

THE BOARD OF NESS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 13, 2026

The Ness County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, October 13, 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. Update on progress of spraying of the County. Miller reported spraying this fall with the addition of pre-emergent chemical.

Prairie dog baiting season was discussed. Miller will start the first part of November. Part-time help has been located to assist with the operation.

Commission discussed repairs needed on current 4 wheeler, or purchase of new/used 4 wheeler.

Road and Bridge

Ness County Road & Bridge/Landfill Supervisor Bryan Whipple met with Commission.

Work schedule was presented.

Equipment repairs were discussed.

Whipple reported \$120.00 in landfill fees and 520 yards of sand and 60 yards of concrete was hauled.

Discussed purchase options for a dump truck.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed as corrected. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Commission

Two requests were reviewed by Commission to roll over 2026 vacation time into 2027.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable dated October 9, 2026, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

Treasurer

Ness County Treasurer Malee Schaben met with the Commission to provide an update on departmental progress. The 2026 financials were reviewed, along with proposed changes for 2027.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of implementing a county service fee for driver's license renewals. Currently, the County does not charge an additional fee for providing this service, and customers are charged only the applicable state fee.

County Clerk

Ness County Clerk Lori Hertel reported on 3rd quarter worker compensation claims from KWORRC.

Open Enrollment for employee benefits for 2027 will be held on November 19th. Times to be determined at later time.

New window sashes were installed on October 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attest:



Travis Petersilie, Chairman



Lori Hertel, County Clerk

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