



# Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – September 12, 2018

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 12, 2018, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, John Hill, Matt Bauman, Myron Dorn, Dennis Byars, and Erich Tiemann present, Gary Lytle absent.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Consent Agenda included the following items: General Agenda; Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; claims audit in the amount of \$544,376.67, which does not include claim #18090007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$406.00, to be voted on separately; approve correspondence received and place on file; approve District Court Summary Fee Report and Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of August, 2018; approve specifications and call for bids on 2018-2019 snow removal for the courthouse, Sheriff/Jail, Veterans Office, former Buss Stop location, and parking lots – bids to be opened September 26, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.; approve cancelling check #18070159 to Otoe County Court in the amount of \$5.00; approve Utility Permit #1110 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC – will be plowing in 400’ of cable, 4’ deep in West shoulder of the road. New cable will replace temped cable that was damaged by a lightning strike. Located in the NE & SE ¼ of Section 26 T-2N R-6E (Sicily Twp.); approve Utility Permit #1111 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC – will be placing approx. 1 mile of new 48 fiber cable in county and township roads. Windstream will be boring 6’ below culverts & intersections of county road and bridge flow line. Will be plowing cable 4’ deep in shoulder of road. Located in the NE¼ Section 32, NW ¼ Section 33, SW ¼ Section 28 T-4N R-8E (Filley Twp.)

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	131,183.45
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs.	4488.96
Amen Law	Prof. legal svcs.	5580.00
Arbor Ink	DC env.	235.73
Robert Bednar	Stripe Shf. pkgng. lot	206.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	7343.35
Beatrice Comm. Hospital	Inmate medical	441.25
Beatrice Lawn Care	Mowing	406.00
Charles Bentjen, Atty	Atty fees	72.00
Carriage, Inc.	Cust. veh. oil change	34.54
Joseph Casson, Atty	Atty fees	247.50
CBM Managed Services	Jail meals	3172.77
City of Beatrice	Inmate medical	161.69
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svcs.	10,000.00
Clerk of Dist. Court	St. & svc. fees	1037.34
Columbia Capital	Prof. svcs.	1755.00
Rick Cookus	Replace lock assy – Shf.	85.00
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	72.50
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6506	Ntwk serv chgs.	663.11
Diode Comm.	Monitoring at Vet’s Offc.	24.95
Diode Technologies	Prob. phone changes	85.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc. supplies	1833.55
Echo Group	Fluorescent bulbs	281.25
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00



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Gage County Treasurer	Taxes due from vendors	162.58
Great Plains Uniforms	Tactical pants	99.00
Gropp Law & Mediation	Atty fees	3087.00
Hamm Glass	Ext. Offc. locks	1139.25
Holiday Inn Kearney	EM training	93.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Koenig Investigative Agency	Prof. svcs.	377.96
Konica Minolta	Ext. Offc. qtrly copy fees	1762.03
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor oper. expns.	2515.39
Lauby Plbg., Htng. & Air	Pumped pits	250.00
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	2721.40
MailFinance	Pstg. meter lease	1609.80
Manatron, Inc.	Annl. maint. & support	21,918.12
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Courts scanning equip. rent	404.00
MIPS, Inc.	Computer prog. & support	2557.66
NE Assn. of Co. Assessors	2019 Assn. dues	50.00
NE DOL/Office of Safety	Boiler inspections	60.00
Neopost	Folding machine std. maint.	558.00
Nestor & Mercure, Attys	Atty fees	2907.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	110.67
Northeast Auto	Towing, inv. expns.	558.00
O'Keefe Elevator Co.	Elevator maint. agrmnt.	221.01
O'Reilly Automotive	Parts, supplies	67.83
Odell Fire & Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Optical Gallery	Inmate svcs.	72.00
Paper Tiger	Doc. shredding	35.00
Philippi Electric	Change ballasts	491.80
Pinnacle Bank	Keyboards chgd to Co Ct credit card	73.93
Pottawattamie Co. Shf.	Svc. of subpoena	41.00
Precision Auto Tune	Veh. repair	164.75
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	151.59
Quill – Det.	Ktchn., offc. supplies	104.18
Quill – Prob.	Offc. supplies	159.23
Quill – Treas.	Offc. supplies	325.66
R & B Arms	Rifle, mags	1498.54
Region V Systems	EPC billing	764.00
RML, Inc.	DC lab svcs.	1910.00
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Garbage svc.	253.70
SE NE Communications	Prob. phones	145.65
Security Services	Repairs from electrical surge	450.00
Eric D. Smith	Witness fees	20.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, Gaertig	Atty fees	180.00
SMPC IT Solutions	Assr. server host, network support	3014.13
Staples Advantage	Shf. supplies	318.20
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2218.46
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh. repairs	719.78
Thomson Reuters	Law books	351.00
Lee Timan	Public Defender	5730.77
US Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, etc.	213.72
Verizon Wireless	Shf. 4G cards, Prob. wireless phones	1239.57
Veterans Information Svc.	Annl. book, newsletter	60.00
Village of Adams	Qtrly EMS svc.	4500.00



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Village of Clatonia	Qtrly EMS svc.	4500.00
Vivial	Phone book listing	24.20
Voice News	Publications	327.63
WalMart	Prob. supplies	42.14
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	251.93
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	1352.00
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Parts, labor	1874.20
Zultys	Prob. phones	406.09

## Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,199.58
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	537.30
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & Gravel	69,611.24
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, supplies	1210.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	22.55
Carriage, Inc.	Parts	112.39
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	8480.40
City of Wymore	Utilities	104.30
Constellation	Utilities	27.57
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	164.10
Extreme Motorsports	Decals	15.00
Filter Care of NE	Filters	39.80
Hotsy Equip.	Shop supplies	96.11
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Changeovers	72.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Consulting	50,842.88
Mead Lumber	Supplies	21.74
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	140.00
Menards	Supplies	124.29
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	176.00
O'Reilly Automotive	Parts, supplies	814.63
Powerplan	Parts, labor	3816.85
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Garbage svc.	71.43
Schwarz Paper Co.	Supplies	152.43
Small Engine Specialists	Supplies	65.05
Jarred Thimm	Seed	744.00
Tractor Supply	Supplies	276.84
Westlake Hardware	Supplies, sander	<u>102.81</u>

## Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging Tax	1850.36
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## Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Computer support	204.75
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## Insurance Fund

Michael Widdick	Ins. reimb.	182.28
Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	40,866.50

## General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,078.11
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	9,367.36
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	30,719.03



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## Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,118.49
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,392.41
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,956.19

## Insurance Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12.30
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13.94

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Bauman to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Bauman to approve claim #18090007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$406.00, bringing total of claims approved through September 12, 2018 to \$544,782.67. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Lytle joined meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann and Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle & Lisa W. on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Veterans Service Officer Phil Dittbrenner introduced Larry Marco, the September Veterans Honor Award recipient, as being the first veteran being honored from the Iraqi Afghanistan era. Marco joined the U.S. Army on October 5, 2005 and served until April 12, 2012. He was stationed in Alaska for his whole career and he loved it there, but also served 18 months in Iraq and 12 months in Afghanistan. He earned numerous awards including the Army Commendation Medal – 2 awards, Army Achievement Medal – 2 awards, Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal 2<sup>nd</sup> award, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon 4<sup>th</sup> Award, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Driver & Mechanic Badge with wheeled vehicle class.

Road & Bridge Committee report was given by Jurgens.

Sandy Morrissey, Director of the Regional Prevention Coordination at Region V, shared information regarding funding and development of the prevention system within Region V.

Nolan Fast, Gage County Tourism Director, presented and spoke about 3 applications for Gage County Visitor Improvement Grants as follows:

1. Historical Restoration of one-room school, Dist. #81, Pleasant View, Located in McCandless Park, Wymore, NE in the amount of \$15,000. Project sponsor – Welsh Heritage & Culture Centre, Inc. dba Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project.
2. Sertoma Community Betterment Partnership Project for Astro Park Splash Pad, in the amount of \$10,000. Project Sponsor – Beatrice Sertoma Club
3. Gage County Video Marketing Project in the amount of \$8,000. Project Sponsor – Gage County Tourism.

Fast also told the board he will be moving to marketing and member services so they will have a replacement for the tourism position.





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Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Lytle to approve a Visitor Improvement Fund Grant for Historical Restoration of one-room school, District #81, Pleasant View, in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Tiemann to approve Visitor Improvement Fund Grant for Astro Park Splash Pad in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Byars to approve Visitor Improvement Fund Grant for Gage County Video Marketing Project sponsored by Gage County Tourism in the amount of \$8,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve Agreement between Gage County and the Beatrice Humane Society, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to approve lease agreement between Gage County and Stor 4 Less Storage of Adams, NE for motor grader storage. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to approve agreement between Election Systems & Software (ES&S) and Gage County for election related services for three (3) year period beginning September 1, 2018. Motion carried 7-0.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-23**

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1993, the Gage County Highway Superintendent brought to the attention of the Gage County Board of Supervisors the following safety concerns:

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Department employees' safety is of the utmost concern to the Gage County Board of Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, hard hats and steel-toed shoes will provide a safer environment for employees to work in.

THEREFORE, by Resolution No. 715, dated March 30, 1993, the Gage County Board of Supervisors adopted the policy that all Gage County Highway Department employees would, from that day forward, be required to wear shirts and would not be allowed to wear shorts or cut-offs, and they should further wear hard hats as directed by the foreman as work dictates, and steel-toed shoes at all times. Other safety equipment may be required on specific jobs. It was further resolved that the County would provide hard hats at the county's expense.

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 715 did not specify any reimbursement to employees for the purchase of steel-toed shoes, or state that any "safety or composite-toed" shoes recognized by the county's insurance provider were also acceptable, therefore, an amendment to Resolution No. 715 is presented as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that Resolution No. 715 be amended as follows: All Gage County Highway Department Employees will, from this day forward, be required to wear shirts, are not allowed to wear shorts or cut-offs, and shall wear hard hats that are provided at the county's expense as directed by the foreman as work dictates. Be it further resolved that all Highway Department Employees shall wear steel-toed, safety or composite-toed shoes purchased by the employee which are acceptable by the county's insurance provider, with the county paying a reimbursement of up to \$50.00, one time per year per employee. Other safety equipment may also be required on specific jobs.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Aye: Jurgens, Hill, Bauman, Dorn, Lytle, Byars, Tiemann

Nay: None



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Motion: carried 7-0.

/s/ Myron Dorn  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

(SEAL) /s/ Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve Resolution #18-23 which amends Resolution #715 on steel toed shoes for the Highway Department, amended resolution includes adding language of safety or composite toed shoes. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:55 a.m. Back in session at 10:01 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Bauman.

Motion made by Tiemann, seconded by Byars to open public hearing at 10:01 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed FY 18-19 county budget. Motion carried 6-0 with Bauman temporarily out.

Bauman re-joined meeting.

Speaking on concerns pertaining to the tax increase during the public hearing were Brian Koch, Don Schuller, Norm Wallman, Duane Parde, Greg Lauby, Phil Dittbrenner, Vicki Cain, Larry Gronewold and Gayland Regier.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Tiemann to close public hearing at 11:42 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## **RESOLUTION #18-21**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02, the Gage County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on September 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in regards to setting the 2018-2019 tax request at a different rate than the 2017-2018 tax request,  
AND,

WHEREAS, said public hearing was published in a legal newspaper as required by law,  
AND,

WHEREAS, the following requirements were in said published notice:

2017-2018 property tax request	\$9,606,548.26
Levy to fund the 2017-2018 tax request	.297594

Levy to fund this year’s tax request if it were applied to the current valuation would be: .296839

2018-2019 property tax request	\$13,588,205.05
Proposed levy to fund the 2018-2019 tax request	.419871

AND,

WHEREAS, 9 people were present to comment on the proposed modification of said tax request at said hearing.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Gage County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the tax request of \$13,588,205.05 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to adopt Resolution #18-21.

Voting aye: Jurgens, Hill, Bauman, Dorn, Lytle, Byars, Tiemann

Voting nay: None

Motion carried: 7-0

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

/s/ Myron Dorn

Chairperson – Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Dawn Hill

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to approve Resolution #18-21 setting the 2018-2019 tax request at a different rate than the 2017-2018 tax request. Motion carried 7-0.

**GAGE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS  
#18-22**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Gage County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

COUNTY BOARD

/s/ Myron Dorn  
/s/ Matt Bauman

/s/ Gary Lytle  
/s/ Dennis M. Byars



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/s/ John A. Hill

/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Terry Jurgens

Motion made by Tiemann, seconded by Bauman to approve Resolution #18-22 adopting the County Budget for FY 2018-2019. Motion carried 7-0.

Lisa Wiegand spoke on the updates to the Planning & Zoning Regulations.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Hill to move into closed session at 12:02 p.m. for litigation update. Motion carried 6-1 with Bauman voting nay.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to move out of closed session at 12:14 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. until September 26, 2018.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountynebraska.us](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk