

## GOVERNING BODY

## Nemaha County Commission

Submitted by  
Mary Kay Schultejans  
County Clerk

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 17, in the Commissioner's Room of the Nemaha County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order with Chairman Ben Glace leading the flag salute. Present also were Commissioners Dylan Keim and Jason Koch, County Administrator Mike Miller, and County Clerk Mary Kay Schultejans recording the minutes.

Pastor Keith Huffman, with United Brethren in Christ Church, led those present in an opening prayer to begin the meeting this morning.

The board set and approved the agenda for today's meeting as presented with County Administrator Miller.

Chairman Ben Glace called for Open Public Forum to begin at 9:29 a.m. No one came before the board to speak during today's open public forum.

## Department Reports

Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Supervisor Adam Kuckelman advised the board that:

- He met with representatives from KDOT about preparing to replace Bridge 0-14. This bridge will be let in December and built in 2025. Local residents and property owners have talked to Kuckelman about rocking a route for them to use while this bridge is being replaced.

- They are blade patching county roads at this time and will be ready to chip and seal after blade patching is completed.

- Bridge H-16 will be open Wednesday to the public.

- They are covering the C&D pit at the landfill today.

- Isaac Swart does not want to serve as the interim mechanic any longer at this time. The extra pay that he received for this will end on June 20. Discussion was held concerning ways to find more applicants for this position.

Health Department Administrator Heaven Schuette came before the board and requested an executive session with the commissioners. The board held a 10-minute executive session to discuss the pay of non-elected personnel. Present for the executive session were the Board of Commissioners, Schuette and Miller. The board extended the execu-

tive session for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting returned to open session with no action taken by the board following the executive session.

Sheriff Rich Vernon advised the board that:

- He had copies of his 2025 budget request that he wanted to share with the commissioners. Vernon explained his 2025 budget request to the board. The Sheriff's office is requesting \$2,219,000 for 2025, which is an increase of \$219,000 over what was budgeted for 2024.

- He is asking the commissioners to amend his 2024 budget by \$80,000 to allow him to implement a new pay scale beginning July 21 for his staff and to allow him a better chance to hire new employees. This same pay scale is included in his 2025 request as well.

Jackie Feathers, with Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center, came before the board to update the commissioners regarding services provided to Nemaha County residents and regarding changes to their program over the past year. Kanza is requesting \$66,072 for their 2025 budget, which is the same amount appropriated to this organization in 2024.

County Administrator Miller updated the commissioners on several items and also asked for direction on how to proceed on several items.

## Also at the meeting:

The board reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 10 meeting.

County Counselor Brad Lippert came before the board. Lippert presented the commissioners with a draft of an abandoned vehicle resolution for their review. The commissioners suggested changes that they would like to be made to the resolution.

The board spoke to Lippert about a contract for Dr. Jarod Snyder, about the Nemaha County Health Department providing drug and alcohol testing for CDL employees, about requiring the local hospitals to meet with the Board of Commissioners annually to speak to the board about how the sales tax money they received was spent, and about passing a resolution to require businesses and rental properties to verify their potential employees and tenants.

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## Brown County Commission

Submitted by Nicole Lee  
County Clerk

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 10, with the following members present: Chairman Richard Lehmkuhl, Lamar Shoemaker and William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk Nicole Lee. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Lehmkuhl opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

## Executive Sessions

The commissioners held a 10-minute executive session on non-elected personnel, with the three commissioners, Solid Waste Director Heather Merrill and County Clerk Lee present, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with an executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. No binding action was taken following the executive session.

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Also at the meeting:  
The board approved the May 31 meeting minutes.

The June 10 claims were approved as follows: General, \$7,027.92; Road and Bridge, \$12,238.98; Employee Benefit, \$87.05; Appraiser, \$219.24; Noxious Weed, \$45.06; Diversion, \$638.06; 911 SB 50, \$108.08; ACC, \$1,494.20; JJA CORE, \$1,520.14; Services for Elderly, \$995.37; and

Solid Waste, \$2,235.50. The total was \$26,609.60.

The commissioners agreed to accept the proposal from Buried Past Consulting, LLC for the amount of \$3,250 to complete the archaeological investigation for Bridge OS-2 replacement requested by the State Historical Society.

The board approved the installation of Electronic Flow Measurement Devices required to continue using a third party supplier at the Brown County Jail and Courthouse. Installation will be completed by Kansas Gas Service at the cost of \$2,400 per device with an additional monthly service charge of \$32.40 per meter.

The board approved the renewal of occupational license No. 24-005 for MLCC Bar & Grill LLC.

The commission was presented with the May end of month report for review.

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

## Sabetha Police Department

## ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Lane Wulf, speeding  
Tristan Mitchell, speeding  
Miracle Swanson, speeding  
Bobby Smith, no proof of liability insurance

## CODE VIOLATIONS

On May 16, a vicious dog was reported in the 600 block of south Sixth. Charges are pending as a result of the investigation.

## ACCIDENTS

On May 2, a two-vehicle accident was reported in the 1000 block of Blue Jay Boulevard. Damage was minor and there were no injuries.

## NEW CASES AND INCIDENTS REPORTED

On May 1, a theft was reported in the 300 block of north Ninth.

On May 2, Timothy Wilson was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. Wilson was involved

in an accident on Old Highway 75 and left the scene. Wilson was later located and transported and booked into the Brown County Jail.

On May 3, there was a report of domestic battery in the 1000 block of Blue Jay Boulevard involving juveniles. Charges are pending as a result of the investigation.

On May 7, a theft was reported in the 500 block of north 11th.

On May 13, there was a missing person investigation, individual has since been located.

On May 15, a report of stalking was reported in the 700 block of north Washington. Case was suspended due to lack of supporting evidence.

On May 15, a theft was reported in the 1200 block of south Old Highway 75. A suspect has been named in the investigation and

charges are pending.

On May 20, a report was given of a scam via mail in the 800 block of Ohio.

On May 23, criminal threat was reported in the 200 block of Main Street. Case remains under investigation.

On May 26, a report was given of criminal damage to property at the Old Sabetha Lake.

On May 26, a report was given for driving under the influence at Old Sabetha Lake. A juvenile was taken into custody and released to parents. Charges have been filed.

On May 27, Keith Kleckner was arrested for domestic battery. Kleckner was transported and booked into the Nemaha County Jail.

There were 222 calls for service in May.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

## Brown County Sheriff

At approximately 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, Brown County and DCF went to a residence in Morrill on a welfare check. Upon conclusion of the interaction, Alicia Jennings, 33, and Patrick Perkins, 38, both of Morrill, were arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. The children in the home were placed in police protective custody.

On Saturday, June 22, the

Brown County Sheriff's Office arrested Latisha Campbell, 33, of Hiawatha on a Brown County failure to appear warrant.

At approximately 8:50 p.m. Saturday, June 22, Morton Alfrey, 63, of Hiawatha was arrested by the Brown County Sheriff's Office on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sean M. Willcott, 13193 206 Rd, Holton, Ks. 66436

**District Court Judge, District 22, Division 2**

John Weingart, 217 Sioux Ave., Hiawatha, Ks. 66434

## COUNTY OFFICES

**County Commissioner, 2nd District**

Lane C. Hanzlick, 2170 64th Rd., Wetmore, Ks. 66550

Jason P. Koch, 1136 G Rd, Centralia, Ks. 66415

Austin Petry, 635 Hwy 9, Centralia, Ks. 66415

**County Commissioner, 3rd District**

Joseph Dalinghaus, 1907 Branch, Seneca, Ks. 66538

Sarah Feldkamp, 1359 160th Rd., Seneca, Ks. 66538

**County Clerk**

Mary Kay Schultejans, 1230 M4 Rd, Goff, Ks. 66428

**County Treasurer**

Kim Bontrager, 203 S 15th St., Seneca, Ks. 66538

**Register of Deeds**

Roxann Holthaus, 912 Walnut, Seneca, Ks. 66538

**County Attorney**

Brad Lippert, 121 S 14th St, Sabetha, Ks. 66534

**Sheriff**

Richard D. Vernon, 218 Mulberry, Centralia, Ks. 66415

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES (Trustee & Treasurer)**

**Adams – No Filings**

**Berwick**

Trustee – Myron Menold, 2742 V Rd, Sabetha, Ks. 66534

**Capioma**

Treasurer – David Wehner, 1649 W Rd., Sabetha, Ks. 66534

**Center**

Treasurer – Brad Hammes, 1630 C Rd, Baileyville,