



Gage County Board Minutes



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 6, 2021, at 8:48 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Gary Lytle present, Dennis Byars 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 \$1,043,685.65 except Claim #21100060 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$7,520.92 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve sheriff’s distress warrant report; 6. Approve Utility Permit 1215 to Windstream of Nebraska, LLC – will replace a section of cable starting at Pedestal 1014/NT2 located 670’ east of residence 18306 Apple Road, will start to bore a 2” in diameter by 72” deep bore below flow line in the north grader ditch of Apple Road. Bore will continue east under the field drive for a total of 370’, then cut and splice into existing cable and place new pedestal on east side of field drive. Located in the south side of section 1, Adams Twp. T-6-N, R-8-E; 7. Approve Utility Permit 1216 to Omaha Public Power of Nebraska (OPPD) – Starting at residence 18348 Aspen Road, OPPD will plow a new electrical service along north grader ditch of Aspen Road working east to the intersection of 190th Road/608 Ave. OPPD will also bore a 2” diameter by 5’ deep bore for 100’ under the 2 culverts in this section. OPPD will also be removing and setting poles along this section. Located south side of section 13, Adams Twp. R-6-N, R-8-E; 8. Approve Utility Permit 1217 to Roehr’s Machinery – will trench a 6” wide x 36” deep trench approximately a ¼ of a mile east of Southwest 75th road on Olive Road. From new power pole on north side of grader ditch, Roehr’s will trench across Olive Road to south grader ditch for new electric service for Pivot System. All other work will be on private property. Located in the north side of section 13 & south side of section 12 of Elm Twp. T-2-N, R-5-E; 9. Approve Utility Permit 1218 to Roehr’s Machinery – will trench a 6” wide x 36” deep trench approximately a ¼ of a mile West of Southwest 75th road on Olive Road. From new power pole on north side of grader ditch, Roehr’s will trench across Olive Road to south grader ditch for new electric service for Pivot System. All other work will be on private property. Located in the north side of section 14 & south side of section 11 of Elm Twp. T-2-N, R-5-E; 10. Approve Utility Permit 1219 to Windstream of Nebraska, LLC – will bore a 2” in diameter by 48” deep below flow line bore for 400’ along the west grader ditch on 176th road approximately 1,375’ south of Pine Road. Windstream with start at pedestal 690AA and bore north for approximately 400’ to pedestal 692AA and splice in new cable in this section. Located in the northeast ¼ section of section 26, in Island Grove Twp. T-2-N, R-8-E; 11. Approve Utility Permit 1220 to Diller Telephone of Nebraska - will plow a 3” wide by 5’ deep trench to install new fiber line. Diller Telephone will also bore a 2” diameter by 10’ deep below flow line in any creek, culverts, and any road crossings along route. Starting at SW 75th road a new vault will be placed, Diller Telephone will plow a fiber line along Scott Street in the north grader ditch, will also bore under creeks and culverts, to SW 103, turn north install a vault and continue to plow and bore along the east grader ditch. Diller telephone will then cross Hoyt Road to the north side of Hoyt Street install a new vault, turn west and continue to plow and bore along the north side of Hoyt Street to SW 117th road. Diller Telephone will then cross 117th road, install a new vault, turn north and continue to plow and bore along the west side grader ditch along 117th road to Sargent Street. At Sargent Street, they will turn back west on Sargent Street and continue to plow and bore along the south grader ditch of Sargent Street to SW 142 Road where a vault will be placed. Located south section of 35 & 34, west section of 34, south section of 28, east section of 29, north section of 29 and north section of 30 all in Blakely Twp. T-4-N, R-5-E; 12. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of September, 2021.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	156,334.52
All Copy Products, Inc.	copier maint. & copies	1523.10



