



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 5, 2025, at 8:51 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on January 23, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present.

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 \$546,516.68 which does not include claim #25020090 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$723.72 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve and place on file Sheriff statement on collection of distress warrants for Dec. 2024; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of January, 2025; 7. Approve 2025 Gage Co. Highway Dept. Policy with Townships; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1322 to Pinpoint Communications, Inc. Pinpoint will be installing a new Fiber line on Lilac Road, South 1st Road and Locust Road east of Hwy 77. Pinpoint will plow in the out edge of the ROW to a depth of 4' and bore under all roads, driveways, and structures to a depth of 10 along the planned route. Located North, East, and South of Section 15, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1323 to Northern Natural Gas Company. Northern will be occupying Gage County ROW for grading and installing a new driveway with culvert in the South grader ditch along Hoyt Road approximately 2,020' East of the intersection of S.23rd and Hoyt Road. Located North of Section 31, T-4-N, R-7-E Logan Twp.; 10. Approve Specs & call for bids for C-34(1181) Rockford Overlay. Bids to be opened on March 5, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	177,302.28
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical	170.11
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	110.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Annl fire sprinkler tap	245.00
Beatrice Lawn Care	Snow removal, ice melt	1600.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile diversion	3331.27
Benchmark Gov. Solutions, LLC	Depty trng meals	239.00
Black Hills Energy Det. 8852	Utilities	455.81
Black Hills Energy Ext. 5089	Utilities	352.61
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	891.32
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging	Admin. bldg. rent	586.72
Ben Carrel	Recog. dinner	500.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	200.64
Charter Comm., Spectrum 2019	Nebr City Prob internet/phone	409.96
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	72.01
DAS St. Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	2923.05
Election Systems & Software	Supplies – Freeman Sch elec	230.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip. rent, maint. agrmnts	6073.36
GBE, CPA	Audit work	12,500.00
Hamm Glass	Replace door glass	715.75
HD Supply Facilities Maint., LTD	Restroom supplies	1084.65
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	216.71
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Shower repair	50.00

Lancaster Co. Shf.	Serving papers	18.70
MIPS, Inc.	Forms, printing	14,172.11
NACEB – NE Assn Co Ext Bds.	Mtg dues	150.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Instit.	555.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes Heating & A/C	Replace furnace	6685.00
Theodore Paben	Ext Offc snow removal	50.00
Philippi Electric	Vets Offc lights	667.52
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expns	2750.00
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping fees	239.59
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	593.95
Riverside Technologies	Prob computer	8827.00
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	111.33
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	672.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	5880.55
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Subscr.	168.30
U.S. Cellular	Shf investigative expns	150.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phone, hotspot	218.87
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob. 339-1	Prob cell phones	247.62
Weigels Jewelry	Recog. items	267.00
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.55
Windstream – Fillmore Prob.	Phones	462.39
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	3499.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,599.35
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts	102,436.80
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	41.58
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	165.35
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	348.94
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Overhead door repairs	750.25
Bomgaars	Pipe, jack	144.97
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	239.41
Dakota Fluid Power, Inc.	Supplies	2871.93
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	262.56
First Wireless	Equip rental	350.00
Johnny's Welding	Hoses, fittings	723.72
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	577.89
Rose Equipment, LLC	Part	371.09
Tractor Supply Co.	Lag bolts	30.91
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	1356.74

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	2792.67
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims pd	22,592.64
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Admin fees, premiums	37,810.72

Transportation Development Grant Fund

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Prof svcs, S 25 th Rd. & Odell Rd.	1332.50
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,911.96
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,891.19
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,875.44
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,118.28
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25020090 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$723.72, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 5, 2025 to \$547,240.40. 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 Dorn and Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Jurgens on Equalization and Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included winter lights removed from tree; motor on circulating pump went out; proposal on engraving names on cannon; referee system for valuation protests; need to replace siren in Wymore; update on Raise Grant.

Martin Schildt with Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA presented the FY 2023-2024 County Audit Report and discussed key points.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve closing bidding at 9:15 a.m. for county fuel. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Sapp Bros. of Beatrice NE, at \$2.597 per gallon for diesel and \$2.609 per gallon for unleaded; and from Farmer's Cooperative of Beatrice NE at \$2.70 per gallon for diesel and \$2.67 per gallon for unleaded.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve accepting bids for county fuel and awarding the bid to Sapp Bros. as the low bidder. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve receiving the 2023-2024 County Audit Report and placing it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve the 2025 Board Committees and Appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve the Agreement between Gage County and SENDD (Southeast Nebraska Development District) for the project known as Gage County Road Project. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on the 2025 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to approve the 2025 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. until February 19, 2025.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at www.gagecountyne.gov.

/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 5th day of February, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk