



# Gage County Board Minutes



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 28, 2022, at 8:48 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Gary Lytle present, Dave Swavely 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 \$\$844,586.80, except claim #22120363 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$26,747.04, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	144,321.74
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	6996.63
All Copy Products, Inc.	Ext. Offc. copier lease	70.44
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf. FirstNet phone svc.	526.21
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5225.62
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1690.10
Blue360 Media	NE Criminal & traffic law manuals	271.83
Burke, Brown Law, LLC	Atty fees	1947.50
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copier lease	61.80
City of Beatrice	Ext gbg svc	23.00
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svc.	10,000.00
CMH Clinics	Pre-employment physical	123.00
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qrtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp, empl screen	62.50
Diode Technologies	Cths security	65.00
Echo Group	Supplies	280.00
Rosanne Fetty	Elec. manual audit labor	176.25
First Wireless, Inc.	EMS svc. contract	655.20
Gage Co. Shf.	Svc fees/mlg	641.86
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mowing, fert., edging	840.00
David R. Hauptman	Witness fees	22.50
Justin D. Hauptman	Witness fees	22.50
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	138.82
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA admin fees	141.48
Leo’s Jewelry, Inc.	Ret. gift	140.39
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Atty fees	209.00
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1510.50
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	11,122.71
Mead Lumber	Supplies	85.57
MIPS, Inc.	Jury list processing	664.97
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	15.81
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qrtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Pictometry Intl. Corp.	Flight imagery	40,249.15



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Quill – EMS	Offc. supplies	492.77
Quill – Ext.	Offc. supplies	35.98
Quill – Co. Ct.	Offc. supplies	50.39
Reagan, Melton & Delaney, LLP	Public Def. fees	247.00
RR Donnelley	NE citations	523.81
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4847.15
Security Services	Monitoring fire alarm	35.50
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Spectrum	EM cable TV	10.52
Staples	Shf offc supplies	75.57
Stephen J Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	5460.14
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Transcript	162.99
Tridentcare	Inmate medical	362.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	EM maps from NDOT	19.04
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	209.24
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,512.77
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	308.57
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	306.90
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	480.00

## Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	45,175.37
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	587.78
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	22,878.13
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	126.82
Contech Engineered Solutions	Culverts	16,648.86
Gus Construction Co., Inc.	Adams SW Proj. C-34(1133)	352,616.92
Newman Signs	Numbers for signs	277.45
Norris Public Power	Utilities	446.15
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Gravel & hauling	26,747.04
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	19,874.97
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	6020.58
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	12,965.66
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Flags	70.44

## Visitor's Improvement Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Trail revitalization proj. grant	8320.18
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## Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Ins.	Employee health ins. claims paid	46,744.22
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## Inheritance Fund

Marjory A Dorn Estate	Inher. tax refund	16,616.13
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## General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,067.11
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,040.63

## Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,049.36
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,455.92



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

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #22120363 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$26,747.04, bringing the total amount of claims paid through December 28, 2022 to \$871,333.84. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Duane Ruh, 1200 Park St., Beatrice NE, introduced himself to the board as the new Beatrice Ward 4 City Council member – Tiemann welcomed him and congratulated him – Ruh said he has heard that there may be some kind of rift between the city and county and just wanted to let the board know he's available and open to having discussions on resolving any issues or problems. Also speaking was Ashley Mason, 1300 Lincoln St., Beatrice NE, who suggested that if the board replaces their chairs, maybe they could put their old ones in the back row of the room for the Sheriff, etc. who regularly attend the meetings. Mason also stated that she would like the board to reconsider their vote to not supply email addresses on the website for Planning & Zoning Board members. She said she does not think it is efficient to have to notify P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand, adding to her workload by passing on the information, and then in turn, wait for communication from the P&Z members, it takes a lot of time.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources/Employee Relations, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Scott Bates on Veterans Service Committee, Lytle & Shf Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were Veterans Office roof bids; cabling for courtroom; Extension Office restroom remodel; courthouse exterior restoration being done for this year; county valuations trending upward due to selling prices; condition of Shf vehicles; next P&Z meeting on Jan. 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Tiemann also noted that the Beatrice Humane Society will have someone present at the January 9<sup>th</sup> committee meetings to discuss agreement with the county.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Erich Tiemann presented a plaque to Diane Wells, on behalf of the County Board, in appreciation of her 49½ years of service to Gage County, as she will be retiring when her term as Clerk of District Court expires in January, 2023. Tiemann said that working that many years at the same place is an incredible accomplishment. He thanked Diane for her dedication to the county and wished her the best in her retirement. Diane thanked the board and said she would also like to thank the citizens of Gage County for allowing her to hold her position as Clerk of District Court for so many years. She recalled that when she started at the county back in 1973, some employees said they had hit 50 years of working for the county and she wondered how anyone would stay at one job for that many years, and now, that many years have gone by for her too. She recalled waiting for the results of her first election with her family, and that Doug Kennedy, who had just started working at KWBE radio station, was the one announcing the results. She also remembers going through the many remodeling projects of the courthouse building, inside and outside. She said she has many great memories that she will take with her of working with her co-elected officials, the many employees she's worked with in her office and in the courthouse, and the custodians at the courthouse.

## **RESOLUTION #22-23**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Gage County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Gage County, the City of Beatrice and other cities and villages in Gage County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Gage County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan; and



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WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2023 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that the Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2022.

Gage County Board of County Supervisors,  
Gage County, Nebraska  
/s/ Eddie Dorn  
/s/ Gary Lytle  
/s/ Emily M. Haxby  
/s/ Terry Jurgens  
/s/ Don Schuller  
/s/ Erich Tiemann

Attest:

Gage County Clerk: /s/ Dawn Hill

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #22-23, adopting the 2023 Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Lisa Wiegand spoke on the plan, stating that she believes this is the 5<sup>th</sup> revision to the plan and that most of the changes were clerical. She said that the plan, which was put together with the help of NEMA, serves as an overview of collaborative operations of local emergency departments to work as a team in the event of a disaster. This includes first responders and village and city fire departments and emergency response teams. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. until January 11, 2023.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountynebraska.us](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk