

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 3, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday,
August 3, 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. Brandon Decker from PENCO Engineering explained services included in their bid of \$38,000 on the Landfill expansion project. Kirkham Michael engineering had presented a bid of \$132,200 at a previous time for the same scope of services.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to accept PENCO Engineering bid of \$38,000 for Engineering services for County Landfill expansion. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Crossing permit was approved for Mike Fritzler to install a waterline.

Employee applications were discussed.

Whipple reported \$450.00 in landfill fees July 21 – 25th. 940 yards of sand was hauled July 20-24th

Work schedule was presented.

Fuel bids were presented:

Midland Marketing: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,177.90

4000 gals. Fieldmaster Diesel - \$16,454.40

2000 gals. Roadmaster diesel - \$8,777.20

AV Energy: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,241.20

4000 gals. Fieldmaster Diesel - \$16,792.40

2000 gals. Roadmaster diesel - \$8,906.20

J & J Fuel: 1000 gals. Unleaded 87 Octane - \$3,370.00

4000 gals. Red Premium Diesel - \$16,800.00

2000 gals. Clear premium diesel - \$9,480.00

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept Midland Marketing low bid for a total cost of \$28,409.50. All bids are available for view at the Ness County Clerk's Office.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Carolyn Gabel

Carolyn Gabel met with Commission and Road & Bridge Supervisor Bryan Whipple to discuss division of crushed concrete with Gabel's. Weight tickets and billing were reviewed. Gabel will return next meeting after reviewing information supplied by Commission.

Commission

Commission discussed finances, raises and the proposed 2027 Budget.

KNRC (Kansas Natural Resource Coalition) is requesting member Counties to vote Yes or No on two federal regulatory actions before proceeding with participation in the lawsuits.

KNRC will be represented in both matters at no cost to KNRC or its member counties.

Ballot #1-ESA Definition of "Harm"

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to vote "Yes"- to authorize KNRC to participate on Ballot #1.

Ballot #2-Blanket Section 4(d) Rule.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to vote "Yes"- to authorize KNRC to participate on Ballot #2.

Daily Statement

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

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved
Accounts Payable for July 31, 2026.

Commission

County Clerk Hertel presented revised pay schedules for Road & Bridge, Noxious Weed and Solid Waste for review. Changes were noted and resubmitted to Commission.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Davis, Commission unanimously voted to adopt pay schedules as presented to be effective August 2026 payroll.

Accounts Payable

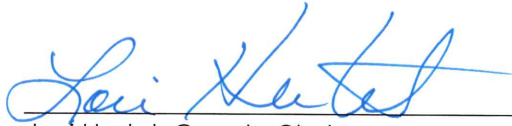
Accounts Payable dated July 31, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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