

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
April 20, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 20, 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 County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 13, 2026, 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 Commissioners.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss an employee matter pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 9:14 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Whipple, Seib and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:24 a.m. No decisions were made. \$240.00 was received in tipping fees April 7– 11, 2026. 1,550 yards of sand was hauled April 13 – 17.

Options on fencing and gate repair for County Landfill was discussed. Budget was reviewed for availability of funds.

Colby Butler from Kirkham Michael presented a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since March 23, 2026.

**Sheriff**

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell presented a summary of calls for the week and overall operations comparative to the month.

Academy training starts today for newly hired Deputy.

**Emergency Management**

Ness County Emergency Management Director Travis Rothe presented the final draft of the Courthouse Emergency Action Plan for review and approval.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to approve the Courthouse Emergency Action Plan dated April 20, 2026.

**Register of Deeds**

Ness County Register of Deeds Brandi Reinert provided information from TextMyGov. A mass notification system that is a two-way SMS platform that allows residents to receive information, ask questions, and report issues using simple text messages- no app required. Instant mass alerts for emergencies and service disruptions.

**County Attorney**

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer discussed resolution for establishing an Ambulance Capital Outlay Reserve Fund. Accounts Payable for April 17, 2026, were reviewed and approved for payment.

**Commission**

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to adopt Resolution #2026-04 Establishment of the Ness County Ambulance Capital Outlay Reserve Fund.

**RESOLUTION # 2026-04  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NESS COUNTY AMBULANCE CAPITAL OUTLAY RESERVE  
FUND**

WHEREAS, the Ness County Board of County Commissioners recognizes the critical importance of maintaining and improving Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Ness County; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition, replacement, and maintenance of ambulances, medical equipment, and related EMS infrastructure require dedicated and reliable funding sources outside of the general operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Ness County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the Ness County Clerk and Ness County Treasurer, may establish capital outlay reserve accounts for specific public purposes not incorporated into the annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the Ness County Board of Commissioners finds it necessary and appropriate to establish a dedicated fund for the purpose of supporting capital expenditures related to EMS services within Ness County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas, as follows:

1. **Creation of Fund.** The Ness County Ambulance Capital Outlay Reserve Fund (hereinafter "the Fund") is hereby established.
2. **Purpose of Fund.** The Fund shall be used exclusively for the purchase, replacement, improvement, and maintenance of ambulances, emergency medical equipment, and related capital assets necessary for the provision of Emergency Medical Services within Ness County.
3. **Administration.** The Fund shall be administered by the Ness County Board of Commissioners, in coordination with the Ness County Clerk and Ness County Treasurer, in accordance with applicable Kansas law and county financial procedures.
4. **Expenditures.** All expenditures from the Fund shall require approval by the Ness County Board of County Commissioners and shall be limited to capital outlay expenses directly related to EMS operations.
5. **Funding.** The Fund may be financed through transfers from lawful county revenues, grants, donations, or other sources as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**Accounts Payable**


Accounts Payable for April 17, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**Daily Statement**

Daily Statements for April 1 - 15, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel County Clerk

April 20, 2026