

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 27, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 27, 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.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple, Assistant Supervisor Eric Seib, and Mechanic Chevy Nielsen met with Commissioners.

\$255.00 was received in tipping fees April 14–18, 2026. 150 yards dirt, 465 yards sand, and 400 yards of rock was hauled April 20 – 24.

Crushed cement is completed. County has removed their share of the agreed amount of crushed cement.

Nielsen provided estimate for the repair of the Landfill loader, barring complications.

Grader Unit #88 is needing repaired, still under warranty.

Kirkham Michael Engineering has completed the post inspection of damages to County roads for NexTera Wind Power re-generation. This will be forwarded to NexTera for review.

Seib reported that the Landfill gates that were recently damaged have now been widened and replaced.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, 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 5 minutes beginning at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Whipple, Seib and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:00 a.m. No decisions were made.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel presented Commission a revised Shared Leave Donation Policy for review.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to adopt the revised Shared Leave Donation Policy as of April 27th, 2026

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer was consulted on a warranty matter. Accounts Payable for April 24, 2026, were reviewed.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to approve a request for Shared Leave.

Ness County EMS

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston met with Commission to give update on Ambulance Unit #77. A new Case number has been issued thru Chrysler Corporation for repairs under warranty.

Assistant position has not been filled; more applications will be coming this week.

Annual Service Renewal with the State has been completed on all 3 units.

Brian Gabel

Brian Gabel spoke with Commission on completed cement crushing project. Commission will review information and follow-up with Brian at a later date.

Health Department

Dennille Schweitzer, Administrator of Ness County Health Department met with Commission. Summer Food Program will begin on May 26, distributed out of the County Health Department.

Pulse of Public Health: Commissioner's Guide series will be June 12th-registration is required.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable dated April 24 was reviewed by the Commission. All checks were approved and signed, with the exception of check #69781. The Clerk was directed to void check #69781 and reissue it during the next check run, withholding the tax charged by the vendor. Payroll for April 30, 2026, was reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commission.

Commission

Commissioner Dave Albers gave an update on the Airport Meeting he attended.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2026, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman Petersilie called the meeting to order with Commissioner Mark Davis, County Clerk Lori Hertel present and Commissioner Dave Albers by phone conference.

Ness County EMS

Ness County EMS Director Kathy Clouston returned to present a proposed solution to our ambulance shortage. Butler County has offered to provide a transit vehicle currently in process, expected to be ready within one month. This vehicle matches the one Ness County has on order for next year. Butler County will accept delivery of Ness County's original order, allowing Ness County earlier access to the vehicle ordered.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve the early delivery of a transit vehicle for EMS in the amount of \$147,195 base cost.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel County Clerk

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