

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 6, 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.

Noxious Weed

Noxious Weed Director Chilton Miller met with Commission. Due to wind and rain, Miller is behind in spraying this year. Response to letters sent to landowners was good. Musk Thistle is abundant due to the rain. Spraying does not seem to help much, so suggest landowners dig it out.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commissioners. Whipple reported \$80.00 in landfill fees June 24 – 27th. 120 yards of dirt was hauled June 29-July 3rd.

The purchase of a mini excavator was discussed. Several estimates were presented. Brad Smith from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. presented bid for a 50 P-Tier Compact Excavator- \$85,760.33, Foley Equipment-304-07LC Excavator - \$66,242.22, White Star Machinery- E48 R2Series Bobcat Compact Excavator- \$76,377.54, and Radke Implement- Kubota Mini Excavator-\$74,000.00. No decision was made at this time.

Repairs to Ford dump truck are needed.

Road concerns were discussed.

Work schedule was reviewed.

Employment concerns were discussed.

Project #HRRR 68-C-5200-01 project start date will be delayed due to rain.

Commission

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to approve transfers from:

General Fund to Capital Improvement Fund for amount of \$369,000

General Fund to Capital Equipment Fund for amount of \$100,000

Ness County EMS

EMS Director Kathy Clouston updated Commission on Ambulance repairs and issues.

New Unit #76 has been State inspected and is now in use.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on June 29, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements for June 1 - 30, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable dated July 2, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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