

GOVERNING BODY

Brown County Commission

Submitted by Nicole Lee
County Clerk

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 16, 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.

Tom Gudenkauf of P & J Solid Waste Management was present to express concerns about the new holiday and Saturday schedule at the Brown County Landfill that was approved at the last meeting.

Solid Waste Don Pounds presented an updated holiday schedule for the landfill. The remaining 2024 holidays for the landfill would be: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve will close at noon and Christmas Day. The board approved the landfill holiday schedule as presented.

The board requested the County Counselor to draft a contract for the hauling of waste to HAMM with the contract ending April 1, 2025.

The commissioners agreed to a 10-minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Pounds and 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.

Commissioners agreed to make the following personnel changes: Pounds will be Emergency Management/Solid Waste Director with an annual salary of \$56,000. Richard Rovdelt Noxious Weed Director, will receive monthly extra pay of \$350 for additional duties at the Solid Waste C&D Pit. Heather Merrill moves from Solid Waste Director to the position of

Solid Waste Operator IV. Brandon Rader, Solid Waste Operator V to Solid Waste Operator VII. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Shoemaker voting nay.

Vicki Hubin and Chris Denner of Community Corrections, presented the commission with the agency's FY2025 Carryover Reimbursements Plan. The board approves the Adult and Juvenile Community Corrections FY2025 Carryover Reimbursements Plans.

The board approved the Sept. 9 meeting minutes with one correction.

The commission was presented with the Brown County Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Planning Commission. Additional concerns and changes will be sent to the Planning Commission.

The commissioners agreed to purchase a used 2020 Ford F350 Sprayer Truck from Shawnee County for \$48,000 and a \$700 transaction fee to Enterprise for a total of \$48,700.

The commission was presented with information from Resound Network on a broadband infrastructure project in Brown County and a request for a letter of support for the BEAD grant application. The board requested a Resound Network representative to be present to provide more information.

The board was presented with the following truck bed quotes for the Road and Bridge District 3 2024 Ford: Courtney's LLC for \$15,800, Triple C for \$13,747.20 and Wertzberger Ranch Equipment for \$17,221.50. The board agreed to purchase the District 3 truck bed from Triple C for the amount of \$13,747.20.

The commission was presented with results of the Brown County mid-year real estate appraisal/sales ratio study from Kansas Division of Property Valuation.

The next regular meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 23. These minutes were not available at The Herald's press time.

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GOVERNING BODY

Nemaha County Commission

Submitted by
Mary Kay Schultejans
County Clerk

The Board of Nemaha County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 23, 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 Larry Danforth with the Sabetha Methodist Church led those present in an opening prayer to begin the meeting.

The board set the agenda with County Administrator Miller. The commissioners approved the agenda for Sept. 23 as presented. Glace called for open public forum to begin at 9:17 a.m. No one came before the board to speak during the forum.

Department Reports

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

- The guys are currently rocking F Road at this time.

- The graders are out on county roads following the rain received over the weekend.

- The new grader will be delivered today.

- The guys have started rocking N Road for the detour at this time.

- Kuckelman received trailer tire bids that he shared with the commissioners. Following discussion, the board approved the purchase of 16 trailer tires from Becker Repair and Performance at a total cost of \$5,944. The motion carried with all voting aye.

- Kuckelman received tube bids as well that he shared with commissioners. Welborn Sales bid \$16,776.75 and Contech bid \$16,683.80. The commissioners approved the purchase of bands and tubes from Contech at a cost of \$16,683.80.

- The bridge department is putting in tubes and fixing wing walls throughout the county at this time.

- Hall Brothers will be here Wednesday to start on the Baileyville Road.

Emergency Preparedness Director Eddie Aldrine advised the board that:

- A mass casualty drill will be

held today beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Nemaha Central Elementary and Middle School.

- Aldrine received bids for handicapped accessible doors at county buildings that he shared with the commissioners. The board made no decision on these bids at this time.

- Aldrine also received bids for door access control at county buildings that he shared with the board. The commissioners made no decision on these bids at this time.

Treasurer Janell Niehues and Deputy Treasurer Kim Bontrager came before the board and spoke to the commissioners about the 2025 budget request for the Treasurer's Office, about not rehiring for an open position in the Treasurer's Office, about implementing I-KAN for the processing of tax payments, and about cross-training county employees in the courthouse to help out in the Treasurer's Office when needed.

County Counselor Brad Lippert came before the board. The commissioners spoke to Lippert about the selling of supplies to local landowners. The board also spoke to Lippert about a dam

safety inspection on a property that lies on a county road.

Also at the meeting:

The board reviewed and approved the minutes as amended from the Sept. 16 meeting.

The commissioners reviewed the Nemaha County 2025 proposed budget suggesting changes to be made to lower the overall mill levy at this time.

The commissioners continued to work on the Nemaha County 2025 budget.

The board reviewed vouchers submitted by the different departments to be paid this week. The board approved the AP Warrants to be paid on Sept. 24 as presented.

The board appointed Marya Haerkamp to a three-year term on the Nemaha County Planning Commission to replace Lynette Strathman.

The commissioners appointed Brent Alverson to another three-year term on the Nemaha County Planning Commission.

The next regularly scheduled meeting was held on Monday, Sept. 30. These minutes were not available at The Herald's press time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Nemaha County Sheriff

Jail Booking/Release

Janelle Frey, 41, of Sabetha was arrested on Sept. 22 by the Sabetha Police Department on charges of domestic battery. She was released on Sept. 23 on a \$2,500 bond. Court is set for Oct. 17 at 4 p.m.

Crash Reports

At 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13,

Katie Beethe, 34, of Elk Creek, Neb., was traveling westbound on U.S. Highway 36, 0.1 mile west of S Road, when she struck a raccoon. Beethe was driving a 2014 Dodge Journey. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

At 5:58 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19,

Jamie Mauldin, 40, of Wamego was traveling eastbound on U.S. Highway 36, 100 feet east of E Road, when she struck a cow. Mauldin was driving a 2013 Ford Edge. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

CRASH REPORTS

At 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Trycint T. Marti, 19, of St. Joseph, Mo., was traveling eastbound on U.S. Highway 36 turning into a private drive on the south side of the roadway on the east edge of Seneca. He was pulling a trailer, and when the vehicle drove onto loose gravel, the vehicle jackknifed with the trailer causing damage to the vehicle. He was driving a 2015 GMC pickup pulling a flatbed trailer. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

At 5:22 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Kaylee G. Haverkamp, 17, of Bern was traveling eastbound on 232nd Road, approximately 0.6 mile east of Kansas Highway

63, when she swerved to miss an animal and left the roadway, going into a ditch and overturning. She was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Impala. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

At 7:53 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Adam C. Robertson, 33, of Bern was traveling eastbound on Kansas Highway 71, 0.3 mile east of L4 Road, when he struck a cow. He was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Malibu. The cow was owned by Dean Korber of Bern. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

At 8:35 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, Hollidae F. Banfield, 17, of Mornill was traveling southbound on Q Road, approximately 0.4 mile south of 184th Road, when she lost control on the gravel and left the right side of the roadway and overturned. She was driving a 2007 Pontiac. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000. A passenger in the vehicle was transported by EMS to the Sabetha Community Hospital.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of County Election Officer, Nemaha County, Kansas

Notice of General Election

In compliance with K.S.A. 25-105, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the following candidates to appear on the ballot.

National and State Office

For PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Harris and Walz, Democratic

Kennedy Jr. and Shanahan, Independent

Oliver and ter Maat, Libertarian

Trump and Vance, Republican

For UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 2nd DISTRICT

Nancy Boyda, Baldwin City, Democratic

John Hauer, Topeka, Libertarian

Derek Schmidt, Independence, Republican

For STATE SENATOR, 1st District

Craig Bowser, Holton, Republican

For STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 62nd DISTRICT

Sean M. Willcott, Holton, Republican

For DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, 22nd DISTRICT, DIVISION 2

John Weingart, Hiawatha, Republican

Nemaha County Offices

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 2nd DISTRICT

Angela Deters Harkins, Baileyville, Democratic

Jason P. Koch, Centralia, Republican

For COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 3rd DISTRICT

Joseph Dalinghaus, Seneca, Republican

For COUNTY CLERK

Mary Kay Schultejans, Kelly, Republican

For COUNTY TREASURER

Kim Bontrager, Seneca, Republican

For REGISTER OF DEEDS

Roxann Holthaus, Seneca, Republican

For COUNTY ATTORNEY

Brad Lippert, Sabetha, Republican

For SHERIFF

Richard D. Vernon, Centralia, Republican

Township Offices

ADAMS

For Township Trustee

Brian Haverkamp, Seneca, Republican

For Township Treasurer

No Filings

BERWICK

For Township Trustee

Myreon Menold, Sabetha, Republican

For Township Treasurer

Ross Montgomery, Sabetha, Republican

CAPIOMA

For Township Trustee

No Filings

For Township Treasurer

David Wehner, Sabetha, Republican

CENTER

For Township Trustee

Mark Haug, Baileyville, Republican

For Township Treasurer

Brad Hammes, Baileyville, Republican

CLEAR CREEK

For Township Trustee

Aaron Rottinghaus, Baileyville, Republican

For Township Treasurer

No Filings

GILMAN

For Township Trustee

Dennis Becker, Seneca, Republican

For Township Treasurer

Terry Heinen, Sabetha, Republican

GRANADA

For Township Trustee

Dexter Davis, Wetmore, Democratic

Chris L. Strathman, Goff, Republican

For Township Treasurer

Alan Keehn, Wetmore, Democratic

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