



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 5, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 5, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dennis Byars and Gary Lytle 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.

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 \$513,358.54 which does not include claim #21050057 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$1,959.56, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Register of Deeds Fees Report & District Court Summary fee report for the month of April, 2021; 6. Receive & place on file Beatrice & Cortland Volunteer Fire & Rescue 2020 annual report; 7. Approve placing Abandoned vehicle - 1986 Ford Econoline Class C camper, Vin# FDKE30L5GHB50473 on Purple Wave Auction Site; 8. Approve cancelling check # 21040254 to Matthew Kosmicki Law LLC. in the amount of \$1,612.80; 9. Permit #1191 to Blue Valley Tele-Communications - will be plowing fiber optic cable 5’ below West grader ditch along S 36th Rd for ½ mile going South, and along E Willow Dr. in the South grader ditch going West for approx. 1/8 mile. They will bore 5’ below all road crossing’s and 10’ below water flow line of culverts and drainage ditches. Hand holes will be installed at the ends of the new fiber along the 33’ right-of-way. Located in the NE & SE ¼ Section 31 T-1N, R-7E (Barneston Twp.); 10. Permit #1192 to Windstream LLC - will be boring a 2” diameter 5’ below bottom of grader ditch for 66’ under E. Apple Rd. to replace buried drop for service to 8325 E. Apple Rd. Located in the NW ¼ Section 11 & SW ¼ Sec 2 T-6N, R-7E (Nemaha Twp.); 11. Permit # 1193 to Black Hills Energy - will be boring a 2” diameter, 1” HDPE Natural Gas pipe, 5’ below bottom of the road ditch for 66’ for a Natural Gas crossing under Township road SW 75th. Approximately 260’ S of PWF Road. Located in the NE ¼ Sec 23 and NW ¼ Sec 24 T-2N, R5E (Elm Twp.); 12. Permit # 1194 to Norris Public Power District - will be boring a 2” diameter 7.2 kv electric line encased in a 2” Sub Duct, 6’ below bottom of the road ditch for 66’ for an electric utility crossing under Township Road SW. 32nd Rd. Approximately 2,570’ South of W Walnut Rd., Located in the NE ¼ Section 29 & NW ¼ Sec 28 T-1N, R-6E (Paddock Twp.).

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	137,148.79
Black Hills Energy	Ext. Offc. utilities	111.07
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Siren repair	2228.74
Cass Co. Public Safety Foundation	Training	45.00
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf. fees	455.29
Consolidated Management Co.	Shf. meals at training	46.53
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	8552.10
Courtland Apartments, LLC	Gen. Asst. rent	565.00
DAS St. Acctng. Cntrl Fin 6507	Dist. Ct. maint.	54.60
Datashield Corp.	Doc shredding – Prob. Offc.	28.16
Dell Financial Svcs.	Shf computer leases	573.45
Sandra Eltiste	Prior service retirement	12.00
First Wireless	EM svc. contract	450.00
Gage County Petty Cash	Shf reimb. for training pmt.	135.00
Greater NE Business Center	Ext. Offc. veh rent	395.18
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	138.82
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	FBA admin. fees	118.75
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00



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Konica Minolta	Copier leases	267.76
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns.	3738.63
Laughlin Hoevet Funeral Home	Autopsy expns., county cremation	1425.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Co. Ct. addl. scanner rent	53.00
Murray Law, PC	Atty fees	1117.00
Nance Co. Dist. Court	Cert. copy	1.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes Heating & Air Conditioning	Parts, labor	148.34
Northeast Auto	Veh. lease	550.00
Quill – Det.	Offc. supplies	105.98
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	45.67
Sayler Screenprinting, LLC	Shf. training clothing	117.50
Spectrum	Jail cable TV	174.29
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint. & pick-up work	5755.50
Staples	Shf. offc. supplies	176.08
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty.	2283.86
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	1840.22
The Home Depot Pro	Mop heads, janitorial supplies	758.53
Univ. of NE Lincoln	Ext. Offc. FY 20-21 internet connectivity	1200.00
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, travel	1652.16
US Post Service – Postmaster	Prob. pstg. stamps	650.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	229.27
Verizon Wireless Prob.	Cell phones	357.96
WalMart	Prob. supplies	108.98
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	714.00
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	516.73
Windstream – Shf	Phones	1370.96
Windstream – Cths.	Phones	4184.86
Windstream – Vets	Phones	383.71
Wolfcom Enterprises	Body cam docking port	588.25
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	152.50
Wymore Public Library	Annl. budget request	3600.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	47,917.94
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	33,419.89
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	66.60
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	4878.60
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	941.97
Fastenal Co.	Supplies	50.87
First Wireless	Repeater rental	300.00
Hamilton Equipment Co.	Air compressor	22,500.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Hauling materials	1959.56
Landmark Implement, Inc.	John Deere bucket	500.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	140.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	315.49
Rock On, Inc.	Rock & gravel	15,165.69
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts, labor	1639.26
Tractor Supply Co.	Supplies	91.97
Verizon Connect	Vehicle GPS	161.90
WalMart	Supplies	89.18



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Visitor’s Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce Lodging tax	4143.04
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	56,568.00
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	29,318.76

Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage – Gage Area Growth Ent.)	Co. share of expenses	39,838.42
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,404.55
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	9,942.50
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,387.59

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,201.50
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,507.11
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,545.94

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #21050057 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$1,959.56, bringing the total amount of claims approved through May 5, 2021 to \$515,318.10. Motion carried 6-0-1 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, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management and Planning & Zoning. Break in committee reports for Veterans Honor Award.

Veterans Service Officer Scott Bates spoke to the board about Norbert White, this month’s Veterans Honor Award recipient. Bates said that White enlisted in the U.S. Navy on January 27, 1944 and went to combat air crew training in Norman, Oklahoma to take an air gunner course at Aviation Ordnanceman School in Miami, Florida. During WWII he was a gunner on TBF/TBM Avenger Torpedo Bomber planes that landed on islands in the South Pacific. White received the Asia Pacific Area Medal, American Campaign Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged on May 28, 1946, and served in the Reserves for an additional 4 years. White, who grew up in Douglas, Nebraska, spoke saying he didn’t expect this award and thanked the board for honoring him. He said he was proud to serve and has no regrets for doing so and that the V.A. has always treated him well. He recommends serving in the Navy to young people and that service is a great thing. He said in addition to gunner school he took an aerial photography course in Hawaii and became the aerial photographer for his squadron and shared some pictures of them. Jurgens presented White with a plaque and gifts as a small token of their appreciation.

Committee reports continued with Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Committee discussions included courthouse exterior restoration project, restroom repairs, personnel, update on Covid numbers, Heritage land zoning, and the contract with Dawson Co. for inmates.

NGage Executive Director Trevor Lee presented the NGage quarterly report to the board. He discussed the skilled workforce availability and that an online digital campaign will be rolling out. Lee also introduced Heidi McClintock the new NGage Marketing Coordinator.



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Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve receiving the NGage quarterly report and placing it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve an agreement between the City of Beatrice, County of Gage and NGage for a 3-year term commencing on July 1, 2021 and going through June 30, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Tourism Coordinator Kristin Jensen spoke to the board about the grant application received from the City of Beatrice for a Blue River Water Trail Access Point Project in the amount of \$25,000 and stated that the Tourism Committee voted to increase the amount from \$25,000 to \$30,000. City Attorney Taylor Rivera spoke to the board about the project and trying to make the river more accessible legally.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve a Visitor’s Improvement Grant for the City of Beatrice Blue River Water Trail Access Point Project, increasing the amount of the grant to \$30,000.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

RESOLUTION

No. #21-08

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVISING THE ONE-and-SIX YEAR ROAD/BRIDGE PLAN,

Project Identification Number C34-(1216)
Location: North side of sections 15, 16, 17 & 18, Blakely
Township 4N – Range 5E

WHEREAS, Gage County will be responsible for maintaining this portion of Hickory Rd. and it is below standards and needs grading, replace structures, paving, and

WHEREAS, Gage County will make the necessary money, equipment, labor and materials available to complete this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that Project #C34(1216), per this Resolution, be added to the 2021 Six-Year Road/Bridge Improvement Plan.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
County Clerk

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #21-08 to revise the One- and Six-Year Road/Bridge Improvement Plan, adding Project #C34(1216), located on the North side of Sections 15, 16, 17 & 18 of Blakely Township, Township 4N, Range 5E, to the 2021 Six-Year Road/Bridge Improvement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.



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Hwy Supt. Galen Engel spoke to the board about the bids that were received at the April 21st board meeting for 2 motor graders, saying that some of the specs were not met. His recommendation to the board was to go with the alternative bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Lincoln, NE for the 2 motor graders with 2 trade-ins for \$495,136.00.

Jurgens thanked the 3 companies for submitting bids, then made a motion, seconded by Haxby to approve awarding the bid to Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Lincoln, NE, alternative bid with 2 trade-ins for the amount of \$495,136.00, as recommended by Hwy Supt. Galen Engel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Byars to move into closed session at 10:00 a.m. for personnel issues. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Lytle to move out of closed session at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Joe Blackburn of Blackburn Technologies spoke to the board regarding the technology for the Board of Supervisors room.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:27 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 10:58 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to adjourn board of supervisors meeting at 10:58 a.m. Motion carried 6-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. until May 19, 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 5th day of May, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk