



# Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – August 28, 2019

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 28, 2019, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, John Hill, Matt Bauman, Erich Tiemann, Dennis Byars and Gary Lytle present, Eddie Dorn 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.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Chairman Tiemann 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: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$496,576.85 which does not include claim #19080259 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$1,617.50, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check #19080018 issued to Douglas County Sheriff in the amount of \$20.83; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1135 for L & L Farms – will be trenching 6” wide x 5’ below bottom of ditch under 94<sup>th</sup> road for 66’ to run a 220 volt, 3 phase power line encased in a 4” schedule 40 PVC pipe. Located in the SW ¼ Sec 36 & SE ¼ Sec 35 T-4N R-7E (Logan Twp.); 7. Approve Utility Permit #1136 for Ensz Feedlot, Inc. – will be trenching 24” wide 3’ below top of road to install a 14-16” culvert to run a flushable umbilical cord through at the intersection of SW 75<sup>th</sup> road & W. Maple Road. Located in the SW ¼ Sec 25 & the NE ¼ of Sec 35 T-3N R-5E (Lincoln Twp.).

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	132,571.86
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Auto Shop Inc.	Shf. veh. repairs	1062.20
Automatic Rain Sprinkler Systems	Sprinkler supplies/labor	381.32
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubish disposal	5.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	405.36
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	164.30
Bob Barker	Inmate provisions	56.36
Beatrice Lawn Care	Mowing, grub cntrl, fungicide	1617.50
Brock Law Offices	Atty fees	306.00
Chief Supply	Uniforms, name plates, etc.	75.72
Clerk of District Court	St. & svc. fees, docket fees	803.49
Cortland Rural Fire	Qtrly EMS svcs.	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp., employment screen	61.00
DAS St. Acctng., Cntrl Fin 6507	Lic. fees, statewide radio system	1130.00
Dawson Co. Sheriff	Boarding inmates	5940.00
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Boarding inmates/medical	4340.31
Election Systems & Software	Special election costs	1458.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
Fox Funeral Home	County burial	1050.00
Gage Co. Court	Court costs	4115.00
Gage Co. Sheriff’s Offc.	Shf fees/mlg.	730.70
Greater NE Business Center	Ext. Offc. veh. rent, fuel	369.89
Harman Wright Mortuary	County cremation	1200.00
Hometown Leasing	Copier lease	138.82
Idemia Identity & Security	AFIS maint. agrmnt.	8369.00
Jan’s Cleaners	Dry clean judge’s robe	9.35
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	5625.00



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JS Wurm & Associates	Deposition	96.90
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Konica Minolta	EM & Ext. copies	481.63
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc. fees	21.05
Latimer Reporting	Depositions	503.35
Mahloch Law Offices	Atty fees	3421.50
Marshall & Swift	Residential cost hndbk renwl	364.95
Midwest Special Svcs.	Trvl expns to pick up inmate	744.00
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	3410.40
Naylor & Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	1270.80
NI Government Svcs.	SAT phone	74.23
Personnel Evaluation, Inc.	Pre-employment checks	60.00
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns.	170.00
Priority Printing	Prob. Offc. envelopes, door hangers	194.04
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	100.66
Quill – Co. Ct.	Toner for Dist. Ct.	388.98
Region V Services	Qtrly participation	9928.50
Region V Systems	LB204 & LB302 contrib.,	22,992.75
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Garbage svc.	29.78
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	20.00
Security Services	Shf. fire alarm monitoring	31.50
SEND	Mbrshp	11,692.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. July 2019 janitorial svcs.	120.00
Spectrum	EM cable TV	7.30
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. enf. atty	2283.86
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	2982.36
Thomson Reuters	West Info. chgs	2270.33
Lee Timan	Public Defender	5730.77
U-Save Pharmacy	Inmate medical	315.78
Univ. of NE, Lincoln	Ext. Offc. conf.	75.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Ktchn, Indry, jntrl, offc supplies	793.65
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	Oil changes	593.03
Verizon	Wireless phones	240.20
Village of Clatonia	Qtrly EMS svc.	4500.00
Washington Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Inmate boarding/medical	14,629.00
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	387.00
Windstream	Prob. phones	110.82
Windstream	Prob. Wilber phones	47.07
Windstream	Prob. Fillmore Co. phones	450.15
Wolfe, Snowden, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	100.00
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Shower repair	100.00

## Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,517.08
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	140.00
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mixed	Groover, trowel	79.26
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	40,868.25
Beatrice Ford	Part	11.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	31.74
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	8118.00
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Part	47.40
First Wireless	Repeater rental	300.00



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Lammel Plumbing	Water heater	561.52
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	114.05
Larry’s Tire & Service	Alignment, tire repairs	398.95
Midwest Service & Sales	Surveyor flags	560.00
Newman Signs	Signs	1288.80
Norris Public Power	Utilities	199.41
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling	14,181.71
Schwarz Paper Co.	Janitorial supplies	156.97
Straight-Line Striping	Road striping	44,474.40
Thimm Farms, Inc.	Seed	339.00
U.S. AutoForce	Tires	293.56
Verizon Connect	Veh. GPS	177.80
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	30.58
Wick’s Sterling Trucks	Part	12.58

Insurance Fund

Amy Vculek	Ins. reimb.	401.84
Gage County Health Ins.	Employee health ins. claims paid	47,276.72

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,242.49
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,141.81

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,139.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,558.59

Insurance Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	27.12
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	30.74

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 #19080259 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$1,617.50, bringing the total of claims approved through August 28, 2019 to \$498,194.35. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights and Jurgens on Finance/Insurance.

Discussion on whether or not to hold the special meeting scheduled on September 3<sup>rd</sup> on the sales tax issue. The question was raised whether or not the meeting was necessary or if the discussion and voting on the issue could be moved to the regular meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Lytle to approve canceling the special meeting scheduled on September 3, 2019 and to move the discussion and voting on the sales tax issue to the September 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. Motion carried 4-2 with Jurgens, Bauman, Tiemann and Lytle voting aye, Hill and Byars voting nay.

Committee reports resumed with Hill on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lisa Wiegand and Sheriff Gustafson on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Points of discussion were canceling the Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> special meeting, township meetings, dog and transport van.



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Motion made by Byars, seconded by Lytle to approve receiving and placing on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Byars to approve receiving preliminary requests for levy allocation to County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, Gage County Historical Society and Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

### RESOLUTION #19-28, 2019

Whereas, Nebr. State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are subject to Gage County Levy authority are agricultural society, historical society, rural fire districts and townships; and

Whereas, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has determined that due to the number of political subdivisions and taxing parcels that would be affected, that a levy will be established and if the subdivisions request is over that levy, their levy will be reduced to respective amounts as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that the levy rates will be as follows:

Agricultural Society*	General	0.004255
Historical Society		0.000977
Rural Fire Districts		0.030000
Townships		<u>0.075000</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.110232</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that if any of the political subdivisions that are subject to the county levy authority neglects to submit a request, the Board will use their last years budget request to determine the levy rate subject to limitations found in the resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Board of Supervisors does hereby allocate the following:

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Gage Co. Ag Society*				
General	138,375.00	0.004361	135,000.00	0.004255
Historical Society	31,000.00	0.000977	31,000.00	0.000977

### **RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS**

Property	Tax	Allowable	Tax
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<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Adams Rural Fire** (General Fund)	76,492.05	0.035130	65,321.95	0.030000
Barneston Rural Fire* (General Fund)	35,000.00	0.039759	26,409.21	0.030000
Beatrice Rural Fire* (General Fund)	222,000.00	0.038372	173,566.29	0.030000
Blue Springs Rural Fire* (General Fund)	65,000.00	0.041196	47,335.08	0.030000
(Sinking Fund)	<u>19,878.50</u>	<u>0.012599</u>		
Total	84,878.50	0.053795		
Clatonia Rural Fire* (General Fund)	26,000.00	0.038444	20,289.09	0.030000
Cort-Lanc Rural Fire* (General Fund)	82,599.00	0.041545	59,645.93	0.030000
(Sinking Fund)	<u>3,844.00</u>	<u>0.001933</u>		
Total	86,443.00	0.043478		
Filley Rural Fire* (General Fund)	94,000.00	0.036923	76,374.30	0.030000
Odell Rural Fire* (General Fund)	82,210.00	0.031562	78,142.22	0.030000
Pickrell Rural Fire* (General Fund)	64,418.00	0.032958	58,637.00	0.030000
Wymore Rural Fire* (General Fund)	21,060.00	0.015055	41,967.37	0.030000
(Sinking Fund)	<u>39,970.00</u>	<u>0.028572</u>		
Total	61,030.00	0.043627		

## TOWNSHIPS

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Township	60,486.00	0.035055	60,486.00	0.035055
Barneston Township	42,840.00	0.058795	42,840.00	0.058795
Blakely Township	57,550.00	0.033528	57,550.00	0.033528
Blue Springs-Wymore	39,678.00	0.036187	39,678.00	0.036187
Clatonia Township	69,662.00	0.068670	69,662.00	0.068670



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Elm Township	35,000.00	0.034752	35,000.00	0.034752
Filley Township*	71,000.00	0.080389	66,240.61	0.075000
Glenwood Township	42,600.00	0.040688	42,600.00	0.040688
Grant Township	42,000.00	0.038740	42,000.00	0.038740
Hanover Township	45,000.00	0.046144	45,000.00	0.046144
Highland Township	36,142.00	0.024698	36,142.00	0.024698
Holt Township	41,750.00	0.036076	41,750.00	0.036076
Hooker Township	29,580.00	0.036627	29,580.00	0.036627
Island Grove Township	40,351.20	0.071385	40,351.20	0.071385
Liberty Township	34,017.00	0.052485	34,017.00	0.052485
Lincoln Township	46,432.44	0.048666	46,432.44	0.048666
Logan Township	37,000.00	0.039565	37,000.00	0.039565
Midland Township (Sinking Fund)	43,650.00 N/A	0.044855	43,650.00	0.044855
Total				
Nemaha Township	40,000.00	0.027652	40,000.00	0.027652
Paddock Township	51,935.00	0.057320	51,935.00	0.057320
Riverside Township	59,000.00	0.053672	59,000.00	0.053672
Rockford Township	37,000.00	0.042394	37,000.00	0.042394
Sherman Township	27,019.80	0.038479	27,019.80	0.038479
Sicily Township	45,288.00	0.050879	45,288.00	0.050879

\*over amount allowed

\*\*last years tax request

\*\*\*special election

Motion by Bauman to adopt Resolution #19-28, 2019, seconded by Hill.

Voting yes were Jurgens, Hill, Bauman, Tiemann, Byars and Lytle

Voting no were None,

Motion carried 6-0.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



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ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Hill to approve adopting Resolution #19-28 setting the final allocation of levy authority for Townships, Rural Fire Districts, Gage County Historical Society and Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:22 a.m. Back in session at 9:30 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Hill to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, or suggestions of taxpayers relating to the proposed FY 2019-2020 county budget. Motion carried 6-0.

Speaking at the public hearing were Gregory Lauby and Gayland Regier.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Hill to close public hearing at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

## **RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST** **RESOLUTION NO. 19-29**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02, provides that the Governing Body of the Gage County passes by a majority vote, a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Gage County resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 General Fund property tax request be set at \$12,366,909.58.
2. The 2019-2020 Road Bond Fund property tax request be set at \$951,873.00.
3. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -2%.
4. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.42 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Gage County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.41 per \$100 of assessed value.
6. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of \$40,598,661.70 Gage County will exceed last years by 13%.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to adopt Resolution #19-29.

Voting Yes: Jurgens, Hill, Bauman, Tiemann, Byars, Lytle

Voting No: None

Motion carried: 6-0



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Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

ATTEST: /s/ Dawn Hill  
County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann  
Chairperson – Board of Supervisors

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #19-29 setting the 2019-2020 tax request at a different rate than the 2018-2019 tax request. Motion carried 6-0.

## GAGE COUNTY RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS #19-30

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, 2019, to June 30, 2020, 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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020.

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 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

COUNTY BOARD
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/s/ Terry Jurgens  
/s/ John A. Hill  
/s/ Matt Bauman  
/s/ Erich Tiemann  
/s/ Dennis M. Byars

/s/ Gary Lytle

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #19-30, adopting the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Hill, seconded by Bauman to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried 5-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. until September 11, 2019.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountynebraska.us](http://www.gagecountynebraska.us).

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill

/s/ Erich Tiemann  
Erich Tiemann, Chairman





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Gage County Clerk

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk