



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – February 24, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 24, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, 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 \$444,846.67 which does not include claim #21020122 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$4,647.00, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve appointing Daniel Paul, 27672 S. 66th Rd., Beatrice, NE 68310 to the Veterans’ Service Committee to fill the remaining term of Scott Bates, for term ending on July of 2023; 6. Approve upgrade to the advanced plan with gWorks for redistricting for the census; 7. Approve Representation letter to State Auditor of Public Accounts.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	133,708.66
Bear Graphics	ROD record binders, recording paper	1235.82
BASWA	Rubbish disposal	35.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	331.65
Beatrice Lawn Care	Snow removal, salt	4647.00
Bob Barker Company	Inmate provisions	436.17
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	477.16
Credit Information Systems	Monthly fee, empl. screen	72.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	25.00
Dawson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	1395.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc. supplies	3874.95
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
Forms Associates Co.	DC court calendars	25.17
First Wireless	EM svc. contract – 3 mos.	1350.00
Gage County MAPS	4 Community based juv. svcs. grants	18,338.98
Gage County Petty Cash	3 cert. letters for Shf.	21.00
Gage County Sheriff’s Offc.	Shf. fees/mileage	2132.83
Gage County Treasurer	Titles & tire tax for Shf. vehicles	30.00
GCSO Drug Investigation Petty Cash	Reimb. cash	900.00
Greater NE Business Solutions	Ext. Offc. veh. lease	340.00
Gropp Law & Mediation, LLC	Atty fees	810.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	138.82
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA admin. fees	123.50
Jones Automotive, Inc.	Shf. veh. equip. installs	12,115.33
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	EM copier lease	140.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	565.75
Lynn Peavey Co.	Shf. coll. kits, bags	128.50
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	670.50
Mead Lumber	Supplies	213.26
Microfilm Imaging Systems	DC scanning equip. rent	192.00



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Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	494.51
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support, programs	2683.92
NACO	Mtg. registrations, county directories	220.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	Instit. patient care	479.81
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public defender – 2	12,692.30
NI Government Svcs., Inc.	EM Sat phone	74.22
Noakes Heating & Air Cond.	Vet’s Offc. furnace repair	331.73
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.	Weed chemicals	300.00
Otoe Co. Shf.	Shf. fees	6.00
Theodore Paben	Ext. Offc. snow removal	100.00
Pawnee Co. Shf.	Shf. fees	18.50
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expenses (4)	6582.00
Priority Printing	Prob. & Treas. env. & bus. cards	277.10
Quill – Ext.	Offc./restroom supplies	73.97
Quill – Prob.	Offc. supplies	125.29
Quill – Treas.	Offc. supplies	92.56
Region V Systems	EPC billing	2782.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Bill of Exceptions	75.00
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Garbage svc.	324.54
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	3394.89
Security Services	Monitoring Shf. fire alarm	33.00
Sherwin-Williams	Paint/supplies	101.25
Slims Body Shop	Deductible on veh. repairs	500.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	7.99
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty (2), postage	4632.62
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc.	1887.68
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	786.48
The Voice News	Publications	192.23
Thomson Reuters West Pmt. Center	Law Library, West Info.	2605.94
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, etc.	184.36
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	Shf veh oil change	64.74
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM wireless phones	229.24
Verizon Wireless Cnty EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	167.16
Washington Co. Sheriff	Inmate boarding/medical	6240.61
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	685.00
Windstream – Prob., Omaha	Phones	111.39
Windstream – Prob., Wilber	Phones	46.57
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	591.13
Windstream – Prob. Fillmore Co.	Phones	400.21
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	511.74
Windstream – Cths.	Phones	4179.41
Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	40.00
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	598.50

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	51,209.43
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Refuse	35.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	368.18
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	67.04
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply	Ice	63.00
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Blades	5754.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc./janitorial supplies	231.56



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Farmers Cooperative	Oil	147.84
Fastenal Company	Supplies	166.48
First Wireless	Repeater rental	300.00
Independent Salt Co.	Road salt	3287.70
Inland Truck Parts	Parts	945.56
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Supplies	83.78
Larry’s Tire & Service	Repair, changeovers	280.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	86.67
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	179.53
NACO	Mtg. registr., co. official directory	43.00
NMC Exchange	Parts, labor	2821.80
Norris Public Power	Utilities	574.98
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	828.29
Sanitary Garbage Co.	Garbage svc.	74.25
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	13,368.18
T.O. Haas	Tires, repairs	522.74
The Voice News	Publications	33.95
Truck Center Companies	Part	158.36
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	2480.04
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Veh. GPS	161.90
Vermeer High Plains	Sharpening blades	52.99

Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	214.89
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	59,062.96
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,242.63
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	9,677.71
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,642.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,456.66
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,758.92
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,545.94

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

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #21020122 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$4,647.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 24, 2021 to \$449,493.67. 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, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management and P&Z. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing to hear support and/or opposition on the Gage County One & Six (1 & 6) Year Proposed Highway Improvement Plan. Hwy Supt. Galen Engel spoke about the plan. Schuller spoke on Rd. 162, Tiemann spoke on Hickory Road west, James Houston, 401 McLean St., Filley NE, spoke about Rd.



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162 (1st St.), and Lenhart Fritzen, 29813 S 120th Rd., Beatrice NE, said he would like something done about dust on the Virginia Road, and would like culverts put in 2 years ahead of when overlay is done.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to recess the public hearing for a timed item of opening bids for rock and gravel. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to close bidding on rock and gravel at 9:15 a.m. with opening and accept, reject or award being done later in meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to reconvene public hearing on 1- and 6-year plan at 9:17 a.m. Motion carried 6-0. Discussion continued.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing on 1- and 6-year plan at 9:22 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION # 21-04

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 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 24th day of February, 2021.

Motion by: Jurgens Second by: Dorn

Vote: Aye - 6 Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Resolution #21-04 adopting the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Schuller to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition to Class C Liquor License for Dan and Lori Crawford dba Country Side Event Center, Beatrice, NE. Motion carried 6-0. Speaking during the public hearing was Dan Crawford. He discussed the different events being held at the facility.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Jurgens to close public hearing at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve recommendation to the Nebraska Liquor Commission on a Class C Liquor License for Dan and Lori Crawford dba Country Side Event Center. Motion carried 6-0.



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Bids were opened at 9:33 a.m. for rock and gravel. Bids were received from Rock On, Inc. of Beatrice for rock and gravel, Hard Rock Quarries, LLC of Beatrice for rock, and Beatrice Sand and Gravel for rock and gravel, and a bid for hauling only from R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. Justin with Nebco talked to the board about the availability of gravel.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve accepting all bids submitted for rock and gravel with recommendation and approval to be at the March 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Short break at 9:47 a.m. Back in session at 9:55 with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 9:55 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:43 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner presented an Extension Office update to the board and talked about the programs and activities of the office including Getting Green, newspaper and radio outreach like Yard and Garden, GroBigRed webinar series, and Master Gardeners. A highlight was working with Tara Dunker on a Growing Nebraska Team and a DHHS grant to create a donation garden utilizing an existing garden at Paddock Lane Elementary School, enabling them to donate 144 pounds of produce to the Beatrice Food Pantry which provided fresh vegetables to 30-40 people per week. Nicole also presented a report from Tara Dunker, nutrition educator, who recently testified for LB396 supporting the Farm to School Program and helped coordinate the Farmer's Market in Beatrice. She also presented the 2020 Annual Report on Cropping Systems by educator Nathan Mueller, who will now be at the Beatrice office one day a week on Thursdays. 4-H Educator Jacie Milius spoke to the board on 4-H programs and activities, highlighting the benefits of the county fair, school curriculum, 4-H clubs, and 4-H camps as those things that encourage positive youth development where mentoring youth can help discourage them from falling into negative or risky behaviors.

Tourism Coordinator Kristen Jensen gave a tourism update and handed out new, larger tourism maps and visitors guides for Beatrice and Gage County. She said they have been working on website development and updating, Homestead Days, planning a new Road Rally event, social media outreach and marketing, the Youth version of Leadership Beatrice, kayaking access points on the river, Support Local punch card program, advertising, and writing and implementing a new marketing plan.

Discussion on the rock and gravel policy for townships. Each township gets between 8 and 10.5 miles of gravel per year (spring and fall allotments combined); last year each twp. was given 1 extra mile for only that year and they could trade 1 mile of gravel for 1 mile of rock; due to gravel being unavailable, we are still trying to fulfill 2020 spring allotments and haven't even begun to fulfill fall allotments.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve allowing each township to substitute up to 2 miles of rock for 2 miles of gravel with the township choosing the size of rock they want. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens gave his Road & Bridge Committee report.

Jurgens left meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Discussion on proposed Resolution regarding the 2nd amendment. Tiemann presented the draft of the resolution. He stated that it is simply a statement of where the county stands with their support and that it will not change any laws. Schuller questioned whether the resolution was necessary and felt they needed more time to consider it. No action was taken and the item will be put on the March 10th agenda with a time for public input.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:58 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.



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Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until March 10, 2021. 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 24th day of February, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk