

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 11, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 11, 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 and Assistant Supervisor Eric Seib met with Commissioners.

\$45.00 was received in tipping fees April 28–May 2, 2026. 260 yards of sand and 40 yards of rock were hauled May 4–8th.

Discussion on division of crushed concrete.

Fuel bids were presented:

Midland Marketing: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,617.10

3000 gals. Fieldmaster Diesel - \$13,320.30

3000 gals. Roadmaster diesel - \$18,780.40

AV Energy: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,647.50

3000 gals. Fieldmaster Diesel - \$13,415.10

3000 gals. Roadmaster diesel - \$14,180.10

J & J Fuel: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,880.00

3000 gals. Red Premium Diesel - \$13,230.00

3000 gals. Clear premium diesel - \$14,850.00

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept AV Energy LLC bids for a total cost of \$31,242.70. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Weekly work schedule was presented.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, were approved as presented. Minutes of the Special Meeting held May 6, 2026, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged. Payments under Protest applications were reviewed.

Ness County EMS

EMS Director Kathy Clouston met with the Commission regarding Unit #77. Marmie's notified EMS this morning that the unit is ready for pickup, and Clouston will retrieve it today.

New Unit #76 is scheduled to be picked up on May 28. Emergency Management has a radio in storage for the unit that will need to be reprogrammed and installed.

Unit #79 will be returned to Ransom this afternoon.

The grant award announcement has been delayed; however, Ness County EMS remains under consideration.

EMS Week will be observed May 17–23.

Clouston will teach a CPR class for the Ransom Fire Department on May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

LEPC meeting is scheduled for May 19th @ Ness County Health Department.

Custodian

Ness County Custodian Tina Harrison met with Commission to discuss repair of pipe and damage incurred to basement closet. Estimates were again reviewed: Magna Dry of Kansas - \$8,448.59, First Response Cleaning & Restoration Inc.-\$2,460.00, and Restore & Clean LLC-\$4,200.00.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept Magna Dry of Kansas estimate for \$8,448.59 due to the extent of the damage. TK Elevator monthly inspection contract was discussed.

Noxious Weed

Ness County Noxious Weed Director Chilton Miller met with Commission to give update on his department and spraying progress.

Arrowhead West Inc.

Nadine Lampe from Arrowhead West Inc. presented information along with a 2025 Annual Report, illustrating the number of adults & children served in Ness County. Request for 2027 budget amount of \$18,000 for Ness County yearly appropriations was discussed, as well as the fuel needed to maintain 91 vehicles, which is concerning.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer was asked to give opinion on contract from Acre Strong, a consulting company. Gayer reviewed and signed Accounts Payable for May 8, 2026.

Accounts Payable

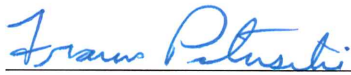
Accounts Payable dated May 8, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission except Check #69845-TK Elevator, \$587.32. Commission requested that we hold TK Elevator's monthly check until Custodian Harrison has contacted the company to re-negotiate our contract for inspections.

Treasurer

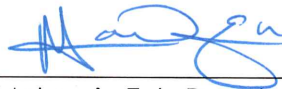
Malee Schaben, Ness County Treasurer, met with the Commission to present the monthly report. Credit card payments are now accepted both in the Treasurer's Office and online. The new online payment option has already been utilized by many residents.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Makenzie Eck, Deputy County Clerk

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