



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 22, 2023, at 8:47 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present.

Haxby temporarily out.

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 \$1,280,208.50 which did not include claim #23020096 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$1,355.00 and claim #23020201 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$220.00 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving and place on file the 2022 Annual report for Adams Rescue Squad; 6. Approve receiving and place on file Sheriff statement on the collection of Distress Warrants for December 2022 & January 2023; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1265 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be adding a new service drop to residence at 27672 South 66th road. Windstream will bore a 2" by 60" line for a new service line from pedestal 134VH located in the west grader ditch under South 66th road to east grader ditch and continue the bore on private property. Located on the East side of Section 4 and West side of Section 3, T-3-N, R-7-E, Rockford Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1266 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be installing new fiber lines and duct in the North part of Gage County. Windstream will plow a 3" by 48" line at the edge of roadway and bore a 2" by 48" line under road, intersections, culverts and concrete structures. Windstream will be working in Lancaster and Gage County for this project, Windstream will be installing fiber lines between Gage Road to West Ash Road between SW 114th to SW 42nd Road (Windstream's plan for locations will be available in Highway Departments Office). Located in T-6-N, R-6-E Highland Twp. and T-6-N, R-5-E Clatonia Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1267 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be installing new fiber lines and duct in the North part of Gage County. Windstream will plow a 3" by 48" line at the edge of roadway and bore a 2" by 48" line under roads, intersections, culverts and concrete structures. Windstream will be working in Lancaster and Gage County for this project, Windstream will be installing fiber lines between Gage Road to West Ash Road between SW 58th to SW 29th Road (Windstream's plan for locations will be available in Highway Departments Office). Located in T-6-N, R-6-E Highland Twp.; 10. Approve 2023 Gage Co. Highway Dept. Policy with Townships; 11. Approve sending letters of support for capital project applications for fiber in Clatonia, Cortland, Adams, Filley and Pickrell, and to approve Chairman signing letters.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	152,735.23
Adams Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs.	4500.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	On-site jail medical svcs	8457.70
All Copy Products	Copier leases	425.93
AT&T Mobility	Shf FirstNet phone svc.	526.21
BASWA	Brush disposal	15.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6127.95
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal	1355.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	2049.89
Blackburn Technologies	Equip, labor	1280.01
Bob Barker Co.	Inmate provisions	35.90
Bryan LGH East	Patient records	48.50
Burke, Brown Law	Atty fees	1368.00
C & C Detailing	Wash Shf vehicles	45.00
Capital City Transfer Svc.	Autopsy expns	459.25
Charter Communications	Prob. phones	192.96
City of Beatrice	Prob. utilities, Cths & Shf gbg svc.	2079.88
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc.	10,000.00

Coast to Coast Computer Prod.	Toner	429.98
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	44,183.60
Countryside Event Center	Rent	300.00
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp	50.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	29.75
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	109.20
Datashield Corp	Doc shredding	16.32
Douglas Co. Shf.	Svc fees	30.74
Duval Ford, LLC	3 Shf. vehicles	124,770.70
Eakes Office Solutions	Copies, offc supplies	1308.35
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	1567.50
First Wireless	Svc contract, equip rental	1649.70
Gage County	Fund trnsfrs to Co Bldg, Ins, Rd/Brdg Snk	441,313.00
Gage County Court	Court costs	2875.00
Gage County Sheriff	Shf fees & mlg.	2369.44
Gage County Treasurer	Titles, tire tax	45.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	211.27
Global Auto Transportation, Inc.	Transport new Shf vehicles	2575.00
Hall Co. Shf.	Shf fees	8.00
David Henning	Cemetery care	1000.00
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	141.48
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	1686.25
Jones Automotive	Changeout Shf veh.	980.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Restroom supplies	303.62
Leo's Jewelry	Recognition awards	1588.95
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	820.16
Lynn Peavey Co.	Law Enf supplies	82.18
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1282.50
Mead Lumber	Supplies	227.30
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Checks, forms	429.34
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	3111.25
NACO	Dues	160.00
Naylor, Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	2075.75
NE Assn. of Co. Clerks, ROD, Elec	Dues	50.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Dues, training	275.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes Htng. & A/C	Supplies, labor	297.89
Norris Public Power	Tower utilities	48.71
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	271.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Supplies	66.70
Theodore Paben	Snow removal	100.00
Paper Tiger	Doc shredding	186.20
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns	780.00
Priority Printing	Paper	1880.00
Quadient, Inc.	Opener lease	786.48
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	15.28
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	158.34
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	53.62
Ramada Columbus	Lodging	192.00
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3852.00
Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	5425.06
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	112.87
Sec. of State	Atty Title 177 subscr.	40.00
Security Services	Monitor Shf fire alarm	35.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Offc. janitorial svcs.	150.00
Sherwin Williams	Paint, supplies	159.54
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	35.00
Spectrum	EM svc	11.55
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint., pickup work	7966.50
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2428.01
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	5384.10
T.O. Haas Tire	Repairs, oil changes	819.42
The Home Depot Pro	Janitorial supplies	425.97
Thomsen Reuters	Law Library	5470.08
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Travel, supplies	100.13

U.S. Post Svc., Postmaster	Prob. stamps	1030.00
Verizon Wireless, EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	207.91
Washinton Co. Shf., KS	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Weigels Jewelry	Recognition awards	880.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	38.16
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	53.12
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	311.44
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob.	Phones	410.55
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	311.44
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	610.33
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	927.20

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,282.25
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	513.70
BASWA	Rubbish disposal	95.75
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1105.55
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	49,423.11
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools	2050.41
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	475.14
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	200.55
Constellation NewEnergy	Utilities	489.89
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	476.12
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	274.02
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Easement filing	66.00
Howard, LLC	Parts	40.49
Interstate PowerSystems	Parts, labor	4044.46
Johnny's Welding	Labor, repair step	220.00
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	845.23
Larry's Tire & Service	Repairs, mounting	489.59
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	25.98
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	39,822.50
Matheson Tri-Gas	Supplies	98.54
Mead Lumber	Supplies	36.99
NMC Exchange	Parts, oil	1797.13
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tools, supplies	1027.64
PowerPlan	Parts, labor	9307.14
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	1007.57
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	6515.93
Sapp Bros.	Fuel, oil	28,184.10
Small Engine Specialists, Inc.	Part	83.20
Theisen Construction, Inc.	Proj C34-12405, em pile repair, app 1	83,610.00
Dianne Trout	Easement	165.94
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Veh. GPS	259.04
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	294.46
Zoellner Ford	Parts	46.80

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Ins.	Employee health ins. claims paid	45,733.62
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Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

Universal Broadband Consulting, Ltd.	Broadband project svcs.	292.50
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,611.06
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,102.35
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,671.09

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,921.57
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,150.94
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	10,392.93

Jurgens asked to pull item #10, Hwy Dept. policy with townships.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #10, to be voted on separately. Motion carried 6-0.

Haxby back in meeting at 8:53 a.m.

Discussion on 2023 Hwy Dept. policy with Townships for rock and gravel. Jurgens mentioned that they will vote later in meeting on the possibility of townships exchanging gravel for rock so the additional discussion was postponed until the agenda item.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve consent agenda item #10, the 2023 Gage County Hwy Dept. policy with Townships as written. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #23020096 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$1,355.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to approve claim #23020201 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$220.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 22, 2023 to \$1,281,783.50. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Swavely and Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. for rock and gravel bids for a period beginning March 10, 2023 and ending March 9, 2024, and accept, reject or award bids. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to refer all bids to Hwy Superintendent for review and for him to come back in 2 weeks with his recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Millard Gustafson recognized Deputies Diehl, Smith and Patsch for their efforts in the rescue of a dog from the ice and read their letter of recognition into the record.

Committee report on Road & Bridge was given by Haxby. Items of discussion during committee meetings included meetings with architects on entrance updates; restroom project completed; contractor looked at triplex repairs needed; baggage scanner cannot go back on Purple Wave so will be scrapped; changes to solar regs; storm spotter trainings; and 2 public hearings scheduled for P&Z special use permits.

Nicole Stoner presented an Extension Office Annual Report and talked about the Yard & Garden program scheduled to begin April 14th. She also thanked the board for the update to the restrooms at their office, and made a request for updated computers and tables.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to approve receiving the Extension Annual Report and placing it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Christina Lyons presented an annual report on the diversion program for 2022.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the diversion report and placing it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on allowing township officials to exchange miles of gravel allotment for rock. Jurgens suggested giving the townships the right to exchange 2 miles of gravel for rock per allotment in the Spring and in the Fall. Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke said that the quality of the gravel has been better.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adding to the 2023 County Highway Dept. policy with Townships (which was previously approved by motion and second), the option of exchanging 2 miles of gravel per Spring and Fall allotments for rock at 5/8" to 1½" size. Motion carried 7-0.

Short break at 10:37 a.m. Back in session at 10:45 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:45 a.m. for security, personnel, and negotiations. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move out of closed session at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to adjourn Board of Supervisors meeting at 11:24 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m. until March 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 22nd day of February, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk