



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – December 29, 2021

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 29, 2021, at 8:47 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 \$1,825,135.95, which does not include claim #21120229 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$835.00 and claim #21120295 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$3,196.32, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve reappointing Jeff Argo as Planning & Zoning Committee Member for 4-year term beginning on July, 2021.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	139,132.25
All Copy Products, Inc.	Ext. copy fees, Treas copier maint.	297.65
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf. FirstNet phone svc.	165.60
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Brush disposal	10.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	252.28
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Mowing, fertilizer	835.00
Beatrice Public Schools	MAPS, Juv. svcs.	3266.08
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1345.58
Blackburn Technologies	Computer equip. supplies	1114.97
Blue360 Media	NE criminal & traffic law manuals	349.18
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	Copier maint.	52.00
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	287.96
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc.	10,000.00
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf fees	722.70
Comfort Inn	Lodging	804.65
Consolidated Management	Meals at training	60.68
Cortland Rural Fire Board	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Prob. offc supplies, equip.	1788.04
Farmers Cooperative	Diesel fuel	169.50
First Wireless	Shf. tower rent	440.00
Garcia Clinical Laboratory	Inmate lab svcs.	42.00
Garrison Law Offc.	Atty fees	4095.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Law Enf. supplies	690.00
Holiday Inn Express	Lodging	229.90
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	138.82
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1258.75
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Parts, labor	90.78
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Atty fees	517.75
McKesson Medical Surgical	Inmate medical	344.90
Mead Lumber	Handrail, brackets	62.95
Microfilm Imaging Systems	DC scanning equip. rent	192.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	518.78



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MIPS, Inc.	Data conversion	946.24
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2013.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Institutions patient care	360.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Mbrshp.	125.00
NE Sheriff's Assn.	Mbrshp.	165.00
Nebraska Title Co.	Limited Title Reports	250.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Government Svcs.	EM Sat. phone	74.22
Northeast Auto	Towing	106.00
Priority Printing	Shf. veh. printed cards	184.35
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	104.16
Reagan, Melton & Delaney, LLP	Public Defender fees	209.00
Region V Systems	EPC billing	1070.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting, copies	285.00
<u>General Fund cont'd.</u>		
Steven Schutte	Witness fees	70.40
SE Nebraska Communications	Prob. phones	111.60
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	20.00
Security Services	Monitoring Shf. fire alarm	33.00
Slims Body Shop	Deductible for Shf. veh. repairs	500.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	1382.25
Spectrum	Subscription	9.39
Staples	Shf. offc. supplies	672.95
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2283.86
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc.	3930.43
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf. tires, oil changes, grease	1080.75
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	240.21
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, subscription	67.55
Verizon Wireless – EMS	Cell phones	166.47
Westlake Hardware	Supplies, tools, cords	99.88
Willet & Carothers Law Offc.	Atty fees	1188.50
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	590.62
Windstream – Hwy.	Phones	519.91
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	1332.63
Wrightsman Plbg.	Parts, labor	374.05
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	47,323.90
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	446.24
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete	680.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	48,157.81
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	365.71
Concrete Industries	Asphalt sealant	8568.00
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock & gravel	3196.32
Holiday Inn	Lodging	110.95
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc.	Parts, supplies	582.15
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	8050.68
Norris Public Power	Utilities	365.24
Rewound Power Motors	Parts, labor	651.02
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	19,520.12
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, repair, mount	829.48
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Veh. GPS	161.90



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Winter Equip. Co., Inc.	Blade bolts	255.88
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	95,261.82
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Diversion Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	6451.00
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Inheritance Fund

Pavers, Inc.	2020 overlays, Pay app #4	1,362,985.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,681.98
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,643.65

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,194.32
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,620.30

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

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #21120229 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$835.00 and claim #21120295 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$3,196.32, bringing the total amount of claims approved thru December 29, 2021 to \$1,829,167.27. 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 Byars on Bldg. & Grounds, and Jurgens on Finance/Insurance and Road & Bridge.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Dorn to approve the following Extension Board Members:

- Doris Martin – 2nd term – 1st year
- Suzanne Munn – 2nd term – 1st year
- Janice Duntz – 1st term – 3rd year
- Joanne Neeman – 1st term – 2nd year
- Tom Person – 1st term – 2nd year
- Jody Starr – 1st term – 2nd year
- 4-H Council Rep. – New Representation annually

Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION # 21-23

WHEREAS, the County of Gage, Nebraska has a comprehensive development plan; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gage, Nebraska has zoning regulations in place which are intended to direct the location of specific uses and provide for proper separation of conflicting uses; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gage has seen an interest in additional commercial solar energy conversion panels; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Gage County wishes to study the existing zoning regulations related to this use; and



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WHEREAS, the likelihood of additional commercial solar energy farms in Gage County is probable, the County Board desires to review regulations which are appropriate for the county and its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission shall be directed to review the County Zoning Regulations and to then make specific recommendations for changes to the County Zoning Regulations dealing with commercial solar energy farms before accepting, granting or recommending a conditional use permit for the construction of commercial solar energy farms; and

WHEREAS, the County Board finds that the most appropriate way to work on said regulations is without the possibility of new applications coming forward during a time frame which allows consideration of appropriate commercial solar energy conversion regulations.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing statement, the County Board of Gage County, Nebraska, hereby adopts the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Gage County, Nebraska, that a moratorium on accepting any commercial solar energy farm applications is hereby invoked and approved and shall be in place through June 30, 2022.”

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this moratorium will be extended if necessary in order to allow the planning and zoning commission to conduct public meetings, including but not limited to public hearings, in direct regards to current and potential changes to regulations pertaining to commercial solar energy farms; and to further allow any potential changes be passed on to the Gage County Board of Supervisors for review, approval, or disapproval with the same previously mentioned considerations as allowed for the Planning and Zoning commission.

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, hereby directs the Gage County Planning & Zoning Commission to review the county zoning regulations, to conduct any hearings, if necessary and to make specific recommendations for changes to the county zoning regulations dealing with commercial solar energy before accepting, granting or recommending a conditional use permit for the construction of commercial solar energy farms.

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said moratorium shall become effective as of the date of the approval of this Resolution.”

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Dorn, Byars

Nay: Schuller, Tiemann, Lytle

Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 2021.

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #21-23 placing a moratorium on Commercial Solar Permits until P&Z has the opportunity to review and update County Regulations. P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand



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spoke on solar energy and stated that P&Z will be reviewing the regulations and hope to have revisions completed in 6 months, depending on public input. Lytle said he doesn't see the need for a moratorium. Schuller stated he would like to see the county zoned differently between the north part vs. the south part. Haxby reminded the board that landowners have the option to participate or not participate through an agreement with the developer. Vote taken, motion carried 4-3 with Jurgens, Haxby, Dorn and Byars voting aye, Schuller, Tiemann and Lytle voting nay.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on 2 tandem-axle trucks for the Highway Dept. Motion carried 7-0.

One bid was received from RDO Truck Center of Omaha, NE, in the amount of \$219,807.45 per unit with an unfirm delivery date of the end of 2022. Discussion on specs and availability of trucks. How the county can accept a bid if the price is not firm. Jurgens suggested having the Hwy Superintendent, Mark Kuhnke, review the bid and bring back a recommendation of approval or disapproval at the January 12, 2022 board meeting.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried 6-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. until January 12, 2022.

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 29th day of December, 2021.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk