



Gage County Board Minutes



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 14, 2021, at 8:46 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 \$509,716.04, which does not include claim #21070189 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$208.64, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve 1-year extension letters for EMS Agreements, extending them through June 30, 2022, and authorizing Chairman to sign; 6. Approve Clerk of District Court Summary Fee Report and Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June, 2021.

According to State Statute 23-122, counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall cause to be published, between July 15 and August 15 of each year, the employee job titles and the current annual, monthly or hourly salaries corresponding to such job titles.

County Supervisor	Bi-weekly	993.31
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County Supervisor, Chairman	Bi-weekly	1039.46
County Assessor	Bi-weekly	2561.24
County Attorney	Bi-weekly	3841.66
County Clerk	Bi-weekly	2561.24
County Treasurer	Bi-weekly	2561.24
Clerk of District Court	Bi-weekly	2561.24
Register of Deeds	Bi-weekly	2561.24
County Election Commissioner	Annually	6599.31
Co. Rlf./General Assistance Admin.	Bi-weekly	213.36
County Sheriff	Bi-weekly	3179.89
County Surveyor	Bi-weekly	993.31
Deputy County Assessor	Bi-weekly	1920.80
Chief Deputy County Attorney	Bi-weekly	3073.33
Deputy County Attorney	Bi-weekly	2172.84
Deputy County Clerk	Bi-weekly	1920.80
Deputy Clerk of District Court	Bi-weekly	1920.80
Deputy Register of Deeds	Bi-weekly	1920.80
Deputy County Treasurer	Bi-weekly	1920.80
Chief Deputy Sheriff	Bi-weekly	2543.91
Emer Mgmt Dir/P&Z Admin.	Bi-weekly	1721.60
Highway Superintendent	Bi-weekly	2718.91
Incoming Hwy Supt.	Bi-weekly	2307.69
Veterans Service Officer	Bi-weekly	1775.20



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Building & Grounds Superintendent	Bi-weekly	2123.20
Personal Property Records Tech.	Bi-weekly	1437.60
Clerical Assistant	Bi-weekly	1375.20
Accounts Payable Clerk	Bi-weekly	1472.80
Payroll Clk/Election Specialist	Bi-weekly	1404.80
Administrative Asst/Payroll Spec.	Bi-weekly	1413.60
Assistant Custodian	Bi-weekly	1362.40
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1224.00
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1361.60
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1436.00
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1296.00
Veterans Service Assistant	Bi-weekly	1335.20
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1475.20
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1311.20
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1487.20
Clerical Assistant	Bi-weekly	1080.00
Office Manager	Bi-weekly	1080.00
Dist. Court Bailiff	Bi-weekly	1488.00
Court Services Clerk	Bi-weekly	1308.80
Administrative Assistant	Bi-weekly	1348.00
Office Clerk	Bi-weekly	1151.20
Records Tech.	Bi-weekly	1191.20
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1671.20
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2043.20
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Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2043.20
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1733.60
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1671.20
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1858.40
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1608.80
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	1608.80
Special Services Deputy Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2314.40
Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2238.40
Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2087.20
Investigator	Bi-weekly	2076.80
Investigator	Bi-weekly	1920.00
Transport Officer	Bi-weekly	1594.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1402.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1450.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1546.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1642.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1402.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1546.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1306.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1450.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1354.40
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1306.40
Corrections Sergeant	Bi-weekly	1752.80
Corrections Sergeant	Bi-weekly	1937.60
Admin. Asst. II	Bi-weekly	1452.80
Admin. Asst./Weed Superintendent	Bi-weekly	1616.00
Bridge Foreman	Bi-weekly	1930.40



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Shop Foreman	Bi-weekly	1930.40
Asphalt Foreman	Bi-weekly	1930.40
Dirt Foreman	Bi-weekly	1930.40
Mechanic I	Bi-weekly	1481.60
Sign Tech	Bi-weekly	1585.60
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Welder/Fabricator	Bi-weekly	1573.60
Operator II – Truck Driver	Bi-weekly	1455.20
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Operator II – Truck Driver	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Asphalt	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Asphalt	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Asphalt	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Bridge	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Bridge	Bi-weekly	1455.20
Operator II – Motor Grader	Bi-weekly	1461.60
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Operator III – Dirt	Bi-weekly	1504.80
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Operator IV – Crane	Bi-weekly	1627.20

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	139,710.44
All Copy Products, Inc.	DocRecord maint.	435.00
Beatrice Daily Sun	Vets Offc subscription	237.00
Blue Rivers AAA	Qtrly funding	8715.00
Capital One	Prob. supplies	114.43
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf. fees	457.77
Consolidated Management	Shf. meals at training	194.72
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	3224.52
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	33.86
Danko Emergency Equip.	Shipping for supplies	24.66
DataShield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	44.40
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Inmate boarding/medical	2856.27
Design Specialties	Jail kitchen supplies	216.00
Lloyd Dickinson	Contract appraisal work	1950.00
Diode Communications	Monitoring	80.85
Diode Technologies	Jail svc. call	155.25
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc. supplies	518.44
Echo Group	Bulbs	163.20
Envision Landscapes	Tree removal	85.05
Gage County Court	Court costs	2730.36
Gage County MAPS	Juvenile svcs grant	8243.69
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier lease	313.22
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1260.00



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Konica Minolta	Copier lease, copy fees	740.27
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	2887.08
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1463.00
Mead Lumber	Wood	45.94
Microfilm Imaging	Courts scanning equip. rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process svr fees	298.38
MIPS, Inc.	Computer programming/support	2835.20
NACO	Treas. mtg. reg.	150.00
Naylor, Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	1074.92
NE Law Enf. Training Center	TABE test fee	10.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Nestor & Mercure, Atty	Atty fees	2790.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	47.46
William Ouren	Autopsy svcs.	225.00
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess medical ins.	9836.75
Quill – Det.	Offc. supplies	119.90
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	266.19
Reagan, Melton & Delaney, LLP	Atty fees	493.50
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting	131.25
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob. phones	107.51
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. janitorial svcs.	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	1758.00
Software Unlimited Corp.	Atty software maint.	4634.96
Spectrum	Jail cable TV	174.29
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal pickup work	609.50
Staples	Shf. offc. supplies	129.14
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2357.46
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meals	5464.48
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	1165.83
Thomson Reuters	Law Library West Info.	2384.94
Tridentcare	Inmate medical	240.00
Twin Rivers	Shf. veh. repair	411.82
U.S. Bank Corp. – Purchase Cards	Supplies, equip.	384.55
Verizon Wireless – Shf	Shf wireless phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – Em Mg	Emer Mgmt ipad hotspot	166.67
Verizon Wireless – Prob	Prob. wireless phones	357.09
Westlake Hardware	Tools, janitorial supplies	114.60
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	473.00
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	432.48

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	50,475.60
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	704.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	72,382.56
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools, supplies, equip.	567.65
Bomgaars	Parts	97.96
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	3801.00
City Motor Supply	Labor	52.50
City of Wymore	Utilities	140.58
Concrete Industries	Concrete patch	952.00
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Part	1.72
Crete Lumber	Ice	85.50



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Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol tests	165.00
Extreme Motorsports	Decals	50.00
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	77.95
Interstate Powersystems	Parts, labor	2740.64
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Freon	130.29
Johnny’s Welding	Parts, labor	208.64
Konica Minolta Business Solutions	Copier maint.	59.33
Lampton Welding Supply	Cyl rent	74.95
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	19,468.80
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Oxygen	44.19
Mead Lumber	Supplies	45.95
Midwest Unlimited	Slings	292.44
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy computer pkg.	186.72
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2923.00
Newman Signs	Signs, markers	2229.52
NMC Exchange	Parts	282.89
Noakes	A/C repair	1056.73
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	371.69
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt cold mix	412.08
PowerPlan	Parts	402.20
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	11,237.59
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	647.22
Tractor Supply	Supplies, bolts	171.5
Truck Center Companies	Parts	542.34
Truck Equipment Svc.	Supplies	154.68
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	1843.48
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	10.79
Winter Equip. Co.	Nuts, bolts	569.89

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	218.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	42,584.03
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,572.89
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,107.24
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,439.60

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,342.34
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,699.57
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	12,232.28

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #21070189 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$208.64, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 14, 2021 to \$509,924.68. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens 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, Byars on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Mgmt. and P & Z, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve a 1% increase for the lid on restricted funds. Motion carried 6-0.

Christina Lyons spoke on the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant and Subgrant.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to approve Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant and Subgrant and authorizing Chairman to sign both. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve response to FOP grievance regarding the Juneteenth Holiday pay. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on 30 x 30 land conservation program. Haxby asked Tanya Storer to be present and provide the information & experience she has with the 3x30 program. Tanya Storer, Cherry County Commissioner, joined the meeting by Zoom and also expressed opposition to the program. Byars expressed that he thinks the board needs to oppose the program. Other board members agreed that opposing the program was the best plan of action at this time. Schuller spoke in opposition of the resolution. He feels that opposing 30x30 is not necessary at this time, not enough information is known.

Resolution #21-12

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL

WHEREAS on January 27, 2021, the Biden Administration issued Executive Order 14008, also known as the 30x30 program directing the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and other senior officials to "conserve" at least 30% of all lands and waters within the United States by the year 2030;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 14008 at Sec. 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies, to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fishermen, and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030."

WHEREAS, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008; and,

WHEREAS, the withdrawal of some 680 million acres of federal lands from multiple use and placement of such lands in permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economics of many midwestern states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties such as Gage County whose citizens depend on access to federal lands for their livelihoods; and,

WHEREAS, Gage County is one of the largest counties in Nebraska, containing about 550,400 acres of land situated in southeast Nebraska; and,



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WHEREAS, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, is likely to cause significant harm to the economy of Gage County, and injure the County's businesses and its citizens by depriving them of access to public lands and preventing the productive use of these lands' resources, including but not limited to: livestock grazing, agricultural and horticultural activities, oil and gas exploration and production, mining and mineral development, recreational industries, hunting or other outdoor recreation; and,

WHEREAS, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation, and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, as follows:

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of public lands and national forests in Gage County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of the resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued management of the public lands and the national forests under principles of multiple use and sustained yield, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food, and fiber, and in careful coordination with Gage County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies, as required by law.
4. The Board supports maintaining and enhancing public access to public lands and national forests while opposing road closures, road decommissioning, moratoria on road construction, and other limitations on public access for the purpose of fulfilling the 30 x 30 program's objectives.
5. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska's water rights system, including the doctrine of prior appropriation and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use, and opposes any federal designation of waters and watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska law.
6. The Board supports reasonable national, regional, and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective, and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities, but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open space to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives.



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7. The Board supports any conservation programs designed to temporarily remove land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and create wildlife habitats as long as it contains a sunset date with no hidden clauses or stipulations that would designate it permanently.

8. The Board maintains that the designation of public lands and national forest lands as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives may lawfully occur, if at all, only through the planning process mandated by the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (for public lands) or the National Forest Management Act (for national forest lands), including public notice and an opportunity to comment, analysis and disclosure of the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Gage County, its businesses, and its citizens, and careful coordination with Gage County to ensure consistency with County land use plans and land management policies.

9. The Board also maintains that any non-federal lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment in full of the fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy, and culture of Gage County, its businesses, and its citizens.

10. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of the Interior, Department of Agriculture and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

DATED this 14th day of July, 2021.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Byars to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Aye: Jurgens, Haxby, Tiemann, Dorn, Byars

Nay: Schuller

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
GAGE COUNTY, STATE OF NEBRASKA

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Byars to approve adopting Resolution #21-12 opposing the 30 x 30 land conservation program. Motion carried 5-1 with Schuller voting nay.



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Short recess at 9:35 a.m. Back in session at 9:47 a.m.

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

Haxby left meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Lytle present by phone

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to move out of closed session at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried 6-0 with Lytle voting remotely and Haxby absent.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m. until July 28, 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

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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 14th day of July, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk