

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met along with the Township Association and Township Boards for the Township Association Annual Meeting on February 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at the American Legion Post 27/VFW Post 1077, with Terry Jurgens, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle, Dave Swavely and Don Schuller present.

Notice of said meeting was posted at the County Clerk's Office and published prior to the meeting in compliance with State Statutes.

Township Board Association Chairman Don Schuster called the meeting to order and received and put on record the Notice of Public Meeting.

Tiemann called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the above listed board members present and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the table where he was seated.

Township Board Chairman Don Schuster conducted the meeting.

Township officials approved the agenda and the minutes from last year's meeting.

Melvin Oltmans gave the Treasurer's report and did roll call of townships represented with only 1 not having a representative present.

No old business.

New business Chairman Schuster reminded all Township Board members that if they had not filed their bond paperwork with the County Clerk's Office, they needed to right away. Per statute, no funds can be paid out until the Bond received.

Speakers for the meeting:

1. Scott Berry and Taylor Wenzl spoke about the issues with Def usage. It is ok if Def freezes, just shake and dump. Taylor mentioned that is was important to clean around the tank.
2. Senator Myron Dorn spoke legislative issues. He mentioned the property tax credit, if you have not claimed yours, you can go back 3 years.
3. Terry Jurgens, Dist. 7 Supervisor and Road & Bridge Committee Chair spoke on the Highway Dept. budget and what percent had been used. He discussed the recent rock & gravel bids that were received by the county. Discussed townships being able to substitute rock for gravel.
4. Erich Tiemann, Dist. 3 Supervisor and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors thanked the township board members for all of their work. He discussed paved roads, County in good health overall, the judgment will be paid off this year and discussed the grant the Emily Haxby has been working on RAISE (grant) is for infrastructure
5. Lisa Wiegand, Emergency Manager spoke about P&Z permits – 22 permits and 38% of those are ag permits.
6. Mark Kuhnke, Gage County Highway Superintendent spoke on the one- & 6-year plan. Mark also spoke about the tree removal letter that will be used. Mark will send out a letter to the landowner, townships will receive an email. If the trees are not cut, the cutting of the trees will be hired out and the fees will be added to the property taxes. He discussed the projects awarded in the last Bridge Match program.
7. Terry Jurgens, Erich Tiemann & Gary Lytle, Board Supervisors spoke about consolidation of townships. They wanted the members to think about this and would like input. Some townships struggle to pass bond issues and cannot raise their levy enough due to many past boards that wanted to keep taxes down. The one concern that was mentioned is the snow removal process.

Other Officials present included: Gage County Attorney Roger Harris and Gage County Clerk Dawn Hill.

Schuster called for nominations for the election of Township Association Officers. Schuster stated that he removed his name for consideration and stated that Alan Weise had agreed to accept the position if nominated. A motion was made to cease nominations and cast a unanimous

ballot for Alan Weise. Motion carried. The position for Secretary at this time is still unfilled. No nominations were made so numbers were drawn to select someone, #15 Tanner Benash was drawn and he declined and then #45 Dave Spilker's name was drawn and he declined.

Schuster asked for any further business and with none being presented, declared the meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Chairman Tiemann declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk