

Ness County commissioners

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Commission reviewed the Financial Statement presented by Koehn. Budgeting items and requests were reviewed with individual department heads. General budgeting issues were also addressed during the meeting.

Minutes and Correspondence

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 23, 2025, were approved as presented. Correspondence was reviewed and acknowledged.

Road and Bridge

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

Road concerns were reviewed.

\$70.00 was received in tipping fees June 17 – June 21, 2025

Bridge OS 82 has been accepted for 100% funding thru KDOT.

County Attorney

Motion: Upon the motion of Davis, seconded by Petersilie the Commission voted unanimously to recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the attorney-client privileged communication exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2), for a period of 5 minutes beginning at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried unanimously (Albers, Davis, Petersilie, Gayer and Hertel in executive session). Regular session resumed at 11:23 a.m. No decisions were made. Gayer reviewed Accounts Payable for June 30, 2025.

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable for June 30, 2025, were reviewed, approved, and signed by Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Celebrating Hometown Heroes

The Ness County Fair is just around the corner, July 22-26. The Ness County Fair Board has been busy planning a community event that has something for everyone. This year the fair theme is Celebrating Hometown Heroes; each evening of the fair we want to recognize a group of Hometown Heroes, we are in hopes that our heroes from Utica, Ransom, Brownell, Beeler, Ness City and Bazine will all join us.

Tuesday evening, we will kick off the 2025 Fair with the Downtown Parade; all Hometown Heroes are invited to create a float or enter a vehicle to help share our heroes with the community. Tuesday we will recognize the First Responder Heroes (Fire, sheriff and EMT) at 6:45 p.m. we will introduce our heroes that are present in front of the stage. We will enjoy watermelon and the kids can enjoy the Touch a Truck event.

Wednesday evening we will recognize our local veterans at 7:15pm in front of the stage, after the 4-H Food Auction and 4-H Public Style Review and between the Ice Cream Social and the Gospel concert featuring Barry Ward. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy evening at the fairgrounds. The Amusement Company will start rides at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday evening, we will recognize our local medical staff – doctors, nurses, anyone that works at our hospitals, chiropractors, or health department. Come out enjoy the Free BBQ meal provided by the Ness Fire Department, then stay and support the 4-H Beef Members and see some Ness County Celebrities try their hands at Beef Showmanship. We will recognize our heroes at 6:45 p.m. in front of the stage.

Friday evening, will be full of activities and events for kids as Family fun night, turtle races, kids pedal pulls and more. Friday we will recognize our Teacher Heroes from both Ness City and Western Plains at 7:45 p.m. before the KZNC Party DJ.

Saturday, we round out the week celebrating “Peoples Choice” Hometown Heroes, we will provide forms all week that you can completed and place in the drop box. Saturday at 7:45 p.m. we will read the forms for the public to hear, who you believe to be your hometown hero; maybe it’s your mom, your neighbor or your pastor. We hope you will come out support our 4-H youth members and visit with friends while taking in all the planned activities. For more information about Hometown Hero recognition contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020.

# Insight

by Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer/rancher



KANSAS FARM BUREAU  
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Driving for the future

I love a good road trip, especially one around Kansas. That is why I am so excited about the listening tour Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) President Joe Newland and I will be embarking on July 21-23 and 30-31. Tour stops are listed at [www.kfb.org](http://www.kfb.org), and you can register there also. Joe and I along with district directors will be at every stop.

This is truly a listening tour, and we want to hear what is on your mind. Your board of directors has spent the last year going over the organization’s strategic plan and we would like to present it to all our members for their input also.

This is also a time when we would like to hear your ideas of what Kansas Farm Bureau should look like in the future. Let’s talk about things that are going well and other places where we can make improvements. Where are some areas that we can grow and maybe some innovative ideas that we need to try.

The bottom line is that we want to hear from you. The grassroots nature of Kansas Farm Bureau is why we have been so successful for more than 100years. Our organization is driven by you, the members, and that is why this listening tour is so important.

I know the dates and locations may not work for everyone. Believe me, we tried to make it as convenient as possible for everyone. We also know calendars are jam packed, so we did the best we could to accommodate as many as possible.

I know I speak for Joe and your district director when I say we want to hear from you. If you cannot attend, please reach out to us and tell us what you think. Our emails and phone numbers are easy to find, and if you need some help reach out to your count coordinator. We really do want to hear from all of you.

I know you are busy but if we could get a couple of hours of your time, the discussion about the future of Kansas Farm Bureau will be even better with more voices. Please go on the Kansas Farm Bureau website and click through the links to register. Supper will be provided.

I am looking forward to going all around the state, but I am even more excited to have a discussion about our strategic plan and the future of Kansas Farm Bureau. I am proud of our organization, and I think we can make it even better in the years to come.

Find the site closest to you, or, if you want a road trip of your own, sign up for the location of your choice. The last one is at the Dodge City Roundup if you are a rodeo fan. I cannot wait to see you and hear your ideas.

Teko Pipe Testing 2025 Little League team



Teko Pipe Testing -- back row, coach Steve Shull, Brenton Bozarth, Eaststyn Harris, Coach Jordan Roane, Maddie Parsons, Avery Fuchs, Silas Fitzgerald, Eli Roane and coach Justin Langer; front row, Aiden Hohlstein, Zaystyn Harris, Emerson Langer, Jackson Collette, Aiden Shull, and Hunter Bemis.

2025 Coaches Pitch teams



Farm Bureau Financial Services - Morgan Flax Agency -- Back row, l. to r.: coach Jerod Horchem, Trigger Horchem, Ellinor Healzer, Scarlett Corsair, Aaden Rogers, Amelia Sehl-Anderson and coach Ryan Collette; front row, Finley Hertel, Evan Healzer, McKinley Vogel, Mayvee Bishop and Deacon Collette.



Western Fuel & Supply -- Back row, l. to r.: coach Danielle Gantz, Adella Gross, Kamri Gantz, Ashlee Hardwick, Hayden Witthuhn, Avery Gantz and coach Colby Gantz; front row, Jackson Schulte, Rhett DeWitt, Wilder Sandoval, Zaddok Albers, Stetson Langer and Canyon Fooks.



Louie's Bar & Grill -- Back row, l. to r.: coach Drew Pfannenstiel, Maite Gutierrez, Marisol Gutierrez, Kenzie McNinch, Zackary Nielsen, Dean Pfannenstiel and William Weigle; front row, Colt Oberhelman, Earl Pfannenstiel, Ariandria Mercado, Coach Kira Pfannenstiel, Mackenley Noll and Raelyn Seib.

Leisure Years Menus

- Monday, July 21**  
Chicken Cordon Bleu, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Cookie
- Tuesday, July 22**  
Sliced Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Pudding, Dinner Roll
- Wednesday, July 23**  
Meatball w/Gravy over Buttered Pasta, Tossed Salad/Dressing, Cinnamon Roll
- Thursday, July 24**  
Cook's Choice
- Friday, July 25**  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Peas, Poke Cake, Dinner Roll  
Milk and juice is served with all meals.  
**Phone 785-798-3108**  
**Effective immediately!**  
**Please place your lunch order the day before eating.**  
**Suggested donation for registered seniors \$5.**

KU announces students named to spring 2025 honor roll

Nearly 8,700 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2025 semester.

The honor roll comprises undergraduates who meet requirements in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and in the schools of Architecture & Design, Business, Education & Human Sciences, Engineering, Health Professions, Journalism & Mass Communications, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, Professional Studies and Social Welfare.

Among the students were Jaztyn Kisslinger, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, of Ransom.



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