

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

August 31, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 31, 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 & Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple and Assistant Supervisor Eric Seib met with the Commissioners.

Whipple reported \$335.00 in landfill fees collected August 18–22, 2026. A total of 150 yards of sand was hauled August 24–28, 2026.

Weekly work schedule was reviewed.

Update on equipment repairs was provided.

Emergency Preparedness

Ness County Emergency Management Director Travis Rothe met with Commission.

Rothe reported on the LEPC meeting held August 11. A tabletop exercise is scheduled for the December meeting.

A Local Emergency Operation Planning meeting is scheduled for October 8th in Hays. New software training for the 2028 renewal.

October 13th is G191 training for Emergency Operation Command interface.

Commission was presented with a resolution adopting the Kansas Security Region B Hazard Mitigation Plan. An adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to adopt Resolution #2026-07, the Kansas Security Region B Hazard Mitigation Plan as Ness County's official plan.

Resolution 2026-07

Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region B Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas the Ness County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people

and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards.

Whereas the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas the Ness County fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Kansas Homeland Security Region B, Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas the Ness County desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region B Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas adoption by the governing body for the Ness County demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Ness County adopts the Kansas Homeland Security Region B Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, Ness County will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas

Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan’s final approval.

Approved by Ness County Board of Commissioners

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2026, was reviewed, approved, and signed as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Sheriff

Ness County Sheriff Brandon Mitchell met with the Commission.
Introduction of new hire Bradley Henning as Sheriff Deputy.
Discussion was held on future testing/training of the security system within the County to familiarize several new deputies of the office layouts.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer has been notified he will be hosting the district Attorney General Call meeting on October 13th from 1:00 to 5:00.
Accounts Payable for August 31, 2026, was reviewed and approved.

Motion: Albers made a motion, seconded by Davis to recess into executive session to discuss an employee matter pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:09 a.m. No decisions were made.

Accounts Payable

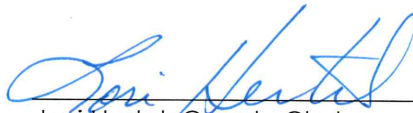
Accounts Payable dated August 31, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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