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AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf. FirstNet phone svc.	31.20
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	322.62
Blackburn Technologies	Computer equip., labor	825.92
Bomgaars	Straw blankets	75.00
Capital Business Systems	ROD copy chgs.	52.00
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals at training	210.34
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	3442.27
Dell Financial Svcs.	Shf. computer leases	191.15
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Boarding inmates	2800.85
Electronic Contracting Co.	Semi-annl. fire insp.	433.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower rent, maint. agrmt.	850.00
Gage County	Fund transfer to Road Fund	600,000.00
General Fire & Safety Eq.	Semi-annl. insp.	328.00
Health & Human Svcs.	Care of patients	589.00
Holiday Inn, Kearney	ROD lodging	114.95
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	313.22
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA Admin. fees	392.19
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	765.00
Joyce A. Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lamli, Locke & Beaudette Law	Atty fees	804.94
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl. hlth. hrng.	90.00
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	648.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions, LLC	ID Card supplies	1160.86
NACO	Co. Officials SE Dist. Mtg. regis.	150.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Weed training	120.00
NE Public Employees Retirement	Surrender fees	1496.03
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Government Services, Inc.	Sat. phone	82.22
Pinnacle Bank (Court)	Deposit tickets	175.05
Police Officers Assn. of NE	Law handbooks	200.00
Pottawattamie County Shf.	Shf. svc. fees	36.00
Precision Signs & Graphics, LLC	Graphics for Shf. veh.	2257.50
Quill – Prob.	Offc. supplies	346.36
Quill – Treas.	Offc. supplies	351.19
SEND (SE NE Dev. Dist.)	Mbrshp.	11,692.00
Soldiers & Sailors Account	Gage Co. Veterans Aid	2000.00
Spectrum (Charter)	Jail/EM cable	183.68
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2283.86
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc.	3913.89
Sun Blockers	Shf. veh. window tint	195.00
TK Elevator Corp.	2 months elevator inspections	480.42
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, inmate provisions, meals, etc.	1045.96
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	EM PO Box rent	100.00
Verizon Wireless – EM	Wireless phones	233.75
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Wireless phones	356.78
Willet & Carothers Law Offc.	Atty fees	848.50
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	1345.09
Windstream – Cths.	Phones	4181.83
Windstream – Vets	Phones	390.69
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Lawn sprinkler install	880.14



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Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	50,273.99
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copier lease, copies	102.41
Beatrice Concrete – Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	19,115.62
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	55.19
Blackburn Technologies	Laptop, software	1399.00
Capital One, NA	Supplies	75.93
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	34.17
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	300.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	7520.92
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug test forms chg.	7.50
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2786.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	220.89
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	8675.03
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	82.05
Tractor Supply	Oil, bolts, bits	90.24

Visitor’s Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	8203.44
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Visitor’s Improvement Fund

Village of Pickrell	Parks & Rec grant – picnic tables, benches	1000.00
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	32,029.58
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	35,273.89

Inheritance Fund

Charles I Thomas Estate	Inheritance tax refund	479.20
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,798.09
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,385.16
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,439.60

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,393.45
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,691.56
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,509.44

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

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Claim #21100060 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$7,520.92, bringing the total amount of claims paid through October 6, 2021 to \$1,051,206.57. 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/Winter Lights, Lytle on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Scott Bates on Veterans’ Service, Tiemann on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were work completed at Shf. Evidence Bldg., snow removal bids, Extension Offc. plumbing/bldg. repairs, 33rd year for Holiday Lights, dead tree removal at courthouse, no veterans aid used this



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quarter, new flags continue to be purchased for avenue of flags, will have Veteran’s Day Program at Beatrice High School, veteran buddy check program growing, cyber security, jail inspection, and speed limit on Sargent Rd.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:17 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for snow removal for the 2021-2022 season. Motion carried 6-0.

One bid was received from Beatrice Lawn Care of lump sum amounts per event for parking lots of \$675.00 if less than 6” of snow and \$975.00 if more than 6” of snow, and for sidewalks (if not done by the custodian) amounts per event of \$650.00 if less than 6” and \$897.00 if more than 6” of snow. Spreading ice melt and gravel in parking areas, if needed, lump sum amount of \$150.00 per event.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve awarding snow removal bid for the 2021-2022 season to Beatrice Lawn Care. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition for the appointment of Darin Baehr, John Hill and Tobias Tempelmeyer for a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority #1, term commencing October 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2027. Motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Mason, 1300 Lincoln St., Beatrice NE was sworn in and expressed concerns about 2 of the prospective appointees having direct conflicts of interest with being on the Hospital Authority Board.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:34 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to move into closed session at 9:34 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens and Dorn left during closed session.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 11:03 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Haxby to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:06 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. until October 20, 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 6th day of October, 2021.

(SEAL)

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