



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – May 18, 2022

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 18, 2022, at 8:47 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 \$3,664,968.10, which does not include claim #22050241 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$327.15 and claim #22050253 to R.L. Tiemann Construction Inc. in the amount of \$43,293.30 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving and place on file the Wymore Emergency Medical Services 2021 annual report; 6. Approve State Print Shop for printing Budget message postcards for Joint Public Hearing (per LB644); 7. Approve Firing Range Agreement for Law Enforcement Training; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1245 to OPTK Networks. OPTK Networks will be adding a new line and cable vault in County ROW south grader ditch along Belvidere Road for existing tower structure. OPTK will bore a 1.25” by 36” deep line for fiber to structure and also use existing conduit already bored in ground. Located in section N-7, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1246 to Blue Valley Tele-Communications, – Blue Valley will be adding a new fiber optic server to resident at 48641 South 148th Road Liberty Nebraska. Blue Valley will start construction of fiber line at 51603 South 148th Road in existing cable vault in West grader ditch, bore under 148th Road to East grader ditch and continue running the new line North in east grader ditch along 148th Road for 2.10 miles. Blue Valley will use a vibrating plow and place fiber line 60” deep along east grader ditch and bore under all culverts and roadways for new line. Located SE ¼ of 21, SW ¼ of 22, W-27, W-34, & E-33. T-1-N, R-8-E, Liberty Twp.; 10. Approve Utility Permit #1247 to Enterprise Products LLC, - Enterprise will be performing a gas line repair just north of Apple Road on 96th Road in the West grader ditch. Enterprise will excavate a trench 25’ long by 8’ deep to repair gas line. Trench might become larger and possibly in roadway if contractor is having to chase repair. Located SE ¼ of section 2, T-6N, R-7E, Nemaha Twp.; 11. Approve Utility Permit #1248 to The City of Beatrice, City of Beatrice will be installing new 16” PVC water main from north wells (SW 89th & Elm) to existing 14” water line (North of Hickory on SW 89th Road) for 2.02 miles between Elm Road and Hickory Road on SW 89th Road. Installation will consist of trenching in new PVC pipe and horizontal boring under creeks/rivers and roadways. A copy of the plans are on file at the Highway Department. Located North of section 2, East of section 3, South of section 3, and in section 10, T-4-N, R-5-E, Blakely Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	157,317.70
Advanced Auto Dealers Inc.	Website monthly service	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	10,371.49
All Copy Products Inc	Emer. Mang. monthly contract	140.00
Aumentum Technologies	Annual maintenance fee	26,137.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Brush clean-up	34.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4,956.09
Beatrice Humane Society	Quarterly payment	4,250.00
Capital One	Prob. office supplies	73.75
City of Beatrice	Monthly trash svc.	287.96
City of Wymore	Quarterly EMS svc.	10,000.00
Clerk of District Court	St. & svc. Fees	548.52
CMH Clinics	Pre-employment physical	143.00
Credit Information Systems	Shf. investigative expense/empl. Screen	87.50



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DAS St Accounting-Central 6507	District court fees	54.60
Datashield Corporation	Prob. doc shredding	1.76
Dept Correctional Svcs	Inmate board/medical	934.50
Diode Communications	Vets off. Monitoring	80.85
Diode Technologies	Co. crt controllers	390.40
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office equip, supplies, etc.	2,033.76
Echo Group Inc	Ballasts, lights, switches, etc.	356.07
Farmers Cooperative	Shf. office fuel	203.99
First Wireless Inc	Law enforcement supplies	44.03
Gage County Sheriff's Office	Shf. fees and mileage	1,309.22
Garrison Law Office	Atty fees	517.50
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing and fert.	580.00
GWorks	County web support	19,922.00
David Henning	Cemetery moving/maint.	500.00
Hometown Leasing	Copy machine lease	313.22
Interstate All Battery Center	Batteries for elevator, alarm & scrubber	49.50
Isolved Benefit Services	Monthly admin. fees	124.75
Jerry L Shelton Atty	Atty fees	2,195.00
Jones Automotive Inc	Shf. change out vehicle	13,966.84
Lammel Plumbing Inc	Crt. House repairs	568.02
Land Survey Tech Inc	Co. Surveyor operating expense	4,862.22
Lepant Law Office PC LLO	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	2,671.21
Lynn Peavey Company	Law enforcement supplies	183.00
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	617.50
Matthew K Kosmicki Law LLC	Atty fees	1,008.06
Mead Lumber	Radio system	7.48
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Courts scanning equip. & rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	419.33
MIPS Inc	Computer support, programs, etc.	8,814.88
Nebraska County Attorneys Assoc.	Membership dues/seminar registrations	2,296.00
Nebraska Health and Human Svc.	Patient care	360.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public defender atty fees	6,346.15
Noakes Heating & Air Conditioning	AC repairs	426.93
Norris Public Power District	Utilities	41.68
Northeast Auto	Investigative expense	537.00
NSA/POAN Law Enforcement	Registration fees	130.00
Paper Tiger Shredding Inc	Shredding services	35.00
Pell Reporting Inc	Co. court costs	644.11
Philippi Electric Inc	Crt. House repairs	1,304.86
Physicians Laboratory PC	Autopsy expense	2,050.00
Dr. Wayne Price	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Priority Printing	Business cards & envelopes	349.26
Quadient Inc	Election standard maintenance	696.00
Quill – Ext.	Office supplies	63.16
Quill – Co Ct	Office supplies	924.14
Quill – Prob.	Office supplies	53.62
Quill – Treas.	Office supplies	1,040.39
Region V Systems	EPC svcs.	1,284.00
Sack Lumber	Law enforcement supplies	166.90
Sapp Bros	Shf. & jail fuel	5,921.16



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SE Nebraska Communications	Prob. phones	115.07
Sheridan Industries	Ext. offic. janitorial svc.	120.00
Richard Snyder	Deposition fees	40.48
Sindy L Snyder	Deposition fees	40.48
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop heads, dust rags and dust mops	15.25
Software Unlimited Corp	Computer software maintenance fee	678.00
Stephen J Kraviec PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2,336.54
Summit Food Service LLC	Jail meals	1,859.25
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies	1,212.79
The Voice News	Publications	1,860.50
The Wymore Arbor State LLC	Publications	1,438.51
Thomson Reuters	Dist. judge software subscription	2,432.64
TK Elevator Corporation	Svc. Agreement	240.21
US Bank Purchase Cards	Meals, fuel, supplies	1,274.70
US Postal Svc	Dist. Prob. postage	1,270.00
Verizon Wireless	Shf. wireless svc	480.12
Verizon Wireless	Emerg. Mgm. wireless svc	922.83
Washington County Sheriff's Office	Inmate boarding	13,500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware Inc	Crt. house supplies	251.29
Windstream – Prob.	Phone svc	45.93
Windstream – Ext. Office	Phone svc	585.78
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phone svc	405.44
Windstream – Hwy. Dept.	Phone svc	441.06
Wolfe Snowden Hurd Luers & Ahl	Atty fees	41.00
Woods & Aitken LLP	Legal svc	350.00
Zultys Inc	Prob. phone svc	239.48

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,939.23
All Copy Products Inc	Contract overage charge	44.36
Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Rubbish disposal	448.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	400.74
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & Gravel	57,536.44
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co	Parts, tools, supplies	356.19
Blue Valley Door Co	Wall station	25.00
Cather & Sons Const., Inc	Asphalt	975.78
City of Beatrice	Bin rental	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	177.43
Concrete Industries Inc	Concrete	172.75
Constellation	Utilities	178.08
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	4,236.56
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	129.16
Fastenal Company Inc	Bolts, nuts	705.88
Gage County Equipment Inc	supplies	8.00
GWorks	Annual subscription fee	2,898.00
Huls Body Shop Inc	Winch truck clean up	700.00
Inland Truck Parts Inc	Parts	143.72
Johnny's Welding Inc	Parts	327.15
Landmark Implement Inc	JD skid steer rent	5,800.00
Larry's Tire & Service Inc	Mounting	330.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc	Consulting services	47,682.74
Matheson Tri Gas Inc	Oxygen bottles	96.56



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Metal Culverts Inc	Culverts	13,818.06
Midwest Service & Sales Co Inc	Insert for signs	1,200.00
Miller Seed	Seed	4,680.00
MIPS Inc	Hwy pkg. program/support	186.72
NMC Exchange LLC	Parts, labor	2,253.15
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	supplies	105.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tools	622.72
R L Tiemann Construction Inc	Gravel & hauling	43,293.30
RDO Truck Center Co	Parts	49.10
Rock On Inc	Gravel hauling	7,878.24
Sapp Bros	Fuel, oil	14,099.11
T.O. Haas	Skid loader rental	931.96
Truck Center Companies	Parts, supplies	467.00
Truck Equipment Service Co	Parts	1,874.56
US Auto Force	Tires	8,457.57
US Bank Purchase Cards	Cut-off saw, flags, lights	2,032.79
Verizon Connect	Veh, GPS	255.80
Westlake Ace Hardware Inc	Supplies	145.56
Zoellner Ford	Parts	448.34

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems Inc	Copier lease	214.79
MIPS Inc	Computer program/support	218.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	59,931.17
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Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage	Quarterly Payment	31,326.01
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Inheritance Fund

First Wireless Inc	Law enforcement supplies	15,890.00
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Judgment – (Beatrice 6) Fund

Bartle & Geier Law Firm	Judgment Beatrice 6 Joseph White Estate	730,768.92
Bartle & Geier Law Firm	Judgment Beatrice 6 Kathleen Gonzalez	233,846.06
Bartle & Geier Law Firm	Judgment Beatrice 6 Thomas Winslow	730,768.92
Bartle & Geier Law Firm	Judgment Beatrice 6 Joann Taylor	730,768.92
Chaloupka, et al, PC LLO	Judgment Beatrice 6 Debra Shelden	225,076.83
Friedman Law Offices, PC LLO	Judgment Beatrice 6 James Dean	271,846.04

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,720.65
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,461.63
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	29,148.44

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,168.36
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,443.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	11,166.27



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Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with the exception of #7, the agreement for use of firing range, to be voted on separately. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve an agreement with Wayne Lineweber for the use of his firing range for Law Enforcement Training. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #22050241 to Johnny's Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$327.15. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #22050253 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$43,293.30, bringing the total amount of claims approved through May 18, 2022 to \$3,708,588.55. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee report was given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds. Discussion included courthouse building repairs, detention center plumbing issues, and having Upward Bound students work for the county.

Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Veterans Service Officer Scott Bates introduced veterans honor award recipient, Frank Smith, to the board. Smith enlisted in the U.S. Army on June 10, 1942, and was honorably discharged on November 11, 1945, with the rank of Corporal. During Smith's service he was awarded the WWII Campaign Medal with 3 bronze stars for the battles of Rome-Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Frank turned 100 years old on May 5th and still serves the public by delivering meals to Seniors in the community. Frank spoke to the board about many memories, some good, some bad, of his time in the military service. He said he was a volunteer for his country and that there was more of a feeling of patriotism for our country then than now. Smith said while in the service he was taught jujutsu which is hand-to-hand combat. A Lieutenant who was 5' 10 1/2" and 180 pounds challenged Smith who was 5' 5" and 120 pounds, to an exhibition exercise. Smith sent the Lieutenant flying and that was the end of the exercise. He survived attacks on his ship by German ships, a storm with a 45' high wall of water tossing their ship about, dodging gunfire during an air attack, and an air attack where bombs were being dropped and he had to take cover behind a large tree to keep from getting hit by the bomb shrapnel which penetrated the other side of the tree. While stationed in Italy, Smith became friends with several local families, learned to speak Italian in 8 different dialects, had gifts sent from family back home for a 10-year-old daughter of one of the families for Christmas, and listened as the son of one of the families talked about the horrific conditions in the concentration camps after returning home from being a POW. Smith said people tried to say there weren't concentration camps, but he was at one of them, he was at the gas chambers, he was at the execution post, he witnessed the prisoners being made to stand at attention all day out in the cold and rain causing them to get sick and die. The camps were real. Smith said we are sitting here today, living in peace, because of those who died. After the war ended, Smith was offered a commission 3 times but he turned it down, he was going home. Shortly after returning home, he was walking down 6th Street when he heard a truck backfire and he automatically "hit the deck" and then realized that he really was home. Jurgens presented Smith with a token of appreciation from the board and thanked him for his service, and Tiemann thanked him for sharing the stories of his experiences and for fighting for our freedom.

Committee reports were given by Jurgens on Finance/Insurance and Road & Bridge, Lytle on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management. Discussion included updates needed for employee handbook, reviewing solar energy regulations, and road traffic counts.

C.J. Johnson, Regional Administrator for Region V Systems, presented the annual report and other information relating to Region V activities and initiatives.

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



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Jeanne Andrews was unable to attend the meeting for a presentation on workforce housing for the county. She will make the presentation at a future meeting.

RESOLUTION #22-07

WHEREAS, the County of Gage is the owner and holder of several certificates of tax sale of several parcels of real estate, Certificates #11296, #11279, #11281, #11289, #11295, and #11291 issued to the County of Gage for all delinquent regular taxes thereon, and which having been regularly advertised and offered for sale at tax sale, and remaining unsold for want of bidders, or having been sold to the County of Gage and certificates of tax sale issued thereon under provisions of Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 77-1809 (1943); and,

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2021, more than Three (3) years and less than Three (3) years Nine (9) months have elapsed since the issuance of such respective certificates of tax sale and by reason thereof the right of redemption of the owners or claimants of such respective tracts has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Roger L. Harris, Gage County Attorney, by and through his Deputy County Attorneys, be and hereby is directed, as promptly under the circumstances as it is reasonably possible so to do, to institute action to foreclose the lien of all taxes delinquent, whether regular or special, on all real estate within Gage County, Nebraska, which having been heretofore advertised and offered for sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders were sold to the County of Gage, and Certificates of Tax Sale issued thereon, and that the costs of abstracting be paid from the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to issue Treasurer's certificates of tax sale in favor of Gage County on all parcels of real estate offered for sale for less than Three (3) consecutive years that were not sold for want of bidders.

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

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Lytle

Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #22-07 directing the Gage County Attorney to institute action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes. Motion carried 6-0.



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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve a Child Support Enforcement Contract with Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO, Laura R. Maurstad, Attorney and Stephen J. Kraviec, Attorney, for a 3-year term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve the 2022-2023 Drug Court Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on increasing the fee paid for mowing and taking care of the county’s abandoned cemeteries. The fee is currently \$500.00 per cemetery, per season, with the suggestion having been made of raising it to \$1,000.00 per cemetery, per season.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve increasing the yearly payment for the care of any of the designated county abandoned cemeteries from \$500.00 per season to \$1,000.00 per season, retroactive to include the 2022 season. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Schuller to move into closed session at 10:28 a.m. for security issues. Motion carried 5-0 with Dorn temporarily out.

Leaving the meeting during closed session were Schuller at 11:00 a.m. and Jurgens at 11:03 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until June 1, 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 18th day of May, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk