



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 19, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 19, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dennis Byars and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens 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 \$4,993,079.92, which does not include claim #21050098 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$790.00, claim #21050195 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$39,215.18, and claim #21050206 to R.L. Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$4,989.98, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve specs and call for bids on highway striping project for 33.39 miles of striping – bids to be opened on June 16, 2021 at 9:15 a.m.; 6. Approve Permit #1195 Black Hills Energy will be boring a 2 inch diameter, 1 inch HDPE Natural Gas pipe, 5 feet below bottom of road ditches for 66 ft for a Natural Gas crossing under Township road S 110th, approximately 2,000 feet S of E Aspen Road. Located in the NE ¼ Sec 24 T-6N R-7E (Nemaha Twp) and NW ¼ Sec 19 T-6N R-8E (Adams Twp)

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	141,239.61
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf. website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7045.54
AutoZone	Battery	10.99
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Training supplies	240.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	311.07
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Windshield & labor	200.00
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Mowing & fertilizing	790.00
Blackburn Technologies	Co Ct & Prob. computer equip./supplies	2753.81
Blue Valley Community Action	Qtrly funding	3725.00
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Door adjustment	133.50
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc., library funding	11,764.96
Civic Research Institute, Inc.	Subscription	179.95
Clerk of District Court	Svc. & state fees, juror pay	1391.87
Consolidated Management Co.	Shf. meals at training	16.62
Correctional Risk Svcs., Inc.	Inmate medical	4705.29
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp., pre-empl. screen	61.50
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	57.97
DAS St. Acctng. Cntrl Fin. 6507	State radios/computers	332.60
DataSpec, Inc.	State Solution yrly fee	898.00
Dept. of Correctional Svcs. #460	Inmate boarding/medical	3440.11
Diode Communications	Monitoring cths & Vets Offc.	80.85
Eakes Office Solutions	Office equip., supplies	6696.16
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
ESRI, Inc.	ArcGIS maint.	400.00
Firespring Print, Inc.	Post-It pads	201.29
First Wireless	Site repair, replace cabinet, repeater licenses	8506.11
Gage County	Fund trnsfrs to Road & Fed. Jdgmt Funds	2,118,860.00



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Gage County Sheriff's Office	Shf. fees/mlg	723.08
Greater NE Business Center	Ext. Offc. veh rent	340.00
Gropp Law & Mediation, LLC	Atty fees	4635.00
GWorks	Clerk & Emer Mgmt WebGIS subscriptions	5618.16
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	313.22
IAPE – Intl. Assn. Prprty & Evidnc.	Mbrshp.	50.00
ISolved Benefit Services	Mnthly admin. fees	118.75
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1102.50
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Konica Minolta	Copier leases	382.82
Lammel Plumbing	Cabling sewer line, new toilet	537.29
Latimer Reporting	Deposition transcripts	156.05
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Atty fees	484.20
Lynn Peavey Co., Inc.	Evidence bags	141.00
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	157.50
Maximus, Inc.	Preparation of 2018 cost alloc. plan	2600.00
Mead Lumber	UPS shipping for Shf., shelving, supplies	254.88
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts' scanning equip. rent, maint.	724.12
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	649.76
MIPS, Inc.	Computers, support, supplies	6336.42
NACO	Co. Assn. mbrshp dues	2585.16
Naylor, Rappl Law Offc., PC LLO	Atty fees	1037.83
NE County Attorney's Assn.	Assn. dues, conf. regis. x 4	2296.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf. empl. trng. & lodging	460.00
NE State Fire Marshall Boiler Insp.	Boiler inspections	72.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Govt. Svcs., Inc.	EM satellite phones	70.22
Norris Public Power Dist.	Tower utilities	41.36
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	55.68
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc. shredding	70.00
Personnel Evaluation, Inc.	Pre-empl. eval.	20.00
Philippi Electric	Repair boiler room breaker	240.00
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	3 qrtrs. EMS pmts.	4500.00
Priority Printing	Prob. business cards	105.00
Quadient, Inc.	Ink & tapes for postage meter	438.05
Quill – Det.	Offc. supplies	214.17
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	33.25
Quill – Prob.	Offc. supplies	957.67
Reagan, Milton, Delaney, LLP	Atty fees	172.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf./Det. fuel	3392.47
SE NE Communications	Prob. phones Falls City	113.82
Secretary of State	Cert copies	20.00
Security Services	Monitoring Shf. Fire alarm	33.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. janitorial svcs.	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, Gaertig, LLC	Atty fees	6033.00
Solheim Law Firm, LLC	Atty fees	1030.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	4570.00
Staples	Offc. supplies	176.08
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2332.86
Jean Stichka	Ext. Offc. software updates	500.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	3838.64
T.O. Haas Tire Co.	Battery, brakes, labor	814.85



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The Home Depot Pro	Liners	108.51
Thomson Reuters West Pmt. Ctr.	West Info. for law library	2384.94
Univ. of NE Lincoln	Ext. Offc. computer	1387.37
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Uniforms, supplies, meals	324.36
US Post Service – Postmaster	2 rolls of stamps	110.00
Verizon Wireless – Shf.	Cell phones	464.64
Verizon Wireless – Emer Mgmt	Cell phones	167.22
Washington Co. Shf.	Inmate boarding/medical	8440.00
Westlake Hardware	Batteries, chemicals, paint, pipe	201.77
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf. veh maint.	330.78
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phone system	406.09

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	47,972.58
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	500.28
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	59,404.93
Beatrice Daily Sun	Subscription	241.99
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools, supplies	1546.55
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	9095.40
City Motor Supply	Parts, supplies	45.60
City of Beatrice	Garbage svc.	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	104.13
Constellation NewEnergy	Utilities	361.38
Dakota Fluid Power, Inc.	Part	68.65
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc. supplies	64.54
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	78.41
Filter Care of NE	Filter cleaning	40.15
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock	39,215.18
Inland Truck Parts	Parts, labor	10,001.60
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts, supplies	599.51
Konica Minolta	Copier lease	44.57
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Consulting engineering svcs.	20,300.72
Matheson Tri-Gas	Torch kit	294.37
Mead Lumber	Supplies	9.99
Midwest Petroleum Equip.	Repair diesel pump	1543.80
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	175.53
NMC Exchange	Parts	1063.07
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tools	887.65
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Hauling material	4989.98
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	7834.54
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel, oil	16,818.15
T.O. Haas Tire	Repairs	73.55
The Voice News	Subscription	35.00
Thimm Farms	Seed	613.00
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	3632.13
Westlake Hardware	Tools, supplies	43.69

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	173.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	214.89

Insurance Fund



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Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	45,757.76
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Judgment (Beatrice 6) Fund

Bartle & Geier Trust for L. White, PR – Joseph White Estate – settlement	575,069.50
Bartle & Geier Trust for Kathleen Gonzalez – settlement	184,022.24
Bartle & Geier Trust for Thomas Winslow – settlement	575,069.50
Bartle & Geier Trust for Ada Joann Taylor – settlement	575,069.50
Chaloupka, et al, PC LLO Trust for Debra Shelden – settlement	177,121.41
Friedman Law Offices, PC LLO Trust for James Dean – settlement	213,925.85

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,683.11
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,222.99
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	29,111.94

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,179.27
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,511.29
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 Byars, seconded by Dorn to Approve claim #21050098 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$790.00, claim #21050195 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$39,215.18, and claim #21050206 to R.L. Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$4,989.98, bringing the total amount of claims approve thru May 19, 2021 to \$5,038,075.08. 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, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Planning & Zoning, and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed included concrete work at Shf. evidence building, heat pump repair, courthouse exterior repairs, Ext. Off. restroom updating and carpet cleaning, P&Z public hearing scheduled for May 25th, Hwy striping bids and delivery of new motor graders.

Weed Supt. Becky Borgman presented the NE Noxious Weed Program Evaluation for Gage County for 2020. The evaluation is done on a scoring system with Gage County scoring 2,938 out of a possible 3,400, with 400 being deducted for the lack of continuing education. Borgman said there were very limited opportunities for continuing ed in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve the Nebraska Noxious Weed Program Evaluation for Gage County 2020 and authorize the Chairman to sign the report. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Probation Officer Ashley Griess, Assistant Probation Officer Heather Higgins and Chris Reece, the Problem Solving, Drug Court Coordinator, presented an update on the Probation Office programs. Griess stated that District 1 Probation serves 10 counties in SE Nebraska with 44 staff members, 2 drug courts based in Wilber and Auburn, and 2 reporting centers based in Beatrice and Nebraska City. She said they assess clients, determine the risks and devise a treatment plan designed for each individual. Griess also pointed out that they not only serve adults but also juveniles, working through schools and educators. Reece talked about the workings of the Problem Solving Court, stating that more than 80% of crime is alcohol fueled, and 50% of offenders have varying degrees of mental health issues. She said the drug court is a five-phase program and takes at least 18 months for persons accepted into the program to complete but can take as long as 36 months. There are currently 58 persons participating. Thirteen participants successfully graduated in 2020 and two have graduated so far in 2021.



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Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving the Probation Report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Short recess at 9:42 a.m. Back in session at 9:47 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 9:47 a.m. for contract negotiations and personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Dorn temporarily absent.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:36 a.m. Motion carried 4-1, with Haxby voting nay.

Dorn rejoined meeting.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m. until June 2, 2021.

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

/s/ Michelle K. Bloomquist
Michelle K. Bloomquist
Deputy Gage County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Michelle K. Bloomquist, Deputy 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 19th day of May, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Michelle K. Bloomquist
Michelle K. Bloomquist
Deputy Gage County Clerk