



# Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – October 20, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 20, 2021, at 8:46 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 \$595,032.50 which does not include claim #21100101 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$575.00, and claim #21100193 to Johnny’s Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$154.20, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve corrected minutes for September 22, 2021 meeting on motion made by Schuller regarding dust control, to read “Hwy 4 and S 162<sup>nd</sup>” instead of “South 41”; 6. Approve reappointing Marlene Gakle to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board for the term of 1/2022 to 1/2024; 7. Approve Utility Permit 1221 to Blue Valley Tele-Communications – will bore a 1.25” in diameter by 60” deep bore, approximately 1800 feet east of South 36 Road starting on the south side of the road, will bore under the road to the north side to provide service to residence 4170 East State Line Road. Located in the south side of section 32, T-1-N, R-7-E, Barneston Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit 1222 to Windstream of Nebraska, LLC – will replace a section of cable starting at Pedestal 404EC located at the northeast corner of West Pickrell Road and SW 42<sup>nd</sup> Road, Windstream will start to plow new line 6” wide by 72” deep in east grader ditch. When plowing gets to first small culvert, placement will trench out and around the culvert and then continue north to next culvert when Windstream will bore a 2” in diameter line for approximately 150’ under the culvert 6’ below flow line. At end of bore Windstream will then splice new cable with existing cable at pedestal 427EC. Total cable placement is 480’, all temporary cable will then be removed. Located west side of section 20, T-5-N, R-6-E, Holt Twp.; 9. Approve 2021 Gage County NBCS Report.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	141,614.52
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	6953.29
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copier leases, copies	428.94
Antelope County Court	Boarding inmates	320.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	35.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6476.63
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Windshield repair	29.95
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Mowing	575.00
Bob Barker Company	Inmate provisions	42.31
Capital One, NA	Supplies	99.93
City of Beatrice	Utilities, garbage svcs.	4087.76
Clerk of Dist. Ct., Case Processing	Cert. copies	7.00
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf. fees	118.09
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	299.85
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals at training	172.80
Credit Information Systems	Subscription	50.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	29.36
DAS St. Acctng. Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	54.60
Dawson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	1350.00
Diode Communications	Monitoring	80.85
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc. supplies	3628.59



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Echo Group	Bulbs, electrical	567.31
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
Envision Landscapes	Landscaping at evidence bldg.	8573.55
Forms Associates Co.	Court calendars	44.94
Fox Funeral Home	County cremation	1200.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf. fees/mlg.	1028.88
Huls Body Shop	Veh. recovery/towing/mlg	1144.00
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA Admin. svcs.	139.72
Jones Automotive, Inc.	Install veh. cameras	805.80
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing	Ext. Offc. plumbing	505.01
Lepant Law Offc.	Atty fees	783.75
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	691.17
Lynn Peavey Co.	Blood alcohol kits	99.60
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	999.00
Maximus, Inc.	Prepare cost allocation plan	2600.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip. rent	457.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	281.56
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support/programs	2835.20
NACO	Mtg. registr.	10.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf. training	485.00
NE Notary Assn.	Notary renewal	146.99
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Government Svcs.	EM Sat. phone	74.22
Noakes	Parts, labor	472.91
Norris Public Power	Utilities	49.97
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	142.37
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	269.13
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expense	175.00
Police Officers Assn. of NE	Handbooks	10.00
Priority Printing	Copy paper	1360.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	95.75
Region V Services, Cntrl. Offc.	Qtrly participation	9928.50
Region V Systems	LB302 & EPC pmts.	13,853.00
Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	3339.82
Jesse Scheele	Mowing 2 pioneer cemeteries	1000.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	20.00
Security Svcs.	Monitoring & inspecting fire alarms	201.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext. Offc. janitorial svcs.	120.00
Spectrum	EM cable	9.39
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	1760.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2361.66
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	3890.49
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh. repairs	1029.45
Thomson Reuters West Pmt. Ctr.	Law Library online subscr.	2384.94
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	240.21
Turf Paradise	Install sprinklers at evidence bldg.	4345.00
Sherry Ullman	Reimb. for desk purchase	250.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, meals, etc.	1277.87
Verizon Wireless – Shf.	Phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – Em Mg	Phones	166.56
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates, medical	6384.25



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Westlake Hardware	Supplies	60.56
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	46.58
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	590.62
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phones	401.50
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	519.94
Wolfe, Snowden, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	940.00
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	1572.66
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Jail water heater	8500.00
Zoellner Ford	Shf. oil changes	298.56
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	494.75

## Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	48,829.27
All Copy Products	Copy overages	92.73
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	1271.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	831.52
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	52,937.82
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools, supplies, parts	798.43
Cather & Sons Const., Inc.	Asphalt	6922.20
City of Beatrice	Garbage svc.	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	79.33
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	2210.68
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply	Ice	85.00
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Blades, mounting boards	4942.19
Eakes Office Solutions	Shop towels	98.28
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	45.28
Fastenal	Bolts, washers	39.86
Interstate Power Systems	Parts, labor	1046.37
Jet Racing	Parts	24.86
Johnny’s Welding, Inc.	Hose, fittings, labor	154.20
Landmark Implement	Spray, filters	319.90
Larry’s Tire & Service	Repairs, changeovers	693.14
Matheson	Oxygen	30.46
Miller Seed	Silt fence w/ stakes	701.60
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy computer pkg.	186.72
Newman Signs, Inc.	Signs	580.99
NMC	Parts	2860.41
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tool	648.66
PowerPlan	Parts	28.50
RDO Truck Centers	Part	132.42
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	9059.60
Sapp Bros., Inc.	Fuel	13,130.59
T.O. Haas	Repairs	61.55
Freightliner Truck Center	Parts	121.68
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	2491.64
Verizon Connect	Veh. GPS	161.90
Westlake Hardware	Tools, supplies	99.01

## Visitor’s Improvement Fund

City of Beatrice	Hannibal Ball Fields improvement grant	40,000.00
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## Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund



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

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	70,491.64
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,785.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,259.12
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,819.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,295.92
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,581.07
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,509.44

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 #21100101 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$575.00. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve #21100193 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$154.20, bringing the total amount of claims approved thru October 20, 2021 to \$595,761.70. Motion carried 6-0.

No public present for comments or request for future agenda items.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Sheriff Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Tiemann on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Tim Colyer, chief ranger for Visitor and Resource Protection Division for the National Park Service, introduced himself to the board. He said he has been filling in as the interim Park Ranger at the Homestead National Historical Park since Mark Engler had retired recently, but that they are taking applications for a permanent replacement to hopefully be filled by the beginning of next year.

Discussion on Humane Society Agreement written for the purpose of kenneling captured and stray animals from the county. Humane Society Board Chairman John Rypma stated that the agreement would be requesting the same amount of funding as in the past and explained where funding for the Humane Society and animal shelter comes from. Others speaking on the subject were Beatrice Animal Shelter Director Carlee Fiddes, Veterinarians Bob Baxa and Jennafer Glaesemann, Veterinary Technician Jeanene Fitzwater, and a letter from Dr. Julie Knoerzer read by Carlee Fiddes. Concerns were expressed on the subject of a low-cost clinic being considered by the Humane Society, which is a nonprofit corporation receiving local government subsidization, that would be competing in the private sector with local privately owned small businesses that do not have the same government subsidization. Fitzwater noted that local veterinarians have donated time and provided discounted surgeries to the shelter and that the original agreement was that the 3 clinics would each take a month at a time and alternate, but eventually they were slowly pushed out and haven’t been asked to provide services for several months now. Dr. Baxa told the board that he thinks the county’s agreement with the Humane Society is a good one, but that there is a problem between the clinics and the shelter regarding the low-cost clinic. Members of the board stated they did not want to get involved in the day-to-day operations of the Humane Society or animal shelter. County Attorney Roger Harris said that the veterinarians have provided great service over the years, but the agreement between the county and the Humane Society is strictly for the county to acquire a service that is needed by the Sheriff’s Office.



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Motion made by Byars, seconded by Schuller to approve the agreement between Gage County and the Beatrice Humane Society, Inc. for the purpose of kenneling captured and stray animals from the county with the term of the agreement being from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve appointing Darin Baehr, Tobias Tempelmeyer and John Hill to the Hospital Authority #1 board for a 6-year term commencing October 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2027. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried 5-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. until November 3, 2021.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountynebraska.us](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk