



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 26, 2020

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 26, 2020, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, John Hill, Matt Bauman, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Dennis Byars 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.

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 \$547,756.81 which does not include claim #20020153 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$61.49, claim #20020214 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$3,864.48, and claim #20020219 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$417.75, to be voted on separately ; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1148, Windstream Nebraska, LLC will be trenching 3” wide new BFC25 cable 5’ below bottom of the South grader ditch for 1159’ going North of Highway 41 along SW 86th Road to provide service to Joshua Niles at 5401 SW 86th Rd. Located in the SE ¼ Section 22 T-6N R-5E (Clatonia Twsp).

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	137,534.35
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	389.32
Beatrice Iron & Metal	W/s repair	215.00
Beatrice Public Library	Funding	11,500.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1165.18
Blue Rivers	Funding	17,430.00
Blue Valley Community Action	Funding	3725.00
Blue Valley Door Co.	Down spout	22.50
Bob Barker	Inmate provisions	469.79
Best Western Plus	Lodging	96.00
Caspers Construction	Container rental	150.00
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf fees, docket fees	426.49
Consolidated Mgmt. Co.	Meals at training	140.31
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp	50.00
DAS St. Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	State radios	950.00
Dawson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	6570.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.	Stamps	80.20
Diode Technologies	Door lock controller	790.95
Eakes Office Solutions	Shf offc supplies	17.22
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	24.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	71.86
Fastenal	Supplies	45.00
Fox Funeral Home	Co. burial	1083.08
Gage Co. Sheriff’s Offc.	Fees & mileage	1590.09
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	33.00
Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel	Autopsy expense	325.00
Hanson, Hroch, et al	Atty fees	1215.00
InfiniSource Benefit Svcs.	Admin. fees	137.75
Jerry Shelton	Atty fees	1951.39
Johnny’s Welding	Metal plate for scanner	61.49



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Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	40.00
Jeanelle Kleveland, Atty	Atty fees	903.65
Konica Minolta	EM copier	140.00
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc. fees	18.61
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expense	3355.23
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	869.16
Mead Lumber	Supplies	137.24
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip. rent	404.00
MIPS, Inc.	Checks shipping	67.50
NE Abstracters Bd of Examiners	Cert. of Registr., lic. renewal	200.00
NE Assn. of Co. Treasurers	Dues	50.00
NE Public Health Enf. Labs	Blood alcohol tests	315.00
Nestor & Mercure	Atty fees	1512.00
NI Govt. Svcs.	Sat. phone	74.23
Noakes	Labor	192.00
Northeast Auto	Veh. lease	550.00
NE Sec. of State Notary Division	Notary renewal Co Atty's Offc.	30.00
Paper Tiger	Doc. shredding	382.90
Petersen Reporting	Transcripts	2055.20
Philippi Electric	Repairs	85.00
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expense	2345.00
Priority Printing	Co Ct Env.	740.60
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	317.45
Region V Systems	EPC billing	2140.00
Richardson Co Shf.	Inmate boarding/medical	665.17
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Gbg svc.	324.54
Sapp Bros.	Shf & Jail fuel	3973.17
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. janitorial svc.	120.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	20.00
Security Services	Monitoring alarm	31.50
Spectrum	EM cable TV	8.38
Staples Advantage	Offc supplies	292.02
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2283.86
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	1455.66
T.O. Haas	Grease, oil, repair	218.38
The Home Depot Pro	Janitorial supplies	647.16
The Voice News	Publications	401.40
Thomson Reuters	Law Library supplies	2541.18
Lee Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
U-Save Pharmacy	Inmate medical	165.99
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies	239.83
Valvoline	Oil changes	154.80
Verizon	Wireless phones, records	289.43
Washington Co. Shf.	Inmate boarding/medical	14,895.65
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	540.00
Windstream - Wilber	Prob. phones	45.28
Windstream – Fillmore	Prob. phones	421.10
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	431.93
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	441.59
Wolfe, Snowden, et al	Atty fees	40.00
3 & 33 Mutual Aid Assn.	Dues	25.00



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Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	45,734.74
Bauer Built	Tires	1972.80
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	32,373.28
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, supplies	801.22
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	366.71
C & O Ford, Inc.	Labor	49.00
Concrete Industries	Asphalt sealant	7020.00
Constellation	Utilities	273.00
Fastenal	Bolts, nuts, washers	233.46
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	300.00
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock	3864.48
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	1071.80
Inland Truck Parts	Part	87.40
J & J Diesel Service, Inc.	Parts, labor	9847.19
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part, cleaner	308.58
Johnny's Welding	Supplies, labor	417.75
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	128.59
Norris Public Power	Utilities	519.44
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed killer	100.00
Pavers, Inc.	Cold mix asphalt	229.50
RDO Truck Center	Part	146.72
Sapp Bros.	Fuel, oil, anti-freeze	16,951.74
Small Engine Specialists	Saw supplies	95.97
The Voice News	Publications	26.88
Truck Center Companies	Parts	141.04

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	121,327.41
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,510.31
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	9,902.79
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,179.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,087.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,333.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,295.30

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

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Bauman to approve claim #20020153 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$61.49 and claim #20020219 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$417.75. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Bauman to approve claim #20020214 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$3,864.48, bringing the total amount of claims approved thru February 26, 2020 to \$552,100.53. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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



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Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Hill on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management and Jurgens on Road & Bridge.

The board received the Highway Supt.’s recommendation on the bid for the Gage County 2020 Overlay for Asphalt Projects C-34(1160), (1161) & (1162), saying he recommends awarding the bid to Pavers, Inc. of Waverly with a bid of \$2,698,648.75, which comes to approximately \$262,004.00 per mile.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Bauman to award bid on Gage County 2020 Overlay for Asphalt Projects C-34(1160), (1161) & (1162), to Pavers, Inc. of Waverly with a bid of \$2,698,648.75. Motion carried 6-0.

The board received a recommendation from Planning & Zoning on the Dalbey Prairie Conservation Easement. Lisa Wiegand spoke about the original deed and read the wishes of the family state on the deed. Wiegand stated that the P & Z Comm. recommends approval. Also speaking were Chet Poehling, Assoc. General Counsel with Nebraska Land Trust and Dave Sands, Exec. Director of Nebraska Land Trust.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a conservation easement;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has held a hearing to consider this conservation easement, the date of said hearing being February 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors meeting room;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of this conservation easement; and,

WHEREAS, this conservation easement is in an agricultural zoning district, located in the section 35, in Township 3 North, Range 8 East; and,

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on the 26th day of February, 2020, held a hearing for approving or disapproving this conservation easement; and,

WHEREAS, comments were heard in support of and in opposition to the conservation easement and were considered by the Gage County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the conservation easement, as requested by the University of Nebraska Foundation, is:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

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

Yea: Jurgens, Hill, Bauman, Tiemann, Dorn, Byars



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Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 2020.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Hill, seconded by Dorn to adopt Resolution #20-03 for a Conservation Easement request by the University of Nebraska Foundation on a portion of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 8 East, of the 6th P.M. in Gage County. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle joined meeting at 9:11 a.m.

No action taken on agenda item for General Utility Easement between city of Beatrice and Gage County on a tract of land located in Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 6 East – to be put on the March 11, 2020 agenda.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Bauman to approve amending the agreement between Gage County and the Townships to grant an additional one mile of rock or gravel per Township for both the Spring and Fall allotments for 2020 due to needs expressed at the Annual Township Meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on Rock & Gravel. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Rock On, Inc. of Beatrice NE, R.L. Tiemann Construction of Beatrice NE, Hard Rock Quarries of Beatrice NE, and Beatrice Sand & Gravel of Beatrice. Justin with Beatrice Sand & Gravel spoke on the availability of rock & gravel. Bids were referred to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation at the March 11th meeting.

Recess at 9:25 a.m. for next timed agenda item, reconvened at 9:30 with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Hill to close bidding at 9:30 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on fuel for Gage County. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Sapp Bros. Petroleum of Beatrice NE with \$1.865 per gallon for diesel and \$2.055 per gallon for unleaded, and Farmer's Cooperative of Beatrice NE with \$1.90 per gallon for diesel and no bid on unleaded.

After review, Hwy Supt. Engel recommended awarding to Sapp Bros as low bidder.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Bauman to approve awarding fuel bid to Sapp Bros. with \$1.865 per gallon for diesel and \$2.055 per gallon for unleaded. Motion carried 7-0.

Recess at 9:38 a.m. until next timed agenda item. Reconvened at 9:45 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations relating to the Gage County One- & Six-Year Proposed Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Lenhart Fritzen spoke during public comments regarding the quality of rock for roads and the taxes raised by the sales tax for the Beatrice Six judgment.



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Motion made by Bauman, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:51 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION #20-04

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent has presented a One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of said County, and

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th day of February, 2020.

Motion by: Jurgens Second by: Bauman

Vote: Aye- 7 Nay- 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Bauman to adopt Resolution #20-04, approving the Gage County 2020-2025 One- & Six-Year Proposed Highway Improvement Plan. Hwy Supt. Galen Engel spoke about projects on the plans. Motion carried 7-0.

The board received the recommendation from Lisa Wiegand of the Planning & Zoning Comm. to approve Special Use Permit #2020-1, for an Assembly/Agriculture building to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 6 in Lincoln Township.

Recess at 10:06 a.m. until next timed agenda item. Reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Hill to open public hearing at 10:15 a.m. for the purpose of hearing support and/or opposition to Special Use Permit 2020-1, for placement of an Assembly/Agriculture building to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 6 in Lincoln Township. Motion carried 7-0.

Dan Crawford, 27349 SW 131st Rd., Beatrice NE spoke on the idea behind the request for a special use permit. He felt there was a need for a facility to hold sporting events as well as a place for his machinery.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Hill to close public hearing at 10:19 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Attorneys Joel Bacon and Joel Nelson made a statement on the recent court decision on the insurance case.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss personnel and litigation update.

Jurgens left meeting at 11:10 a.m. and Lytle left meeting at 12:14 p.m., during closed session.



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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Hill to move out of closed session at 12:58 p.m. Motion carried 4-1 with Bauman voting nay.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Bauman to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 12:59 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. until March 11, 2020.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, 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 February 26, 2020.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk