



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – August 25, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 25, 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 \$692,108.56 which does not include claim #21080138 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$665.00 and claim #21080223 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$6,250.20, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check #21070263 issued to Jerry Shelton, Atty. in the amount of \$1,305.00; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1203 to Buhr Electric Inc. Adams Nebraska – Trench a 3.5” wide x 5’ Deep from right-of-way to right-of-way across Birch Road to add electric service to new grain bins for 10871 East Buckeye Road. Locate in the NE ¼ section 1 of Hanover Twp. T-5-N, R-7-E & Southeast section 36 of Nemaha Twp., T-6-N, R-7-E; 7. Approve Utility Permit # 1204 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC – will bore 2” in diameter, 8’ below flow line in north side of grader ditch for 400’ to relocate buried facilities for Gage County Culvert Project C-34(1074). Located in the Northwest ¼ section 4 of Logan Twp. T-4-N, R-7-E & Southeast section 33 of Hanover Twp. T-5-N, R-7-E. 8. Approve Utility Permit # 1205 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC – will trench, 6’ below flow line in south side of grader ditch for 190’ to relocate buried facilities for Gage County Culvert Project C-34(1210). Located in the Northwest 1/2 section 31 of Midland Twp. T-4-N, R-6-E.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	138,848.53
A.R.E. Pest Control	Jail pest control	130.00
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
BASWA	Waste disposal	35.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6984.82
Beatrice Daily Sun	Jail subscr.	241.99
Beatrice Lawn Care	Mowing, tree spraying	665.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	316.62
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	Inmate provisions	558.04
City of Beatrice	Gbg bin rental	264.96
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc.	10,000.00
Consolidated Mgmt. Co.	Meals at training	139.34
Coro Medical	Jail medical equip.	325.00
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	712.32
Credit Management Systems	Monthly mbrshp	50.00
DAS St. Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	89.10
Dell Financial Svcs.	Shf computer rental	191.15
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Inmate medical	361.27
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.	ROD, Co Ct stamps	148.40
Diode Technologies	Cameras, wiring	1265.74
Douglas Co. Shf.	Shf. fees	21.77
Election Systems & Software	Special election ballots, coding	2386.81
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
First Wireless	EM svc contract, Shf repeater rental	1980.38



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Gage County	Fund transfer	100,000.00
Gage County Sheriff's Office	Shf fees/mlg	210.67
Holiday Inn Kearney	Shf. lodging	359.80
Hometown Leasing	Co Atty copier lease	138.82
Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Svc. fees	52.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	450.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	981.02
Lynn Peavey Co.	Drug test kits	122.50
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	236.00
Mead Lumber	Supplies	232.07
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Ct. scanning equip. rent	265.00
Naylor, Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	475.00
<u>General Fund cont'd.</u>		
NE Health & Human Svcs.	Patient care	339.00
NE Air Filter, Inc.	Filters	1222.85
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Govt. Svcs.	Sat. phone	74.22
Noakes Heating & A/C	Repair supplies, labor	962.56
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	70.00
Quill – Ext.	Supplies	12.59
Quill – Co Ct	Supplies	120.33
Quill – Prob.	Supplies	115.51
Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	3838.17
Security Svcs.	Monitoring fire alarm	33.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. janitorial svcs.	120.00
Slims Body Shop	Veh. repair	1172.00
Soap Opera Laundromat	Mop/rag cleaning	70.25
Spectrum	EM cable	9.39
Stanard Appraisal	Appraisal maint.	4344.00
Staples	Supplies	454.22
State of NE, Fire Marshall	Annl. inspection	120.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2328.61
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	3577.07
Sun Blockers	Tint Shf veh windows	260.00
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf. veh. repair	918.28
The Voice News	Publications	256.15
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	240.21
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Copies	19.00
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext. Offc. stamps, Clk. presort permit	520.00
U.S. Postal Svc. – Wilber	Prob. Wilber Offc. PO Box rent	150.00
Verizon Wireless – EMS 8923-1	Emer Mgmt cell phones	234.39
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt hot spot svcs.	166.63
Verizon Wireless – VSAT	Shf. svcs.	50.00
Washington Co. Shf.	Inmate boarding/medical	7930.94
Willet & Carothers Law Offc.	Atty fees	372.50
Windstream – Prob, Omaha	Phones	119.48
Windstream – Prob, Wilber	Phones	47.60
Windstream – Ext. Offc.	Phones	591.23
Windstream – Prob, Fillmore Co.	Phones	401.35
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	521.21
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	1337.57



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Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd et al	Prof. legal svcs.	320.00
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	4613.28

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	49,118.10
AutoZone	Parts	342.89
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	1072.90
BASWA	Waste disposal	200.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1022.97
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete	3089.63
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	32,302.78
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	85.30
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	2427.00
City Motor Supply	Parts	38.98
City of Beatrice	Trash bin rental	148.48
City of Wymore	Utilities	76.70
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Part	643.05
Crete Lumber	Ice	70.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel, propane	297.75
First Wireless	Repeater rental	300.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	6250.20
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Tire repairs	661.95
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	140.00
Noakes Heating & A/C	Repairs	144.73
Norris Public Power	Utilities	217.06
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	514.56
Omaha Slings, Inc.	Cable, clamps	1277.51
Rock On, Inc.	Twp gravel	6206.56
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	14,423.58
<u>Road Fund cont'd.</u>		
Straight-Line Striping, Inc.	Road striping	40,809.26
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Galeton steel-toe hip boots	321.90
Verizon Connect NWP, Inc.	Veh. GPS	159.29

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Tourism marketing project grant	11,632.07
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims	57,330.09
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Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage	Co. portion of expenses	31,799.74
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Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 Svc.	56,811.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,576.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,040.83
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,059.93

Road Fund



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Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,315.53
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,610.54
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,889.11

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

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #21080138 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$665.00 and claim #21080223 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$6,250.20, bringing the total amount of claims approved through August 25, 2021 to \$699,023.76. 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, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were concrete ramp, displaying flags, display case from Historical Society, tower, grading at Buss Stop site with dirt and grass seed, patrol car fleet, escorting Vietnam Moving Wall through town, inmate housing during Covid, and where road gravel is coming from.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:18 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition for a Commercial Agricultural Business to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 36-6-6, Highland Twp. Motion carried 7-0.

P & Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand gave the recommendation of the P & Z Committee to approve the application for a Commercial Ag Business to be located in the SE ¼ of Section 36-6-6. She said it would be used to store herbicides and pesticides. Preston Oltman, the applicant, said the building would house an office as well as storing the herbicides and pesticides.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to close the public hearing at 9:23 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving and placing on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to receive preliminary requests for levy allocation to the County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION #21-14, 2021

Whereas, Nebr. State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are subject to Gage County Levy authority are agricultural society, historical society, rural fire districts and townships; and

Whereas, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has determined that due to the number of political subdivisions and taxing parcels that would be affected, that a levy will be established and if the subdivisions request is over that levy, their levy will be reduced to respective amounts as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that the levy rates will be as follows:

Agricultural Society*

0.004174



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Historical Society	0.000958
Rural Fire Districts	0.030000
Townships	<u>0.075000</u>
Total	0.110132

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that if any of the political subdivisions that are subject to the county levy authority neglects to submit a request, the Board will use their last year's budget request to determine the levy rate subject to limitations found in the resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Board of Supervisors does hereby allocate the following:

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Gage Co. Ag Society* General	139,725.00	0.004320	135,000.00	0.004174
Historical Society	31,000.00	0.000958	31,000.00	0.000958

RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Rural Fire* (General Fund)	84,000.00	0.037448	67,293.66	0.030000
Barneston Rural Fire* (General Fund)	35,000.00	0.039631	26,494.24	0.030000
Beatrice Rural Fire** (General Fund)	222,000.00	0.038430	173,303.34	0.030000
Blue Springs Rural Fire* (General Fund)	65,000.00	0.041074	47,475.82	0.030000
(Sinking Fund)	<u>19,581.00</u>	<u>0.012373</u>		
Total	84,581.00	0.053447		
Clatonia Rural Fire* (General Fund)	26,000.00	0.038328	20,350.53	0.030000
Cort-Lanc Rural Fire* (General Fund)	88,562.00	0.043374	61,254.93	0.030000
(Sinking Fund)	<u>4117.00</u>	<u>0.002016</u>		
Total	92,679.00	0.045390		
Filley Rural Fire* (General Fund)	90,000.00	0.035494	76,070.21	0.030000
Odell Rural Fire (General Fund)	21,000.00	0.008170	21,000.00	0.008170



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Pickrell Rural Fire (General Fund)	56,566.00	0.028911	56,566.00	0.028911
Wymore Rural Fire (General Fund)	27,285.00	0.019287	27,285.00	0.019287

TOWNSHIPS

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Township	62,602.50	0.034054	62,602.50	0.034054
Barneston Township	43,911.00	0.059241	43,911.00	0.059241
Blakely Township	59,250.00	0.038202	59,250.00	0.038202
Blue Springs-Wymore	42,457.50	0.037681	42,457.50	0.037681
Clatonia Township	69,662.00	0.068428	69,662.00	0.068428
Elm Township	35,000.00	0.035019	35,000.00	0.035019
Filley Township*	71,000.00	0.081650	65,217.32	0.075000
Glenwood Township	42,600.00	0.041664	42,600.00	0.041664
Grant Township	44,000.00	0.040892	44,000.00	0.040892
Hanover Township	45,000.00	0.045532	45,000.00	0.045532
Highland Township	38,752.00	0.025534	38,752.00	0.025534
Holt Township	44,778.00	0.038710	44,778.00	0.038710
Hooker Township	32,130.00	0.040148	32,130.00	0.040148
Island Grove Township*	43,209.24	0.076085	42,593.12	0.075000
Liberty Township	36,432.36	0.056398	36,432.36	0.056398
Lincoln Township	48,057.30	0.050526	48,057.30	0.050526
Logan Township	38,000.00	0.039813	38,000.00	0.039813
Midland Township (Sinking Fund)	46,000.00 N/A	0.046469	46,000.00	0.046469
Total				
Nemaha Township**	40,000.00	0.026095	40,000.00	0.026095



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Paddock Township	51,935.00	0.058262	51,935.00	0.058262
Riverside Township**	59,000.00	0.048278	59,000.00	0.048278
Rockford Township	39,000.00	0.044561	39,000.00	0.044561
Sherman Township	28,715.04	0.040516	28,715.04	0.040516
Sicily Township	48,509.16	0.053944	48,509.16	0.053944

*over amount allowed
 **last year's tax request
 ***special election

Motion by Dorn to adopt Resolution #21-14, 2021, seconded by Byars.
 Voting yes were Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Byars and Lytle
 Voting no were None

Motion carried 7-0.

ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann
 Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill
 Gage County Clerk (SEAL)

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Byars to approve adopting Resolution #21-14 setting the final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve lease agreement between the City of Beatrice and Gage County for Probation Office space as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on FY 21-22 County Budget.

Meeting in recess until 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing regarding changes to Gage County wind regulations.

Board of Supervisors reconvened at 6:06 p.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dennis Byars and Gary Lytle present.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Lytle to open public hearing at 6:08 p.m. to hear support and/or opposition to proposed changes to Gage County Wind Regulations. Motion carried 7-0.

Those speaking, representing others, and/or submitting emailed testimony during the public hearing were Rebecca Anderson, Lacey Stevens, Don Ferneding, Terry Madson, Steve Jurgens, Amy Petracek, Paul Statz (email), Kelly Lenner, Aaron Pospisil, Travis Schroer, Preston Oltman, James Oltman for Marilyn Schlake, Daryl Holle, Jamie Pospisil, Ashley Mason, Ross Trauernicht (Pickrell Village Board), Danielle Nichols, Christine Boone, Larry Alder, Sandy Meints for Blake Meints, Wes Meints (Pickrell Village Board), Dick Hollman, and David Barga of Remboldt Law Firm.



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There were 14 Exhibits presented and topics discussed included protecting county roads; set back distances for nonparticipating residents; process of decommissioning and/or restoration of turbines; effects on those with sensory disabilities; shadow flicker; height of turbines; transmission lines; sound decibel levels; effects on growth of small towns/villages; whether setbacks should be from the residence or the property line; whether to include Game & Parks/Recreation areas, National Parks, cemeteries; effects on growth of the county; and the effects on people’s mental and physical health.

Chairman Tiemann thanked the Planning & Zoning Commission Board for their work on the wind regulations, and also the public for their research and input.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to close the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-2 with Haxby and Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. until September 8, 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 25th day of August, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk