

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 17, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 17, 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, Wyatt Sutton, Ida Meyeres and County Clerk Lori Hertel in attendance.

Ida Meyeres

Ida Meyeres met with Commission to discuss an issue that was concerning her. Contact information was given for her to follow up with the appropriate authority. Ida left meeting at this time.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road and Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commissioners. Whipple reported \$180.00 in landfill fees August 4 – August 8. 20 yards of dirt, 100 yards of sand and 40 yards of crushed concrete was hauled August 10th - 14th. Whipple reported that bridges #53 and #560 have been approved to be replaced with culverts by the State.

Culvert damage has closed a road for repairs on 280 Road , between T Rd and U Rd. Repairs will be done tomorrow.

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss employee matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Petersilie, Albers, Davis, Whipple, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 9:31 a.m. No decisions were made.

Commission

County Clerk Hertel provided an update regarding the call-back from Cameron Tracewell, WinCore Windows representative, concerning corrective measures. A call was also made to Attorney Logan Schultz regarding the matter.

Motion: Upon the motion of Albers, seconded by Davis the Commission voted unanimously to recess into executive session to discuss legal counsel pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of 10 minutes beginning at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, Attorney Schultz by phone, and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 10:10 a.m. No decisions were made.

KCAMP

David Lamb and Kristy Reith from KCAMP attended the meeting. KCAMP is an agency that the County contracts with to jointly self-insure property and casualty risks with other entities. Lamb presented several programs and services available through KCAMP at no additional cost to the County, including Attorney Assist, contract review, safety policies, jail guidelines, human resources information, and employee training.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of Election Canvass held on August 10, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as presented. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 10, 2026 was reviewed, approved, and signed as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Treasurer

Ness County Treasurer Malee Schaben met with Commission. Schaben discussed the department's financials and provided an update on the Motor Vehicle Fund. The Commission and Schaben discussed investing County funds and the possibility of adding a part-time position.

County Attorney

Ness County Attorney Jacob Gayer was asked to send a second notice of discontinuation of service to TKE Elevator. Accounts Payable for August 14, 2026, was reviewed and approved.

Health Department

Dennille Schweitzer, Administrator of the Ness County Health Department, met with the Commission. Schweitzer discussed obtaining a contracted phlebotomist to be available if the full-time nurse is unable to work.

Schweitzer also provided an update on the TEBRA billing program. The program is working well, with claims being processed and payments being received.

Wyatt Sutton left meeting at this time.

Commission

Chairman Petersilie asked for an executive session to discuss an employee matter.

Motion: Upon the motion of Petersilie, seconded by Albers, Commission unanimously voted to recess into executive session to discuss employee matters pursuant to the nonelected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Petersilie, Albers, and Davis in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:55 a.m. No decisions were made.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable dated August 14, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Custodian

Custodian Tina Harrison spoke with the Commission regarding repairs needed to the carport that was hit and damaged. The necessary parts have arrived, and discussion was held regarding whether the Industrial Arts students and teacher could complete the repairs.

Ness County EMS

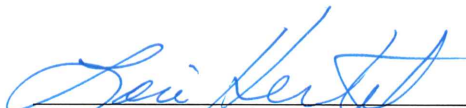
EMS Director Kathy Clouston provided an update on EMT classes, noting that approximately four adults may be interested in participating in a class. Clouston also reported that ambulance calls remain numerous, with transfers using the new ambulance continuing at a steady pace.

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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