



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 4, 2022

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 4, 2022, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn 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 \$532,294.19 except claim #22050099 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$5,067.47 and claim #22050102 to R.L. Tiemann Construction Inc. in the amount of \$26,984.74 to be voted on separately below; 4. Approve and place on file correspondence received; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1243 to Lower Big Blue NRD, – NRD will be adding a new meter service to parcel. NRD will bore a 2” diameter by 6’ deep continuous bore for new water meter service at the intersection of S 10th and Walnut Road. Located NE ¼ Section 26 & SE ¼ Section 23, T-1-N, R-6-E Paddock Twp ; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1244 to Windstream of Nebraska LLC, - Windstream will be placing new fiber line for a business. Windstream will start a 2” diameter by 60” deep bore in Cortland (Village of Cortland take care of Village permits) and continue south with the bore down South 12th Road to the North side of Ash Road. Windstream will then bore West to NDOT ROW (NDOT Permitting) and cross under Hwy 77 to the West grader ditch and turn and continue South with bore for approximately 2,000’. Once bore gets to the West side of Tredz Central in the West grader ditch of Hwy 77, Windstream will then turn the bore East and bore under Hwy 77 to East grader ditch and place new pedestal and continue work on private property. Located SW ¼ section 12, SE ¼ section 11, NE ¼ section 14 & NW ¼ section 13, T-6-N, R-6-E, Highland Twp; 7. Approve receiving and place on file the Cortland Volunteer Fire & Rescue 2021 annual report; 8. Approve receiving and place on file the County Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021; 9. Approve Chairman signing 2022 Ballot for Election to Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Director for Chad Korte; 10. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	148,557.71
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	18.22
AT&T Mobility Accounts LLC	4G Phone svc. Sheriff	165.85
Beatrice Fire Protection LLC	Sheriff/Jail fire ext. insp.	366.09
Beatrice Valvoline Express Care	Oil change	99.24
Black Hills Energy	Extension, Sheriff, Jail utilities	957.67
Blackburn Technologies	Probation computers and antivirus	3845.85
Charter Communications	Jail cable services	176.01
City of Beatrice	Probation Utilities	2016.91
Clerk of District Court	St & svc. Fees	212.78
Clerk of Dist Court Assn	Workshop registration	75.00
Diode Technologies	Probation telephone troubleshooting	367.10
Election Systems & Software LLC	Election printing – ballots	5808.52
Engineered Controls Inc	Service call Geo-thermo water pumps	1074.00
First Wireless Inc	Sheriff equip/EMA contract	1790.00
Gage County Sheriff’s Office	Shf. fees and mileage	1414.33
GCSO Drug Investigation/Petty Cash	Reimburse petty cash Sheriffs office	500.00
Hanson Hroch & Kuntz	Atty fees/Mental Health Hearings	3448.50
Holiday Inn	Veterans and Jail Conf. rooms	483.75
Hometown Leasing	Copy machine lease	138.82



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IAPE	Membership dues	65.00
Jones Automotive Inc	Sheriff vehicle change	12919.73
Jury Fee List	Jury fees	1061.73
Lammel Plumbing Inc	Jail plumbing	3881.68
Mahloch Law Office	Juvenile court cost	972.00
Maximus Inc	Consulting fees	2600.00
Mead Lumber	Jail TV shelves	158.58
Midwest Special Services Inc	Jail travel expenses	679.00
Murray Law PC LLO	Atty fees	560.50
NACO	Registration for training	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan PC LLO	Atty fees	6346.15
NI Government Services Inc	Telephone emergency services	74.22
Northeast Auto	Towing expense	50.00
Odell Vol Fire & Rescue	Ambulance expense	3000.00
Theodore A Paben	Extension snow removal	50.00
Kathy Parrott	Election drop box	45.00
Philippi Electric Inc	Jail light replacement	1809.16
Pollack & Ball LLC	Atty fees	826.50
Priority Printing	Probation office supplies	1733.72
Professional Forms & Supplies Inc	Jail office supplies	167.21
Quill – Det.	Office supplies	396.47
Quill – Ext	Office supplies	355.17
Quill – Co Court	Office supplies	153.23
Quill – Probation	Office supplies	221.87
Richardson County Jail	Inmate boarding/medical	2761.59
Kristine M Riekenberg	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Secretary of State	Election ID cards	270.00
Security Services	Fire alarm insp.	34.00
Smith Schafer Davis LLC	Atty fees	907.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs Inc	Contract work	742.00
Staples Business Credit	Sheriff Office supplies	667.31
Stephen J Kraviec PC LLO	Child support enf. atty fees	2283.86
Summit Food Service LLC	Jail meals	3834.49
Targets Online	Sheriff targets	581.98
The Home Depot Pro	Probation/Veterans cleaning supplies	660.10
Time Warner Cable	Probation Internet	272.92
US Bank/Corp Payment System	Supplies, etc	1169.15
Verizon Wireless (EMS 8923-1)	Phones	841.32
Verizon Wireless (Dist 1 Prob-339-1)	Phones	353.66
Verizon Wireless (VSat)	Investigative expense	50.00
Windstream (Probation – Wilber)	Phones	46.09
Windstream (Probation-Fillmore Cty)	Phones	406.41
Windstream (Sheriff)	Phones	1279.02
Windstream (Courthouse)	Phones	4180.80
Windstream (Veterans)	Phones	384.38
Wolfe Snowden Hurd Luers & Ahl	Atty fees	21.00
Woods & Aitken LLP	Atty fees	672.60
York Cnty Sheriff/Jail	Juvenile Court costs	20.46

