages.

**Senator Jerry Moran**

Senator Jerry Moran and Ness County Health Department Administrator Dennille Schweitzer dropped in to meet with Commission to discuss the essential services the Health Department provides and the unique challenges of rural healthcare. Moran stated Rural Health Transformation Fund delivered \$221.9 million directly to Kansas to support long-term sustainability for rural health systems.

**EMS & Health Department**

Kathy Clouston, Ness County EMS Director, and Dennille Schweitzer Administrator of Ness County Health Department will be meeting with Senator Roger Marshall on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. He will be discussing Rural Health Transformation funds and Ness County's goals and issues.

Clouston updated Commission on collaboration goals and setting up a Public Health meeting in the near future.

Community Healthcare Worker training has been paused until May.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer provided information on the Public Service Scholarship that the County funds. Applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. Accounts Payable for March 27 and March 31, 2026 were reviewed.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 12:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 12:13 p.m. No decisions were made

**Custodian**

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission discussing maintenance issues that require attention.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable for March 27 and March 31, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission. Payroll for March 31, 2026 was reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 23, 2026, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to increase Dispatcher/Jailor hourly pay per schedule presented.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel County Clerk

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