

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
June 29, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 29, 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 met with Commissioners. Termites were discovered in a storage container-Pest Control was contacted. Commission reviewed a list of uncollected landfill fees. Accounts not paid within 30 days will be placed on a cash-only basis. Whipple reported \$365.00 in landfill fees June 16 – 20<sup>th</sup>. Road concerns and damage due to heavy rains were discussed. Galen Kerr spoke with Commission concerning road damage. Employment matters were discussed. Whipple presented resignation of Ryan Foos effective July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Emergency Preparedness**

Ness County Emergency Management Director Travis Rothe presented Commission with a Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency due to the heavy rains.

**Motion:** Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve Resolution #2026-06 Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ness County.

**Resolution # 2026-06\_ And Proclamation**

PROCLAMATION of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ness County,

WHEREAS on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury, or loss if life or property in disaster proportion in Ness County, Kansas.

WHEREAS such conditions have created obstructions which endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Ness County, Kansas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Ness County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48-932, does hereby PROCLAIM that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the border of Ness County, Kansas covered by this proclamation/resolution is the entire area of Ness County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all the rights and/ or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparation Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that this resolution shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2026.

Rothe was notified by State of Ness County's LEPC not being in compliance for 2025. All requirements were documented, but files did not transmit to the State correctly. State has been notified.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 22, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

**Accounts Payable**

Accounts Payable dated June 26 and June Payroll dated June 30<sup>th</sup> were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

**County Treasurer**

Malee Schaben, Ness County Treasurer, met with the Commission to present the monthly report.

Payment by credit card has been a big success.

Schaben presented the 2027 departmental budget worksheet and reviewed the proposed changes. She explained that the recommended adjustments are intended to improve departmental efficiency.

The upcoming tax sale was discussed, including the reasons for the delay in finalizing the property list.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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