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	47,207.84
Barco Municipal Products Inc	Road signs and posts	775.00



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Beatrice Concrete Co/Ready Mix	Concrete and supplies	2429.75
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	26569.82
Beatrice Fire Protection LLC	Fire ext. insp.	1113.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	407.53
Bomgaars	Shop supplies	87.25
Cather & Sons Const Inc	Asphalt	2104.50
First Wireless Inc	Rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries LLC	Rock	5067.47
Larry's Tire & Service Inc	Repairs	309.00
Norris Public Power Dist	Utilities	428.79
R L Tiemann Construction Inc	Gravel and hauling	26984.74
Rose Equipment LLC	Parts	386.60
Schmidt Machine LLC	Wash head	20.00
TO Haas Tire	Parts and labor	2433.52
Tractor Supply Co Credit Plan	Supplies	264.95

Visitor's Promotion

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging Payment	5119.24
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Insurance Fund

Gage Cnty Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	107611.42
Lucent Health Solutions LLC	Administration fees	33169.14

Drug Law Enforcement Fund

Desert Snow	Workshop	1298.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,258.47
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,791.48
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,389.10

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,186.49
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,464.41
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,166.27

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

Speaking during public comments was Don Schuller, Dist. Supervisor - he stated that the recent recall attempt failed. The reasons given for this recall consisted mainly of partisan personal agendas related to national issues, and unrelated to Gage County. It's my opinion that elected county officials should focus on county business. As the representative of my district, it is my job to consider everyone and not just the vocal few. While I am personally pleased that the recall effort failed, I remain deeply concerned about the lies that were told about me—that I went door to door to stop it, that I tried to intimidate residents in my district—and more. My votes and actions are consistent with the scope of a supervisor's duties. I personally pledge to continue to serve my constituents with integrity, to fulfill my role as their County Supervisor faithfully, and remain grateful for their enduring confidence in me.

Also speaking during public comments was Dave Anderson, 42401 SW 61st Odell Rd., Odell, Ne 68415. He spoke on the road issues, Odell to 136 – 12 mile stretch of road that has been in a deteriorating condition. He understands haven't had the money for an overlay due to the Beatrice 6 and budget issues, but there is a lack of general on-going maintenance that could have been done.



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The South 6 miles was a Federal Aid project, has held up pretty well except the culverts, they have continued sinking. He has complained on & off mostly to Galen (past Highway Supt.), but they are plain terrible. The North 6 miles are a different issue, fewer culverts but a lot of cross cracks. Every place there is a cross crack which is almost every 100-200', some are 1 – 2' wide. There is water damage, it is a horrible ride, lack of shoulders and many places the water can't get off the road. That road carries 500-700 vehicles a day, a very important road. Other comments of concern are the general concern in the local area of this radical right wing populous. Pressuring you on the board and even in the school system. Looks like to him the board collectively, general anti opinion to renewable energy. Wind energy to the North probably wasn't the best place, but to go to the extreme to kill. The lack of support for the offices in the courthouse during the covid epidemic., i.e masks don't work, vaccines are a joke. Not being supportive of offices, with people literally nose to nose. He said it seems to me that a lot of time & energy is put in on federal issues & not necessarily county issues, such as the 2nd amendment. Mr. Anderson in the 1970's was active in the group American Ag. Movement and led 4 or 5 groups to Washington D.C. to lobby. As it ended up it got so radical and anti-government, he stepped down as leader. He cautioned the board. He said the general decorum bothers him, this recall and a Let's go Brandon sign on a supervisor's property. What you do locally does matter.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Erich Tiemann on Equalization; Millard Gustafson on Law Enf. & Jurgens on Finance/Insurance & Rd & Bridge.

Tiemann recognized Pam VanLaningham for her years of service to Gage County. She was employed from 2004 – 2022 at the Sheriff Dept/Corrections. He praised her dedication and thanked her for all that she did. Her plaque was presented to her earlier by the Gage County Sheriff.

Lawrence Fossler was presented a plaque from the County for his years of service 2014-2022. Lawrence worked in the road dept as a motor grader operator. Jurgens praised his quality of work on the road. Lawrence thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the County.

Derek Dauel was introduced as the new NGage Director by Chad Lottman, VP of the NGage Board. He also presented the NGage quarterly report. Derek spoke to the board about himself & said that he began his first day on Monday.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn receive report and place on file. Motion carried 5-0. Haxby temporarily out.

Christina Lyons spoke on the grant application. It was applied for in December and awarded. It was later combined. Tiemann mentioned that the County has no oversight of this program, that we are simple a pass thru for dollars.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve 23-CB-0512 Grant Award and Grant Sub-Award and authorizing Chairman to sign award. Motion carried 6-0.

A lengthy discussion took place on a claim for vacation buy-out that was denied. It was a consensus that the committee may take another look at it.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to go into closed session @ 10:09 a.m. for personnel and possible litigation. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to come out of closed session @ 10:36 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Willoughby was present as representative of the Boy Scout Troup that mows several abandoned cemeteries. He said with the price of gas and lack of an increase in the fee over the past 10 years, he would like to ask for an increase in the contract rate.

Discussion took place on increasing the abandoned cemetery contracts from \$500 to \$1000 as per statute.

This item will be placed on the next board agenda for action.



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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to adjourn @ 10:43 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m. until May 18, 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 4th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk