



Gage County Board Minutes



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 23, 2022, at 8:49 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 \$475,956.26; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving and place on file statement from Sheriff on the collection of distress warrants for January 2022; 6. Approve caretaker for Stark Pioneer Cemetery; 7. Approve canceling check #22010043 to Walter Shanek in the amount of \$46.16, prior service retirement, due to recipient being deceased; 8. Approve specs and call for bids for a 2022 or newer Tracked Excavator – bids to be opened March 23, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.; 9. Approve Utility Permit 1234 to Unite Private Networks – Unite will bore a new conduit 2” in diameter by 48” deep for new fiber in the West grader ditch along SW 42nd Road. Unite will splice into existing fiber at utility box just north of Residence 981 SW 42nd Road and start to bore a new conduit south in the county ROW for approximately 375’ then turn west and continue bore to new utility pedestal on private property. Located on the east side of section 6, T-6-N, R-6-E, Highland Twp.; 10. Approve Utility Permit #1235 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. – Windstream will dig out and locate bad splices on the East and West side of pedestal 404QG approximately 1,970’ East of SW 25th Road in the North grader ditch on Pickrell Road. Windstream will make new splices on either side of pedestal and make new loop and replace pedestal. Located on the South side of Section 19, T-5-N, R-7-E, Hanover Twp.; 11. Approve Utility Permit #1236 to Diller Telephone Company - Diller Telephone will be placing additional fiber lines to residences, Diller telephone will bore a 3” diameter by 5’ to 15’ depth line, fiber line will be encased with 1.25” smooth wall conduit in the grader ditches for every creek, roadway crossing and culvert. The additional lines are on SW 142 Road, East grader ditch, South of Hwy 4 for 1.5 miles; on SW 131st Road, West grader ditch, North of Sargent for ½ a mile; on Sargent Road, North grader ditch, East of SW 117th Road for 1.25 miles; on Hoyt Road, North grader ditch, West of SW 117th for a ¼ mile; on Hoyt Road, North grader ditch, East of SW 103rd Road for 1.25 miles; on SW 117th Road, West grader ditch, South of Hoyt for 1 mile; on Scott Road, North grader ditch, West of SW 117th for ¼ mile. Located on the West and Southeast ¼ of Section 19, West side of Section 30, Southeast ¼ of section 29, South side of Section 21, South side of Section 22, South Side of Section 27, Southwest ¼ of Section 26, East side & Southeast ¼ of Section 32 T-4-N, R-5-E Blakely Twp.; 12. Approve Utility Permit #1237 to Diller Telephone Company - Diller Telephone will be placing new fiber lines on various roads. Diller telephone will bore a 3” diameter by 5’ to 15’ depth line, fiber line will be encased with 1.25” smooth wall conduit in the grader ditches for every creek, roadway crossing and culvert. The new lines are on 117th Road, West grader ditch, South of Scott to Hwy 136; On Belvidere Road, North grader ditch, West ¼ mile; On Lilac Road, South grader ditch, East of SW 117th for 3 miles; On SW 89th Road, East grader ditch, South of Scott for 1.25 miles; On Belvidere Road, North grader ditch, East of SW 89th Road for ½ mile; On SW 75th Road, West grader ditch, South of Lilac for ¼ mile; On SW 131, West grader ditch, South of Hwy 136 for ¼ mile. Located East and Southeast ¼ of Section 5, East of Section 8, East of Section 17, West Side & Southwest ¼ of Section 2, Northwest ¼ of Section 11, North side of Sections 16, 15, & 14, Northeast ¼ of Section 14, & Northeast ¼ of Section 19, T-3-N, R-5-E Lincoln Twp.; 13. Approve Utility Permit #1238 to Glen Katz – Mr. Katz will bore a 3” diameter by 6’ deep line for new electrical line for new irrigation pump on private property. Mr. Katz will bore in East grader ditch from new electric meter on East side of SW 72nd Road to West grader ditch and continue bore onto private property. Located in Northeast ¼ section of 26, T-5-N, R-5-E Grant Twp.; 14. Approve 2022 Gage County Highway Department Policy with Townships.; 15. Approve appointing John Hill to the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board.

General Fund

Description

Amount Allowed



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Courthouse Employees	Salaries	145,790.76
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile phones	165.85
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6570.31
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	2006.90
Blue Valley Comm. Action	Qtrly funding	3725.00
Capital One, NA	Prob. supplies	110.91
Chapin Law Office	Atty fees	2226.30
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	264.96
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc	10,000.00
Clerk of Dist. Court	St. & Shf. fees	400.83
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	116.96
Consolidated Mgmt. Co.	Meals at trng.	114.84
Credit Information Systems	Mnthly fee	50.00
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Dist Ct & Co Clk data proc.	54.60
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	30.24
Dell Financial Svcs.	Shf computer leases	1360.16
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	2243.23
Election Systems & Software	Elec. thumb drives	2115.34
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	24.00
Farmers Cooperative	Shf. fuel	95.03
First Wireless, Inc.	Repairs to Adams tower, lic. fees	2746.59
Gage Co. Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	724.81
Hanson, Hroch & Kuntz	Atty fees	1947.50
Hometown Leasing	Atty/Prob copier leases	452.04
Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc of subpoena	19.00
Jones Automotive	Equip repair	585.70
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	40.00
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Replace toilet, supplies	343.33
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	766.78
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	717.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Scanning equip. lease	457.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	349.02
MIPS, Inc.	Supplies	36.86
NACO	Mtg regis.	35.00
Natl. Public Safety Info.	Natl. directory	149.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst. boarding	372.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Govt. Svcs.	EM Sat. phone	74.22
Norfolk Lodge & Ste, LLC	Lodging	208.00
Northeast Auto	Veh. lease	152.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	14.00
William Ouren	Autopsy svcs.	75.00
Theodore Paben	Snow removal	75.00
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expns.	30.00
Priority Printing	Treas. envelopes	248.84
Quadient, Inc.	Env. opener lease	696.00
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	120.95
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	280.20
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	496.44
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	769.42
Reagan, Melton & Delaney	Atty fees	1530.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting	330.00



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Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	4664.46
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob. phones	135.84
Security Svcs.	Monitoring alarm	34.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs.	120.00
Spectrum	EM cable TV	9.39
Staples	Shf offc supplies	59.69
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2343.76
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	3948.99
T.O. Haas Tire	Tire/veh repairs, oil chgs.	2149.17
The Home Depot Pro	Supplies	857.79
Thomson Reuters West Pmt. Ctr.	Law Library subscr.	2673.64
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, subscr.	58.96
Verizon Wireless – EMS 8923-1	EMS cell phones	242.19
Verizon Wireless – Co EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt cell phones	167.93
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Cell phones	363.70
Washington Co. Shf.	Inmate boarding/medical	3833.59
Willet & Carothers Law Offc.	Atty fees	218.50
Windstream – Prob	Phones	118.41
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	45.53
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	586.01
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phones	409.73
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	509.67
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	1307.55
3 & 33 Mutual Aid	Annl. mbrshp.	25.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	48,132.04
All Copy Products	Copier lease	24.83
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	280.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1177.38
Beatrice Concrete – Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	32,069.28
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools, supplies	1028.25
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	683.68
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
Commercial Ind. Supply	Svc call on furnace	185.00
Concrete Industries	Asphalt sealant	5472.00
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	215.00
Farmers Cooperative	Tires	315.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part	135.75
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	50.89
Medical Ent., Inc.	Drug/alcohol testing	145.00
NMC Exchange	Parts	871.90
Norris Public Power	Utilities	577.76
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed killer	105.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	483.55
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	6220.79
Sapp Bros.	Fuel, oil	10,737.36
Small Engine Specialists	Shop supplies	62.00
Truck Center Companies	Part	204.61
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	851.36
U.S. Bank Pmt. System	Supplies	275.69
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	161.90



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Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Parts, labor	351.57
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	74,147.01
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,132.92
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,582.68
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,059.93

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,248.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,526.27
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,875.11

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

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

Committee report was given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds – maint. repairs at Detention Center; lawn care bids coming up; status of Extension Offc. remodel. Break in committee reports for Veterans Honor Award presentation.

Scott Bates introduced the February Veterans Honor Award recipient, Sherman Skala, to the board. Bates said Skala enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on February 23, 1968, and on August 1, 1969 he was promoted to Corporal. He was Honorably discharged on March 6, 1970. During his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal with 1960 device on it, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 bronze star, the Purple Heart Medal with 1 star, a Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Marksmanship Rifle Badge. Bates said Skala currently serves on the local Honor Guard, is active with VFW Post 1077 and American Legion Post 27, and works with and supports other veterans in the community. Skala told the board that after basic training and advanced infantry training, he was sent to Vietnam in August of 1968. He was assigned to Alpha Squad, 1st Platoon Co., 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Their duties included going out on patrol, a majority of the time at night. After 2 or 3 weeks, he was handed the radio and told he would be the radio man for the squad. The only training he had with operating the radio was how to turn it on and off and how to change the frequency. Each time they went out, they did a radio check and his radio would transmit but not receive so he would have to get the radio from Charlie Squad. Being in Alpha Squad meant being the first radio man in the column so having a working radio was crucial. On Oct. 14, 1968, Skala was wounded and was transported by medevac to a Naval Hospital in Japan, then to Great Lakes Naval Hospital. When he was released for duty, he got stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he worked in the Division Personnel Office with the 2nd Marine Division where he was released by honorable discharge from active duty in 1970. Skala thanked the board for the recognition of his service. Tiemann thanked Skala for his military service and also his continued work and service to the community, and said we are proud to have him in our community. Jurgens presented Skala with a certificate and gift of appreciation from the county.

Committee report on Finance/Insurance was given by Jurgens. Break for timed bid openings.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for rock and gravel bids for a period beginning March 10, 2022 and ending March 9, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids for rock, gravel and/or hauling were received from Lottman Ready Mix, LLC, Rock On, Inc., Beatrice Sand & Gravel, R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc., Hard Rock Quarries, LLC, and Gana Trucking & Excavating.

Break to close bidding on Armor Coat projects.



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Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to close bidding at 9:31 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for Armor Coat Projects C-34(1217), (1218), (1219), (1220), (1221), (1222) and (1223), for approximately 34 miles. Motion carried 6-0.

Back to rock & gravel bids – Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to accept all bids and refer to Hwy Superintendent for review and recommendation at the March 9, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids for the Armor Coat projects were opened and read.

Bids received, amount of bid, and projected dates of construction were as follows: Sta-bilt Construction Co. of Harlan, IA, \$500,150.97, May 16 – May 31, 2022; Topkote, Inc. of Yankton, SD, \$525,304.76, May 1 – June 1, 2022; Midwest Coatings Co., Inc. of Modale, IA, \$430,545.41, May 23 – June 3, 2022.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to accept all bids for Armor Coating Projects and refer to Hwy Superintendent for review and recommendation at the March 9, 2022 board meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Christina Lyons presented the Annual Diversion Report to the board and talked about the adult and juvenile diversion programs.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to receive the Annual Diversion Report and place it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee reports were given by Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to move into closed session at 10:09 a.m. for personnel issues. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to move out of closed session at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until March 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 23rd day of February, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk