



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 1, 2017

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 1, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, John Hill, Matt Bauman, Myron Dorn, Gary Lytle, Dennis Byars, and Erich Tiemann present.

Notice of said meeting was posted at the County Clerk’s Office and published prior to the meeting in compliance with State Statutes.

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Chairman Dorn announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the Board of Supervisors Room.

Consent Agenda included the following items: General Agenda; Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; claims audit in the amount of \$466,174.82 which does not include claim #17020081 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$85.70 and claim #17020090 to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$12,088.00, each to be voted on separately; approve correspondence received and place on file; approve canceling check #15100094 to Black Hills Energy in the amount of \$22.67, #16090295 to Farmers Cooperative in the amount of \$24.86, #16120139 to Farm & Home Publishers in the amount of \$1,450.00, #17010241 to Cypress Benefit Administrators in the amount of \$48,581.98, and #17010140 to Family Medicine Washington in the amount of \$200.80; approve specs and call for bids on Spring 2017 Rock & Gravel – bids to be opened on March 1, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	121,982.06
Adams Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc.	4500.00
Americom Communications	Phone batteries	204.33
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Annl fire sprinkler tap fee	245.00
Beatrice Daily Sun	Assr 1-yr subscr.	205.60
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1674.34
Charter Communications	Vets Offc internet	79.99
County Veterans Svc Offer Assn	Accreditation training	250.00
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Co. Assessor’s Assn. of NE	2016 Gavel Passing luncheon	21.63
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler/water	9.86
Diode	Door access control server	1950.00
GovConnection, Inc.	Symantec antivirus	1800.40
Greater NE Business Center	Ext. Offc. veh rent, fuel	401.27
Husker Rehab	Empl. flu shot	22.00
Infinisource Benefit Svcs.	FBA mnthly admin. fees	99.75
Integrationpartners	Forticare & FortiGuard	213.92
Manatron	Assr Marshall Swift 2017 rate tables	2485.14
Melron’s	Repair cash register, typewriter; ribbons	211.46
MIPS	Treas. data conversion	941.64
O’Keefe Elevator Co., Inc.	Jan. elevator maint.	207.05
Pam’s Cleaning	Jan. Ext. Offc. janitorial svc.	200.00
Schulz & Associates	Perform county audit	9850.00
SE Dist. Assrs. Assn.	2017 dues	25.00
SEND – SE NE Dev. Dist.	Mbrshp.	11,692.00
Sherwin-Williams	Poly & mineral spirits, paint for jail	254.02
US Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, repairs, fuel	430.11
USPS Hasler	Postage for meter machine	10,000.00
Verizon Wireless	Wireless phones	327.14
Westlake Hardware	Supplies, hinges, disinf., batteries, ice melt	305.06
Windstream	Co. phones	4547.20



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General Fund – Law Enforcement Expenses

Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Inmate medical	158.98
Amen Law	Prof. legal svcs.	10,540.00
Beatrice Community Hospital	Blood alcohol draws	394.20
Bentjen Garrison Law Office	Atty fees	2800.00
Bob Barker Company	Inmate provisions	245.24
Counsel Press, Inc.	Printing legal documents	2700.71
DBM Managed Services	Jail meals	2713.18
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Statewide radios	562.00
Datashield	Onsite Cert Destruction	43.75
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Boarding inmates & medical	3674.72
DominaLaw Group PC LLO	Prof. legal svcs.	19,342.02
Fakler Architects	Architectural designs for Shf.	4600.00
Gage County	Prob. phones	405.00
Gage County Court	Atty cert. copies	13.25
Galls LLC	Uniforms, K9 supplies	211.53
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	422.00
Grainger	Shf. janitorial supplies	179.03
Handcuff Warehouse	Handcuffs	45.61
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	141.44
Jennie Dugan Hinrichs	Autopsy expense (3)	225.00
Jones Automotive	HumVee lights, K9 equip. install	2498.74
Keating, O’Gara, Nedved, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	2971.00
Keefe Supply Co.	Commissary supplies	244.80
Konica Minolta	Shf. copier lease agrmnt.	288.33
Latimer Reporting	Depo. transcript	49.38
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	128.00
Mid-states Organized Crime Info Ctr	Mbrshp.	150.00
National Sheriff’s Assn.	Mbrshp.	115.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	Patient care	465.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood alcohol tests	630.00
NE Window Coverings	Blinds Atty’s Offc.	376.00
Michael Pemberton	Reimb. for Falls City Prob. Offc. paint	95.96
Philippi Electric	Shf. repairs	75.00
Precision Auto Tune	Shf. veh. repairs	172.93
Priority Printing	Prob. Offc. printed materials	114.94
Quill – Det.	Jantrl, ktchn, lndry, offc, cmmsry supplies	955.80
Quill – Prob.	Prob. Offc. supplies	392.45
Ray Allen Mfg.	K9 supplies	263.61
Smith, Schafer, Davis & Gaertig	Legal svcs. Hosp. Auth. #1, 7/1/15-12/27/16	849.50
Stephen Kraviec PC LLO	Child Support Enf. Atty.	2218.46
Thomson Reuters	Law Library expns.	113.78
Lee Timan	Public Defender	5730.77
Two Guys Painting	Painting jail	1354.00
Veterinary Emergency Svcs. Lincoln	K9 meds	21.02
Voss Lighting	Shf. bulbs	78.00
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	729.00
Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, Luers & Ahl	Prof. legal svcs.	28,900.00
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	703.80

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Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,321.45
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Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock	791.57
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	355.67
Fastenal	Bolts	123.71
Johnny’s Welding, Inc.	Iron	85.70
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	486.98
Orschelns	Bolts, sprayer	41.54
Sherwin-Williams	Paint suits	18.19
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	52.80

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Mnthly lodging pmt.	5164.55
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Insurance Fund

Cypress Benefit Admin.	Hlth. Ins. Admin. fees	23,629.02
Gage Co. Health Insurance	Empl. health ins. claims pd.	45,901.79

Inheritance Fund

Estate of Verna J Kreuscher Erickson	Inher. tax refund	529.06
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Repeater Shf veh.	12,088.00

County Building Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Cthse. stone restoration Phase 3	46,313.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	8,398.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	8,865.49
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	23,358.04

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,126.69
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,392.38
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	10,487.58

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Byars to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Tiemann to approve claim #17020090 to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$12,088.00, to be taken out of Inheritance Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Tiemann, seconded by Bauman to approve claim #17020081 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$85.70, bringing the total amount of claims approved through February 1, 2017 to \$466,260.52. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

No public present for comments or request for future agenda items.

Committee reports were given by Byars and Dave Jones on Building & Grounds/Winter Lights, and Bauman & Jurgens on Finance/Insurance. Break for timed agenda items.

Veterans Service Officer Phil Dittbrenner introduced the February Veterans Honor Award recipient, Alvin Weber to the board. Alvin served in the U.S. Army from January 15, 1951 to October 16, 1952. He was part of the 35th Infantry and served as a Mortar Crewman and Corporal in the Korean War. He recalled traveling at night in one of 4 squads of their platoon, being under fire, and seeing their entire hill on fire after a mortar attack. Alvin said he was able go on the Korean War Honor Flight and thanked those who made it possible. He also thanked the Board for selecting him for the County



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Veterans Honor Award. Alvin was also honored at the meeting by the Forrest Acres Quilting Club, acting on behalf of the Quilt of Valor Foundation, as members of the club presented him with a Quilt of Valor in gratitude and thanks for his service and sacrifice. They shared the meaning of what the three layers of a quilt represent: the top in its many shapes and colors, represents the different communities and individuals who appreciate his service; the middle, which is the batting or filler, represents warmth to bring him comfort, peace and healing; and the backing represents strength as it holds all of the layers together. The quilt is a tangible reminder to the veteran of the many people who are forever in his/her debt for the freedom we all have. Military Honors received by Weber include the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 1 bronze star, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Hill to close bidding at 9:17 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on surplus vehicles 2007 Dodge Charger (White), 197,241 miles, Vin# 2B3KA43H87H845328 AND 2009 Dodge Charger (Gray), 195,895 miles, Vin# 2B3KA43T39H569129. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received on the 2007 Dodge Charger from Bayridge Motors of Staten Island, NY in the amount of \$528.00, and for the 2009 Dodge Charger from Bayridge Motors of Staten Island, NY in the amount of \$728.00 and from Julie Spier of Wymore, NE in the amount of \$900.00.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Tiemann to approve rejecting all bids. Motion carried 7-0. The board will discuss in the next committee meetings how to proceed further with these surplus vehicles.

Committee reports continued with Hill on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Hill on Road & Bridge.

Sheriff Millard Gustafson introduced new full-time Sheriff Deputy Joe Baldassano to the board. He worked as a part-time deputy for about three years prior to going full-time.

After reviewing bids received at the January 18th meeting, Mark Mainelli with Mainelli Wagner & Associates recommended going with the low bid on Beatrice West Culvert Project C34(1024) from Vogtscapes, Inc., Bennet NE, in the amount of \$267,571.30.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Tiemann to award bid on Beatrice West Culvert Project C34(1024) to Vogtscapes, Inc. in the amount of \$267,571.30. Motion carried 7-0.

The board had a discussion with Hwy. Superintendent Galen Engel and Mark Mainelli on the projects included in the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Plan for Gage County.

The board had a discussion on selecting a county board member as a voting member for the NGage Annual Meeting.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Lytle to approve selecting Erich Tiemann as the board member to be a voting member for the NGage Annual Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

The board had a discussion on the letter from FOP Lodge 45, requesting the County strike Section 2. (Exclusion of Supervisors) from the FOP Agreement. The question was raised on whether or not to take action since we have not entered into negotiations with the FOP. County Attorney Roger Harris, on the recommendation of legal consultant Jerry Pigsley, would recommend that the request be denied.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Bauman to approve denying the request from FOP Lodge 45 to strike Section 2. (Exclusion of Supervisors) from the current FOP Agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

The board had a discussion on the Highway Dept. Call Out Policy. It was mentioned that the State is required to work 40 hours prior to earning overtime at 1 ½ times. The State does include holidays toward the 40 hours.



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Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Byars to approve having Hwy. Supt. Galen Engel come back with a presentation to clarify the current call out policy. Motion carried 5-2 with Lytle and Tiemann voting nay.

The board had a discussion on current Legislative Bills and the effect they will have on Gage County, and that the committee hearing on one bill is later today. Dorn plans to attend.

Motion made by Tiemann, seconded by Lytle to approve having Chairman Dorn state at the committee hearing that the bill regarding state funds for lawsuits is premature for Gage County as there is no settlement yet. Motion failed 3-4 with Hill, Lytle & Tiemann voting aye and Jurgens, Bauman, Dorn and Byars voting nay.

Break at 10:41 a.m. Back in session at 10:52 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Bauman.

Motion made by Hill, seconded by Tiemann to state that it is not the board’s intent to prevent Dorn or any other board member from testifying on their own part as an individual at any of the legislative committee hearings. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Lytle to table until the February 15th meeting taking action on the agenda item regarding a letter of financial commitment from Gage County to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Tiemann to move into closed session at 11:05 a.m. regarding personnel and a litigation update. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Hill to move out of closed session at 11:38 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Hill, seconded by Byars to adjourn at 11:38 a.m. Motion carried 4-2 with Lytle and Tiemann voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. until February 15, 2017.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at www.gagecountynebraska.us.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/s/ Myron Dorn
Myron Dorn, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of February, 2017.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk