



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – January 26, 2022

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 26, 2022, at 8:46 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 \$704,464.42; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve 2021 Annual Noxious Weed report and having Chairman sign report; 6. Approve Bank Balances, Pledged Securities & 6-month Board Settlement reports for Gage County Funds ending December 31, 2021; 7. Approve Specs and call for bids for Rock and Gravel for a period beginning March 10, 2022 and ending March 9, 2023. Bids to be opened February 23, 2022 at 9:15 am.; 8. Approve Specs and call for bids on Armor Coat Projects: C-34 (1217), (1218), (1219), (1220), (1221), (1222) and (1223). Bids to be opened on February 23, 2022 @ 9:30 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	141,454.70
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	187.68
All Copy Products	Copier maint., copy fees, svc agrmt	3344.36
AT&T Mobility	Shf. FirstNet phone svc.	165.85
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Annl. funding	26,496.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5751.41
Beatrice Fire Protection	Inspect & recharge extinguishers	398.35
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1599.91
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	1908.12
Clabaugh Pharmacy	Inmate medical	97.23
Clerk of District Court	St. & Shf. fees	719.62
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp, pre-empl screens	50.00
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin. 6507	Programs	54.60
Dell Financial Svcs.	Shf veh. computers	1657.94
Diode Technologies	Call box, svc. call on camera	324.05
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
First Wireless	Svc contract, tower lease	890.00
Gage County	Fund transfer to Economic Dev. Fund	129,646.86
Gage County Sheriff	Fees/mlg	846.52
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	152.56
Hometown Leasing	Copier lease	138.82
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	760.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	116.45
Laughlin-Hoevet Funeral Home	County cremation	900.00
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	1256.85
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	312.16
Lynn Peavey Company	Supplies	13.49
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	580.50



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Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip. rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	427.40
MIPS, Inc.	Dist Ct jury list processing, cards	656.11
NACO	P&Z dues	40.00
Nebraska City Ctr for Children/Fam	Prob Offc phone/internet setup	1134.55
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst. patient care	372.00
NE Abstractors Bd. of Examiners	ROD cert of regis 2022-2024 renewal	200.00
NE Assn Clks, Reg of Deeds, Elec.	Mbrshp dues	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Nemaha Co. Sheriff	Boarding inmates	100.00
O'Reilly Automotive	Parts	76.46
Pictometry	Aerial imagery – 2021 flight yr.	40,249.15
Priority Printing	Vets bus. cards	70.00
Quill – Prob.	Offc. supplies	140.56
<u>General Fund cont'd.</u>		
Region V Svcs., Central Offc.	Qtrly participation	9928.50
Sapp Brothers	Shf/Jail fuel	4200.27
Secretary of State	Subscr., cert. copies	500.00
Security Services	Monitoring Shf. Fire Alarm	34.00
Sheerin Scientific Company	Repair Ext. Offc. microscope	200.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svc.	120.00
Soap Opera Laundromat	Mop & rag cleaning	21.00
Spectrum	EM cable TV, Prob. internet bundle	831.75
Staples	Shf offc supplies	469.87
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty., postage	2351.11
Summit Food Svcs.	Jail meal svc.	1908.39
T.O. Haas Tire	Repairs, battery, oil change, brakes	2472.35
Thomson Reuters	Law Library subscr.	2432.64
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Subscr., cert. transcript	42.00
Verizon Wireless – Emer Mgmt	Wireless phones	241.44
Verizon Wireless – Co. EMS	Wireless phones	166.47
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	6860.00
Windstream – Prob.	Phones	118.41
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	46.22
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	586.01
Windstream – Fillmore Prob.	Phones	399.90
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	510.82
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	1308.74
Windstream – Co. Offcs.	Phones	4177.72
911 Custom	Shf. supplies	104.95

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	50,488.92
Bauer Built	Tires	4339.80
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	192.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	639.97
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	8156.77
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	671.16
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	74.24
Constellation	Utilities	153.19
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply	Ice	70.00
Farmers Cooperative	Tires	9757.56



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Fastenal	Bolts, screws	79.05
Interstate Power Systems	Labor	2415.00
NMC	Parts	3099.74
Norris Public Power	Utilities	467.21
Sapp Bros.	Fuel, oil, grease	24,350.35
SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC	Parts	138.65
T.O. Haas Tire	Repairs, changeovers	441.40
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	783.58

Insurance Fund

Clabaugh Pharmacy	2021 employee flu shots	1830.00
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	29,257.31

Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage	Co. share of expenses	32,413.77
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Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc. fees	56,811.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,770.59
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,246.88
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,439.60

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,407.99
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,706.61
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,875.11

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

Darrell Janda of Adams spoke under public comments with concerns about engine breaking by trucks going past his house – the board will have a discussion on the issue at the Feb. 7th committee meetings.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Sheriff Gustafson on Law Enforcement.

Break in committee reports at 9:00 a.m. for Veterans Honor Award.

Veterans Service Officer Scott Bates introduced the January Veterans Honor Award recipient Alvin Huls to the Board. Bates told the Board that Huls served in the U.S. Air Force from January 7, 1964 to January 5, 1968 when he was honorably discharged. Huls received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and served in the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1973 to 1974. He’s been a member and past commander of Beatrice American Legion Post 27 and is an active member of VFW Post 1077 in Beatrice where he’s held many positions. Huls told the board he enlisted and took his oath on his 19th birthday in January of 1964. He said he went through basic training and technical school before being stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base in Michigan where it was all SAC (Strategic Air Command) with B52’s. Two and a half years into his service he got his orders for Vietnam and he had to go back to school because they were transferring him to TAC, or Technical Air Command. He went to Phan Rang AFB in Vietnam where they had F100 Super Sabres and F4 Phantoms. He had a brief tour in the Philippines, then came back to Shaw AFB in South Carolina where he took his discharge. Huls thanked everyone for the recognition of his service, saying he and others didn’t receive such recognition after returning from Vietnam so he appreciates this honor. Jurgens presented Huls with a certificate and token of appreciation from the board. Tiemann thanked Huls for his



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service and fighting for our freedom, then returning home to become an active and productive member of the community. Byars also expressed appreciation to Huls for being a good representative of our community.

Committee reports continued with Jurgens reporting on Road & Bridge. Report topics included updated security during court sentencing on Feb. 23rd; meeting with Wymore City Council on pros and cons on law enforcement dept.; fees and rules for use of City of Beatrice firing range; shortage of employees at the jail.

Tourism Coordinator Kristin Jensen presented the quarterly tourism report. Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to receive the report and place it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on a Visitor's Improvement Grant requested by Community Players in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Byars to approve a Visitor's Improvement Grant to Community Players in the amount of \$15,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Karly Black gave an update on the Extension Office and discussed updating the Interlocal Agreement between Gage County and the Univ. of NE Board of Regents.

Short recess at 9:29 a.m. Back in session at 9:39 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

NGage Executive Director Trevor Lee presented the NGage quarterly report and gave an update on economic development activities. He said that a manufacturing day was held and that it attracted over 90 students and staff from area schools. Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to receive the NGage Quarterly Report and place it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2021-4, for the placement of a Commercial Agriculture Anhydrous Ammonia Site;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has held a public hearing to consider this special use permit, the date of said public hearing being December 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors meeting room;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of this special use permit, #2021-4; and

WHEREAS, this special use permit is in an agricultural zoning district, located in the northwest quarter of Section 2, of the Adams Township; and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on the 12th of January, 2022, held a public hearing to take input on this special use permit after proper notice and publication of said hearing for approving or disapproving Special Use Permit #2021-4. An opportunity was given for individuals in favor and against Special Use Permit #2021-4 to speak at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, public comments were heard in support of and in opposition to the special use permit and were considered by the Gage County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit, (SUP) #2021-4, for the placement of a Commercial Agriculture Anhydrous Ammonia



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Site, shall be the northwest quarter of Section 2 of the Adams Township:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

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

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Byars, Lytle
Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #22-04 granting Special Use Permit #2021-4 for the placement of a Commercial Agriculture Anhydrous Ammonia Site to be located in the NW ¼ of Section 2-6-8, in Adams Township. Tiemann stated that there was no opposition at the public hearing held on 1-12-22 and that the P&Z Commission recommended approval. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve appointing James Lenners of rural Adams, NE to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Dorn abstaining.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve specs and call for bids on Gage County Rural Broadband Project, bids due by Friday, March 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., with review at the March 7, 2022 committee meetings, and accept, reject or award at the March 9, 2022 board meeting. Haxby discussed the process taken to come up with the RFP (Request for Proposals), saying she met with members of the Public Service Commission, Rural Broadband Task Force and SENDD to discuss ways to utilize ARPA funds for broadband internet. SENDD would be invited to the March 7th committee meetings to help review proposals. Up to \$4 million would be offered to one or more internet providers willing to provide high-speed broadband services to the unincorporated or rural areas of Gage County, focusing on unserved or underserved, which is most of the county. Haxby said we're looking for company(ies) willing to match funds to cover a large part of the county with the ARPA funds and also a commitment to complete other projects using state or federal grant programs to cover the rest of the county within 4 years, with fiber being preferred over fixed wireless. Haxby stated that she thinks this is a great opportunity being presented to provide broadband internet access to all who live in Gage County with being able to utilize ARPA funds since internet access has become a major tool of everyday life and is now critical for many who are either working from home or operating their business out of their home, and she's excited to be able to offer this to the constituents of Gage County. County Attorney Roger Harris gave some recommendations for changes to the RFP. After discussion the vote was taken, motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve the 2022 Board Committees and Appointments with the corrections of Haxby appointed to Region V Services and Byars to Region V Systems. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on the 2022 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules. It was noted that the Committee/Appointments in the previous motion would need to be made to the Standing Rules also. Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve the 2022 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules with the committee/appointment updates. Motion carried 7-0.



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Dorn and Jurgens left meeting.

Motion made by Byars, seconded by Lytle to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. until February 9, 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 26th day of January, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk