

**April 24, 2024**  
County of Nemaha, Nebraska  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Commissioner's Chambers  
Nemaha County Courthouse, Suite 201  
1824 N St Auburn NE

8:00 a.m. Call meeting to order by Chairman  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Open Meeting Laws  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of meeting minutes – April 10, 2024  
Action/Approval of claims

9:30 a.m. Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator at Region V System & Matt Kasik, Director at Apace

**Executive Session \***

1. Protecting the County's Interest in tax dollars

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for May, 2024
2. Approve and sign Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Weed Management Association
3. Approve ROW Application #2024-07 from Pinpoint located at 63927 731 Rd Auburn

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

**Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property**

**Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**

1. Sheriff have quotes for replacing enclosed trailer for ATV
2. Purchase Motor Grader for Road District #3 - State Bid from John Deere
3. Start Process of Seal Bids for Road District #1 for Pup Trailer

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve Driveway Agreement for Cassandra Armknecht located at 726 Road and 635 Ave
2. Approve Certificates of Completion for Jurnee Motor Grader, Excavator, Wheel Loader Courses for Core, Hall, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley
3. Approve Pesticide Applicator License for Bohling & Gottula

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Filed the Yearly Report on the American Rescue Plan

**Adjournment**

County Board of Commissioners of the County of Nemaha, State of Nebraska met on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Commissioner's Chambers, Nemaha County Courthouse, Auburn, NE for a regular scheduled meeting. Notice of meeting was published weekly in the Nemaha County Herald. The agenda for the meeting was kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Nemaha County Clerk during normal business hours and also on the Nemaha County website. ([www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov)). The agenda was held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the board and items for approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

Chairman Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present for the Meeting: Bryan Mellage, Commissioner District #2; Michael Weiss, Commissioner District #3; and County Clerk Diane Johnson. Mike Hall, Commissioner District #1 was absent due to illness. Chairman Weiss noted the Open Meeting Laws posted on the bulletin board located in the Commissioner's room.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Hall, absent; Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the April 10, 2024 minutes as presented with no corrections. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Claims** – Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the accounts payable claims as presented by the County Clerk and authorize for payment by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

9:30 a.m. Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator at Region V System; Matt Kasik, Director at Apace; Laura Osborne, 4 County Collaborative Coordinator gave a presentation on the programs provided to Nemaha County.

**Executive Session \***

1. Protecting the County's Interest in tax dollars - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to enter Executive Session at 8:25 a.m. for strategy session with respect to collective bargaining, pending litigation. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye. Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to leave Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye. No action was taken.

**Discussion/Action – Business**

1. Fuel Bids for May, 2024 - The following fuel bid for May, 2024 was received: Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$3.067, Regular with ethanol \$2.76. Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to accept the fuel bid for May, 2024 from Sapp Brothers #2 Clear Diesel \$3.067, Regular with ethanol \$2.76. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

2. Approve and sign Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Weed Management Association - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Weed Management Association. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

3. Approve ROW Application #2024-07 from Pinpoint located at 63927 731 Rd Auburn - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Right of Way Application #2024-07 from Pinpoint Communications, Inc located at 63927 731 Rd Auburn. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**Discussion/Action - Unfinished Business**

**Discussion/Action - Buildings/Grounds/Property**

**Discussion/Action - Equipment/Office Equipment/Vehicles/Furniture**

1. Sheriff have quotes for replacing enclosed trailer for ATV - Sheriff Lottman presented 2 quotes for an aluminum enclosed trailer to the Commissioners. Cross Trailers from Cortland NE - \$12,597.02 and Neels Trailer Outlet Inc from Elmwood NE - \$11,075.00. Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to accept the quote for an aluminum enclosed trailer from Neels Trailer Outlet Inc from Elmwood NE for \$11,075.00. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.

2. Purchase Motor Grader for Road District #3 - State Bid from John Deere - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to purchase a 2024 John Deere Motor Grader 772 G with 6WD Stock #232719 for Road District #3 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Lincoln NE a State Bid of \$443,957.00. Actual cost for the Motor Grader is \$373,957.00, after trade-in value of \$70,000.00 for a 2002 Caterpillar 140-H Motor Grader. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

3. Prepared bid specs for a 2024 Pup Trailer for Road District #1

**Discussion/Action - Highway Superintendent**

1. Approve Driveway Agreement for Cassandra Armknecht located at 726 Road and 635 Ave - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Driveway Agreement for Cassandra Armknecht located at 726 Road and 635 Ave. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.
2. Approve Certificates of Completion for Junee Motor Grader, Excavator, Wheel Loader Courses for Core, Hall, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley - Motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to approve the Certificates of Completion for Junee Motor Grader Course, Junee Excavator Course, and Junee Wheel Loader Course for Rick Core, Mike Hall, Josh Riggins, Randall Simon, and Don Wamsley. Effective April 22, 2024; Core, Hall, Riggins, Simon, and Wamsley will receive a one-time wage increase of \$.25 per Course per hour, which is \$.75 total per hour raise, as per Road Union Contract dated July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Weiss, aye; Mellage, aye.
3. Approve Pesticide Applicator License for Bohling & Gottula - Motion by Weiss, seconded by Mellage to approve the Pesticide Applicator License for Josh Bohling and Joel Gottula. Effective April 22, 2024; Bohling and Gottula will receive a one-time wage increase of \$.25 per hour raise, as per Road Union Contract dated July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

**County Officials Reports/Correspondence/Reminders**

1. Filed the Yearly Report on the American Rescue Plan Expenditures

The following claims were approved for payment by the Board of Commissioners and authorized the County Clerk for payment:

**General**

Salaries	77,735.28
Action Technology Svcs.	2,572.00
AFLAC	3,070.96
Arbor Manor	396.00
AT&T	516.48
Aub Auto Ctr.	886.70
Aub Memorial Library	4.80
Aub Newspaper	93.00
Aub Plumbing	823.13
Billings, Melody	50.00
Black Hills	460.85
BC/BS	32,963.42
Bohling, Gailen	110.55
Bound Tree	186.82
Johnson, Brian	50.00
Buethe, Cassie	26.47
Capital Business	873.70
Charm-Tex	239.60
CIOX Health	20.00
Comfort Inn	719.70
Constellation	447.31
Critser, Jennifer	35.00

Culligan	123.60
DAS	1,004.00
Eakes	855.18
ES&S	1,735.86
Farmer's Cooperative	474.19
First Concord	488.66
First Concord	10,615.30
FTC	25.00
Great West Life	50.00
Hometown Leasing	712.44
Johnson Co Sheriff	44.80
Legalshield	38.90
Liberty National	485.60
Longs Creek	3,943.00
Madison National Life	52.39
MOCIC	150.00
NACO	125.00
NBS/Wahltek	2,480.10
NACT	150.00
NE Auditor of Public Accounts	16,990.17
NE Emergency Svcs. Communication	200.00
NE HHS	186.00
NLETC	80.00
NE Juvenile Justice Assoc.	175.00
Nem Co Petty Cash	138.49
Nem Co Tax Acct. Ret	13,848.80
Nem Co Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	27,349.31
Nem Co Tax Acct. Nationwide	75.00
Nem Co Tax Acct. NWH	7,961.91
New York Life	117.00
Petersen Reporting	929.70
Priority Printing	311.47
Quill	809.65
Rowell, Jeff	35.00
Schendel Pest Control	210.00
Shell	7.00
Thomson Reuters	426.74
UNL Extension	30.03
Verizon	1,064.13
VSP	295.60
Washington National	130.80
Windstream	98.52
Witness Fees	363.92

**Road**

Salaries	19,828.70
AFLAC	181.38
Aub Auto Ctr.	1,957.75
Aub Family Hlth Ctr.	70.00
Black Hills	79.33
BC/BS	15,307.76
Constellation	135.81
First Concord	150.00
Legalshield	32.90
Mainelli Wagner	25,130.33
Martin Marietta	42,600.10
Medical Enterprises	70.00
Midwest Engineering	2,985.00
Midwest Svc. & Sales	2,420.00
NE Child Support	229.50
NE Child Support	298.40
NE Public Employee Local #251	330.00
NE IA Industrial Fasteners	486.09
Nem Tax Acct. Ret.	3,025.67
Nem Tax Acct. SS/Fwh	5,901.77
Nem Tax Acct. NWH	1,895.74
New York Life	88.00
Pfeiffer Welding	1,018.29
Tifco Industries	411.03
Turnbull Ag	245.00
Village of Johnson	49.04
VSP	102.23
<b>911 Emergency Management Fund</b>	
Verizon	25.77

With no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, motion by Mellage, seconded by Weiss to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Mellage, aye; Weiss, aye.

I, Diane Johnson, the undersigned County Clerk of Nemaha County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are a part of the official records of this office. A complete copy of the minutes is available during normal business hours at the Nemaha County Clerk's office or on the Nemaha County's website: [www.nemahacounty.ne.gov](http://www.nemahacounty.ne.gov).

Diane Johnson  
County Clerk