



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – March 23, 2022

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 23, 2022, at 8:47 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Gary Lytle present, Emily Haxby and 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 with correction to statement made by Schuller regarding items being put on the county website; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$534,859.56 which does not include claim #22030232 to Johnny’s Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$8.64 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve reappointment of Steve Whitwer as board member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 3-year term; 6. Receive and place on file statement from Sheriff Office on collection of distress warrants for February, 2022.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	136,126.13
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf. website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	6562.85
All Copy Products	Treas copier lease, Clerk doc record maint agrmt	623.33
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf phones	165.85
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5741.58
Beatrice Public Schools	MAPS juv. svcs, diversion	5199.27
Blue Valley Door Co.	Overhead door repair	95.00
Bob Barker Co.	Inmate provisions	283.60
Bragg Animal Control	2 animal calls	210.00
Ray Cary	Witness fees/mlg	51.36
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc., qtrly EMS svcs.	45,264.96
Clerk of District Court	St & Shf fees	354.72
CMH Clinics	Inmate medical	121.00
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	3302.20
Cortland Rural Fire Board	Qtrly EMS svcs.	6000.00
Credit Information Systems	Pre-empl screens, mbrshp	100.00
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Maint. agrmnts	54.60
Dell Financial Svcs.	Equip rent	680.08
Diode Technologies	Equip replacement	160.47
Discover Products, Inc.	Investigative expns	22.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	501.33
Echo Group	Ballasts	31.94
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
Farm & Home Publishers	Plat Books	1500.00
Gage Co. Court	Court costs	2064.00
Gage Co. Petty Cash	Co Atty notary fee	30.00
Gage Co. Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	892.44
Gropp Law & Mediation, LLC	Atty fees	720.00
Hometown Leasing	Equip leases	452.04
Huls Body Shop	Towing	140.00



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Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc of subpoena	19.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3467.50
Jurors	Juror fees	1225.25
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing	Repairs	167.30
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns	3378.93
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	5054.52
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process server fees	537.12
Midwest Special Svcs.	Shf transports/meals	2983.20
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Inst svcs	336.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Svc calls, repairs	357.25
<u>General Fund cont'd</u>		
Norris Public Power	Utilities	48.10
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	1300.00
O'Neill Ins.	Co Atty notary bond	50.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	23.90
Painter Paul, Ltd.	Cabinet lock repairs	165.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	35.00
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns	2564.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Veh graphics	86.75
Psychological Resources	Pre-empl evaluations	600.00
Quadient	Postage meter supplies	400.95
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	623.95
Reagan, Melton & Delaney	Atty fees	266.00
Region V Systems	EPC billing	214.00
Ron's Repair	Equip repair	350.00
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	4704.93
Security Svcs.	Monitor alarms	34.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis	Atty fees	1463.00
Spectrum	Shf cable TV	174.29
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	5702.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, pstg	2368.56
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5352.21
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh repairs, oil, grease	604.16
Thomson, Reuters	Law Library subscr.	2432.64
Twin Rivers	Veh repair	274.31
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	VetraSpec	898.00
Sherry Ullman	Court costs	58.24
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	602.98
Verizon – Co. EMS 6384-1	EM phones, hotspot	167.97
Village of Adams	Qtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Washington Co Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	200.48
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	919.00
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	586.01
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	514.72
Windstream – Shf	Phones	1281.99
Windstream – Gen.	Phones	4157.59
Wolfe, Snowden, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	60.00
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	736.00



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York Co. Shf.	Svc fee	18.50
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Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,518.05
All Copy Products	Copier lease	61.71
BASWA	Waste disposal	145.85
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	998.94
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	2582.65
BGNE Inc.	Diesel fuel testing	328.22
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	413.08
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	220.55
Constellation	Utilities	565.54
Cornhusker Intl.	Parts	991.15
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	149.20
Farmers Cooperative	Tire repair, changeover	220.00
First Wireless	Repeater rental	1360.00
Interstate Powersystems	Labor	1405.00
Jet Racing, Inc.	Parts	31.96
Johnny's Welding	Part	8.64
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Repairs	100.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	91.59
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	24,686.55
Midwest Unlimited	Part	284.95
NMC Exchange	Grader blades	38,050.24
Norris Public Power	Utilities	482.40
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	1074.63
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	4277.54
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	24,557.10

Road Fund cont'd

Sunrise Bakery	Cookies for twp. mtg.	120.96
Truck Center Companies	Parts	79.26
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	478.38
U.S. Bank Corp.	Supplies	177.46
Verizon Connect	Veh. GPS	231.26
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	88.19

Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	18,090.17
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	9,414.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	9,844.49
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,680.26

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,139.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,402.82
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,875.11

Schuller requested that item #2 be removed from the consent agenda for discussion and separate vote.



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Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item #2. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Jurgens to approve correcting the wording only in the March 9, 2022 minutes during the discussion regarding the public placing items on the county website to read “the public can request items to be placed on the county website by requesting through a Supervisor, at the Supervisor’s discretion”. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #22030232 to Johnny’s Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$8.64, bringing the total amount of claims paid through March 23, 2022 to \$534,868.20. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Haxby joined meeting at 8:51 a.m.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement. Items of discussion included Ext. Offc. fire alarm proposal, issues with door controllers, request for World Downs Syndrome banner on courthouse, the use of electronic citations, the presentation by Schuller & Tiemann of award to Sophie Rakes for severe weather week. Break in committee reports for a timed agenda item.

Jerad Reimers presented an update from Congressman Adrian Smith’s Office.

Committee report was given by Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Jurgens urged townships to get their information in to the Hwy Dept.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve having a light and banner on the courthouse on March 21st to recognize World Down Syndrome Day. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for a tracked excavator. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Interstate Power Systems of Altoona, IA; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE; and NMC, Inc. of Lincoln, NE. Speaking were reps from Interstate Power Systems on the Liebherr and from NMC with Caterpillar. Break for timed public hearing.

Jurgens asked that the bids be reviewed by Highway department and come back later in the meeting with a recommendation. His concerns are the availability of the equipment if they wait.

The timeframe for Liebherr would be May, 2022 and the NMC & JD are available now. The NMC rep indicated that the machine is here now but would need to have the thumb attached at a later time.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition to the One- and Six- Year Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

No public present. Jurgens stated that there are 13 bridges and 13 culvert replacements in the plan. Clatonia bridge and 5 of previous bridge match projects are included.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:32 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Back to discussion by Taylor Wenzl with Murphy Tractor & Equip. on John Deere excavator bid. Taylor indicated that the machine is here and like the NMC machine, the thumb would need to be added at a later date.



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RESOLUTION #22-05

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent has presented a One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of Said County, and

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd day of March, 2022.

Motion by: Lytle

Second by: Dorn

Vote: Aye - 6

Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #22-05 approving the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve a wage increase of \$3.00 per hour for Corrections Officers and Corrections Sergeants only, effective March 27, 2022. Shf. Gustafson told the board there is a problem with employee shortages across the state. The wages were researched extensively and the board did not look lightly at this. Motion carried 6-0.

Recommendation of excavator by Mark Kuhnke, Highway Superintendent was to go with the John Deere machine. He felt that it was in stock and could be paid for in this budget year, was concerned about resale with Liebherr machine. Tiemann questioned the budget year concern. Kuhnke stated it was also a 4 cyl. and specs stated 6 cyl. Further discussion to place on the 4 vs 6 cylinder.

Motion was made by Lytle and seconded by Schuller to wait 2 weeks to make a decision and to allow for further review of the bids. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. until April 6, 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

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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.



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Witness my hand and official seal this 23rd day of March, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk