

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 24, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 24, 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 the Commission. Miller reported that Road & Bridge has been very active mowing ditches. He will wait for some weed growth to begin spraying again for better results.
Highway ditch spraying is almost complete.
The Commission and Miller discussed the use of part-time help for spraying.
Repairs are needed on a leaking tank.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road & Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with the Commissioners. Whipple reported \$205.00 in landfill fees collected August 12–15, 2026. A total of 320 yards of sand was hauled August 17–21, 2026.
Discussion was held regarding employment applications.
The County's radio tower light is not working. The tower will need to be climbed to replace the light bulb.
Options for purchasing dump trucks were reviewed.
Colby Butler of Kirkham Michael presented a recap of Kirkham Michael's activities since July 27, 2026.

Adams Brown, LLC

Jami Benyshek CPA from Adams Brown LLC met with Commission for the 2025 yearly Audit delivery. Landfill ratio procedures were met. The audit report received the best opinion, with no violations of State statutes or accounting laws. Several suggestions were made for overall improvements in operations.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to accept the 2025 Audit report as presented by Jami Benyshek, CPA.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer reviewed and approved Accounts Payable for August 21, 2026.

Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell met with the Commission. At the Commission's request, Mitchell contacted Atmos Energy to check a possible leak after reviewing vouchers. Mitchell was consulted regarding responsibility for repairs associated with maintaining the radio tower.

Daily Statement

Daily Statements August 3 - 14, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the Budget Hearing held on August 17, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as presented. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 17, 2026 was reviewed, approved, and signed as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable dated August 21, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Adds/Abate/Escapes to Tax Roll

The following changes were made to the 2025 tax roll:
Abate Oil-\$15,178.90

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Attest:


Travis Petersilie, Chairman


Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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