



Gage County Board Minutes



Board of Supervisors Meeting – January 25, 2023

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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 25, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely 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 \$1,220,871.04 which does not include claim #23010119 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of 775.00 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Bank balances, Securities & 6-month Board Settlement reports for Gage County Funds ending December 31, 2022; 6. Approve reappointing Richard Douglas to the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board for another term; 7. Approve Specs and call for bids for Rock and Gravel for a period beginning March 10, 2023 and ending March 9, 2024. Bids to be opened February 22, 2023 at 9:15 a.m.; 8. Approve Utility Permit 1259 to Duane Siems. Mr. Siems will be installing a new electrical service line for a new well on the east side of SW 100th Road, approximately 1200’ south of Chestnut Road. Mr. Siems will be trenching a line 6” wide by 36” deep starting in the West grader ditch trenching east to East grader ditch then trench to new well on property. All other work will be on private property. Located on the East side of section 21 and West side of Section 22, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp.; 9. Approve receiving and place on file the 2022 Annual report for Clatonia Rescue Squad; 10. Approve declaring 2014 Dodge Charger (Silver) 149,682 miles – VIN# 2C3DXAGXEH366853 & 1989 AM General Humvee (Green) 43,493 miles – VIN# ALTHD00020005ZF4 as surplus and selling on Purple Wave; 11. Approve Gage County balances of Liability as of 1/10/2023.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	152,346.75
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	7919.98
All Copy Products	Ext Offc & EM copier leases	293.15
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf FirstNet phone svc	526.21
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6572.54
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal	775.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile diversion	8310.88
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	2280.01
Blue Rivers AAA	Funding	8715.00
Burke, Brown Law, LLC	Atty fees	1976.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	74.40
Charter Communications	Prob. internet	192.96
City Motor Supply	Parts	1100.58
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	310.96
Clerk of Dist. Court Assn.	Wkshp fee, dues	125.00
CMH Clinics	Pre-empl. physical	123.00
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	647.56
Credit Information Systems	Data searches, mbrshp	50.00
Wendy C Cutting	Transcript	438.50
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Dist Ct & Clk data processing	54.60
Election Systems & Software	UPS for elec computer	198.43
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00



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Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	3538.75
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel – Shf	81.13
First Wireless	EM svc. maint agrmt	655.20
Gage County	Fund transfer, Gen to Judgment	400,000.00
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	5.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	115.57
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	452.04
IAPE	Shf mbrshp	65.00
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	141.48
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	213.75
Joyce A Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	505.74
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	18.66
Land Survey Tech	Co Surveyor operating expns	5084.85
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	951.82
Lynn Peavey Co.	Shf supplies	184.42
Matthew Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	3905.08
Mead Lumber	Supplies	57.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rent	457.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr	Shf mbrshp	150.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Process svc	20.76
Murray Law	Atty fees	4313.00
NACO Planning & Zoning	P&Z dues	40.00
NE Assn of Emergency Managers	Dues, conf. regis.	160.00
Naylor, Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	399.00
NE Supreme Court	Publications for law library	215.55
NE Co. Assessor's Assn.	Dues	60.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf trng	266.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Nestor & Mercure, Atty's	Atty fees	299.25
Norris Public Power	Tower utilities	45.01
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	37.98
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	140.00
Philippi Electric	Shf outdoor lights, labor	360.00
Priority Printing	Treas business cards	55.00
Quadient, Inc.	Env opener maint agrmt	786.48
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	36.89
Quill – EM	Offc supplies	399.46
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	73.55
Region V Svcs, Cntrl Offc	Funding	9928.40
Region V Systems	EPC billing	1070.00
Ron's Repair	Adhesive removal	305.38
Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	4959.82
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob phones	110.16
Secretary of State	Atty Title 177 subscr.	40.00
Security Safety Products, LLC	Jail supplies	91.75
Security Services	Monitor shf fire alarm	35.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc janitorial svcs.	120.00
Sherwin Williams	Paint	58.85
Spectrum	EM cable TV	10.52
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint., pickup work	17,862.00



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Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2459.21
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	10,920.07
T. O. Haas Tire	Oil changes, tires	1476.19
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies	743.26
The Voice News	Publications	1368.77
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	934.09
U.S. Cellular	Investigative expns	150.00
Verizon Wireless – EMS 8923-1	Emer Mgmt cell phones	433.61
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt ipad, hotspot, pager	207.86
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Prob cell phones	393.40
Washington Co., NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	1365.00
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Boarding inmates, medical	14,451.72
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	156.16
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	52.56
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	311.40
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob.	Phones	406.61
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	311.38
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	609.77
Windstream – Cths.	Phones	2131.12

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,149.24
BASWA – Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Landfill fee	27.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	935.89
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	3176.41
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	591.84
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1469.56
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
Concrete Industries	Asphalt sealant	10,412.50
Contech Engineered Solutions	Materials	81,140.73
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	207.07
Huls Body Shop	Towing	196.50
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Brake cleaner	473.04
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair fuel pump	633.75
NMC Exchange	Parts, oil	4904.40
Norris Public Power	Utilities	572.31
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	1162.26
Rockmount Research & Alloys	Tools	269.71
Rose Equipment, LLC	Part	1100.17
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	20,788.90
The Voice News	Publications	26.34
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Repellent	30.71
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Veh GPS	518.08

Insurance Fund

Sarah Williams	Ins. reimb.	424.62
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	72,775.91

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	3505.00
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Community/Economic Development Fund



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NGage – Gage Area Growth Ent.	Qtrly funding	24,038.37
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911 – Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc	57,947.22
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County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Cths exterior restoration, phases 10 & 11	124,893.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,583.24
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,065.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,393.93

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,980.10
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,209.27
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	10,736.10

Insurance Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	28.66
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	32.49

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #23010119 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of 775.00, bringing the total amount of claims approved thru January 25, 2023 to \$1,221,646.04. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Speaking during public comments were several people with concerns about a 3-mile stretch of 162nd Road by Virginia – they are as follows: Steve Knoche, Steve Fulton, Trevor Husa (for Larry Husa), Rebecca Snyder, Lenhart Fritzen, Linda Searcey, Tracy Zimmerman, John Snyder and Ashley Mason. Comments included that they would like to see a bond initiated; finding funding for road project; the road also has issues when it’s wet; accidents due to dust issue; suggestion to get a tax-free bond with low interest; using inheritance funds to make the payments; fear that the issues are keeping people out of the area, driving population numbers down; being able to get over far enough when meeting vehicles or semi-trucks; suggesting the board go drive that road; and looking at results of traffic studies and paving accordingly.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Shf. Gustafson and Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby, Jurgens and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Topics included having Dean Settle here, who’s taking photos of art in the 93 county courthouses for a book or video; display in courthouse hallway was changed out by the museum; Ext. Offc. restroom remodel project; bids for work at Veterans Office; safety meeting; security improvement; 3 vehicles are on transport from dealer; expecting 2 trucks to be delivered before the end of February.

Short recess at 9:51 a.m. Reconvened at 9:59 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

NGage Executive Director Rachel Kreikemeier presented the NGage quarterly report.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to receive the NGage report and place it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on designating the Gage County Board Chairman as the voting member for the NGage Annual Meeting to be held on February 28, 2023.



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Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve designating Gage County Board Chairman Erich Tiemann as the voting member for the NGage Annual Meeting to be held on February 28, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on hiring an engineer to present ideas relating to the East ramp entrance to the courthouse. Swavely explained issues that have come up, including problems with sump pump and wind causing problems with the doors, among others. He stated that we need to look to the future and see what needs to be done and what can be done since the building is on the Historical Registry. He asked for ideas from the board.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve having Dave Swavely and Dave Jones request proposals for conceptual options for updates to the East entrance to the courthouse. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve changing the county handbook boot allowance to state that the reimbursement allowance will be 50% of the boot cost, up to a maximum of \$100.00 reimbursed. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve the 2023 board committees and appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the 2023 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules as written and presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to adjourn Board of Supervisors Meeting at 10:28 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until February 8, 2023.

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 25th day of January, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk