



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 20, 2025, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on August 7, 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 \$735,719.85; except claim #25080000083 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00 & claim #24080000086 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$50.98 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; Approve receiving County Offices Inventory Statements and place on file; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1337 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern will be repairing a 3" pipeline that is shallow, Northern will excavate and cap the pipeline with concrete where line is shallow in the East grader ditch on SW 89th between Plum and Sage Road. Located East of Section 34, T-2-N, R-5-E, Elm Twp.; 7. Approve accepting bid from Lammel plumbing in the amount of \$16,300.00 for the county Ramp project; 8. Approve accepting bid from Plymouth Electric for the Lighting Project bid in the amount of \$56,918.00.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	172,499.84
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svc	10,372.89
Applied Connective Technologies	IT, security svcs	12,443.85
Asure Operations, LLC	Hireclick x 12	999.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6956.48
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Sign tubing	18.56
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm-based juv. svcs. grant	7967.47
Bragg Animal Control	Svcs	210.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copier overage	28.66
Capital City Concepts	Legal svcs, CIR study	17,090.88
Capital City Transfer	Autopsy svcs.	357.30
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	378.00
Civic Research Institute	Subscription	249.95
Clearlyfly	Phones	2850.63
Column	Publications	2405.65
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	6877.30
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	338.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	105.58
Echo Group	Ballast	30.70
Extreme Motorsports	Signs, decals	435.00
Farmer's Cooperative	Tire, fuel	1128.96
Gage Co. Treasurer	Titles, tire tax	30.00
Great Plains Reporting	Deposition transcripts	390.35
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	784.23
Green Way Lawn Svcs.	Mowing, grub appl.	1180.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA admin fees	169.96
Johnson Co Shf.	Process svc	57.20
Jones Automotive	Shf equip transfer (van)	2530.00
Kravec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	3102.47

Matt Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	324.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	258.52
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc., receipts, printing	14,678.77
MRO	Shf data search	29.48
NACO	SE Dist mtg reg.	40.00
NACO	Legis. conf. reg.	220.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Jail roof unit repair	1734.95
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	75.00
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expns	3204.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Internet	270.17
Police Officer's Assn. of NE	Handbooks	264.00
Quadient	Folder, env opener leases	1885.65
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	36.88
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	65.36
Sapp Bros.	Fuel	3413.89
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring	190.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	220.00
Soap Opera Laundry	mop/rag cleaning	24.50
Spectrum	EM cable TV	11.51
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	20,709.00
Staples	Offc supplies	307.44
Summit Fire Protection	Data room fire suppression test	367.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	9487.08
The Crete News	Publications	23.63
The Voice News	Publications	30.95
Thomson Reuters	Law Library	3619.54
TKE Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	274.79
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Credit bulletin	168.30
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, supplies, meals, lodging, etc.	2515.08
Verizon	EM phones	387.19
Verizon	Shf phones	480.12
Verizon	EM phones	325.13
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Housing inmates	16,380.00
Wendy C. Cutting	Transcript	66.00
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	229.66
Windstream	Phones	4131.20
Woodbury Shf.'s Offc.	Svc	10.00
Zoellner Ford	Install running boards	883.80

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,675.79
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts	80,634.30
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	408.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	450.72
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	371.33
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	61,777.52
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	7405.25
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	83.95
Column	Publications	14.72
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply	Ice	122.50
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol tests	185.00
Farmer's Cooperative	Fuel, propane	720.30
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts, supplies	619.57
Johnny's Welding	Parts	50.98
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	411.81
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Mount skidbar, tire mounts, repairs	310.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Welding supplies	84.32
Mead Lumber	Supplies	395.89
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair gas pumps	1504.37
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy Program	192.32
NMC CAT	Parts	2629.88
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	228.96
Power Plan	Parts	246.65
RDO Truck Center	Parts	385.23

Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	14,019.25
Sapp Bros.	Shf/Jail fuel	20,851.13
Truck Equip. Svc.	Parts	183.60
Truck Center Companies	Parts	76.23
U.S. AutoForce	Tires	484.88
U.S. Bank	Supplies	235.80
Verizon Connect	Vehicle GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	48.89

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Barneston Comm. Center Foundation	Grant for comm center restroom addition	23,000.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease	302.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds Online w numer. indexes, convert images	313.27

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	29,747.74
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. vol. ins. premiums	541.82

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,404.33
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,450.71
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins – Gen & Road	63,054.37

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,015.61
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,272.17

Tiemann asked to pull item #8, lighting bid, from the consent agenda to be discussed and voted on separately.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #8. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on bid for Lighting Project grant – bid is below the amount received in the grant, so lighting upgrade in additional areas of county buildings is possible. Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve accepting the lowest bid from Plymouth Electric for the current Lighting Project in the amount of \$56,918.00, and to extend the project with additional lighting in other areas. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #2508000083 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Clabaugh abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #2408000086 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$50.98, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 20, 2025 to \$735,955.83. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Bev Acton spoke under public comments, thanking the Board of Supervisors for all the support they gave for the Cattleman's Ball which she and husband Tim hosted. Despite the 3½ inches of rain that fell early on, the event was a great success raising \$1,345,000.00, with 90% of the funds, over \$1.2 million, going to the Fred and Pamela Buffet Center, and 10%, over \$137,000.00, going back to the communities and volunteer groups in southeast Nebraska in the form of grants. Bev also thanked Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke, Emergency Mgmt. Director Lisa Wiegand, Shf. Millard Gustafson and the Shf. Dept., and all of the rural Fire Departments who helped in any and every way.

Jerad Reimers with Congressman Adrian Smith's Office presented an update from the Congressman's Office, now based out of the Nebraska City Office, serving 80 of the 93 counties in the State. Reimers discussed the Education Choice Act, a legislative effort to establish a federal tax credit for charitable donations to K-12 scholarship programs.

Committee reports were given by Dorn & Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on the 1- and 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

No public present for public hearing.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:22 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee reports continued with Tiemann on Equalization, Finance/Insurance, and Human Resources/Public Relations, Lytle & Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed were courthouse east ramp project and sliding door; tree removal in the Fall; water cooler for courthouse; and Shf. vehicle on Purple Wave auction.

RESOLUTION #25-03

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent has presented a One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of said County, and,

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 20th day of August, 2025.

Motion by: Jurgens

Second by: Lytle

Vote: Aye - 7

Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #25-03 to adopt the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheri Weber and Heather Lytle with Blue Valley Community Action presented a report about the programs they offer and their budget request for county funding.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Jurgens to reconsider the motion made at the August 6, 2025, meeting which disapproved sending a draft of revisions to Livestock Facility Regulations to P&Z. This motion would bring the item back for a vote to send the draft regulations to the P&Z Commission. Dave Swavely spoke on the process the committee took in developing the draft. Adams felt that the board didn't follow through with their own process. The P&Z board sent the initial request for review of the regulations back to the board and requested the board get public input. A committee was appointed and took input from the public, put together a draft and we killed it here. We did not follow through with sending it back to P&Z. Clabaugh stated that he did not understand the vote last meeting, he had no intention of stopping the process. Tiemann & Lytle spoke in favor of waiting for the renewal of the comprehensive plan to deal with the livestock regs. It was stated that this process could take 2 years (when current plan expires) and there were individuals with plans for facilities out there that need direction now. Motion carried 6-1 with Tiemann voting nay.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to send a draft of Livestock Facility Regs to P&Z for their consideration with amending the setbacks as, *empty (0)*. Marcella Rademacher said she would like to hear from the people affected by the other CAFO that is currently in operation. Jurgens stated he did not like the setbacks that were currently in the draft. Haxby stated to remove them, sending the draft to P&Z without a number for setbacks. Jonathan Leo with Farmer's Union, Leo said it is wise to send it back to P&Z. He referred to a similar case where Seward County voted to impose a 6-month moratorium on chicken barns as another option. This lets you consider looking at the broad overview of this and ensure all stakeholders are notified. Vote was taken on motion made to send an amended draft to P&Z – motion carried 5-2 with Tiemann and Lytle voting nay. Tiemann stated to take this as formal notice of sending the draft to P&Z.

RESOLUTION #25-05

WHEREAS, The Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et. seq. and all amendments thereto) enables separate political subdivisions of Nebraska to cooperate on the basis of mutual advantage to provide for joint undertakings, services and facilities.

WHEREAS, Gage County (county, municipality or other public agency), Nebraska believes it is in the best interest of its citizens to join with other Nebraska Public Agencies participating in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network is established by Public Agencies for the benefit of Nebraska citizens and allows information to be shared among emergency and communications centers on a real time, on demand, basis to help mitigate an emergency that threatens any location.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gage County Board hereby:

1. Approves the document entitled “Agreement”, and
2. Enters into the Agreement for the formation and participation in the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network until the Board of the Public Agency terminates the Agreement, and
3. The Chair of the Board of the Public Agency is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Public Agency following passage and approval of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of August, 2025.

Attest: Gage County Board

/s/ Dawn Hill
County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chair/Presiding Officer

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to approve Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Development and use of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network and Resolution #25-05. Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby asked to have the appointment with P&Z Commission items pulled off the agenda for 2 weeks so that the policy that the board has in place could be followed. She stated that a policy was approve and a letter sent to P&Z on how they would handle appointment to the P&Z board. The letter stated that the County Board would take applications. Haxby said that while she knew these were good people the process had not been followed and therefore, she would be voting no. Adams and Clabaugh agreed, if we have a policy established, we need to follow it. Tiemann stated that he had spoken to the two individual’s multiple times over the past year or so about being on the committee.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve appointing Tim Lottman as a Planning & Zoning Commission member. Motion carried 4-3 with Tieman, Lytle, Dorn and Jurgens voting yea, and Adams, Clabaugh and Haxby voting nay.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve appointing Ross Trauernicht as a Planning & Zoning Commission member. Motion carried 4-3 with Tieman, Lytle, Dorn and Jurgens voting yea, and Adams, Clabaugh and Haxby voting nay.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve Interlocal Agreement for Joint Application to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) between Saline County and Participating Counties. Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby left meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve receiving and placing on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving preliminary requests for levy allocation to the County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, Gage County Historical Society, and Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #25-04, 2025

Whereas, Nebr. State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are subject to Gage County Levy authority are agricultural society, historical society, rural fire districts and townships; and

Whereas, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has determined that due to the number of political subdivisions and taxing parcels that would be affected, that a levy will be established and if the subdivisions request is over that levy, their levy will be reduced to respective amounts as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that the levy rates will be as follows:

Agricultural Society**	0.002759
Historical Society*	0.000634
Rural Fire Districts	0.030000
Townships	<u>0.075000</u>
Total	0.108393

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that if any of the political subdivisions that are subject to the county levy authority neglects to submit a request, the Board will use their last year’s budget request to determine the levy rate subject to limitations found in the resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Board of Supervisors does hereby allocate the following:

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Gage Co. Ag Society**				
General	135,000.00	0.002759	135,000.00	0.002759
Historical Society*	31,000.00	0.000634	31,000.00	0.000634

RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Rural Fire (General Fund)	98,000.00	0.027220	98,000.00	0.027220
Barneston Rural Fire (General Fund)	38,000.00	0.027205	38,000.00	0.027205
Beatrice Rural Fire (General Fund)	247,000.00	0.027736	247,000.00	0.027736
Blue Springs Rural Fire*				
(General Fund)	70,000.00	0.028820		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.010293</u>		
Total	95,000.00	0.039113	72,867.02	0.030000
Clatonia Rural Fire (General Fund)	27,000.00	0.025382	27,000.00	0.025382
Cort-Lanc Rural Fire*				
(General Fund)	101,580.00	0.032277		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>4,723.00</u>	<u>0.001501</u>		
Total	106,303.00	0.033778	94,413.89	0.030000
Filley Rural Fire (General Fund)	60,000.00	0.015258	60,000.00	0.015258

Odell Rural Fire (General Fund)	21,000.00	0.005951	21,000.00	0.005951
Pickrell Rural Fire (General Fund)	74,979.00	0.024231	74,979.00	0.024231
Wymore Rural Fire* (General Fund)	98,673.00	0.046258	63,992.96	0.030000

TOWNSHIPS

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Township	69,406.92	0.024965	69,406.92	0.024965
Barneston Township	46,133.58	0.041813	46,133.58	0.041813
Blakely Township	151,700.00	0.063981	151,700.00	0.063981
Blue Springs-Wymore	48,640.74	0.026774	48,640.74	0.026774
Clatonia Township	69,662.00	0.042609	69,662.00	0.042609
Elm Township	50,525.00	0.033341	50,525.00	0.033341
Filley Township	82,000.00	0.058735	82,000.00	0.058735
Glenwood Township	42,600.00	0.031676	42,600.00	0.031676
Grant Township	59,000.00	0.035139	59,000.00	0.035139
Hanover Township	46,575.00	0.029826	46,575.00	0.029826
Highland Township	119,653.40	0.050000	119,653.40	0.050000
Holt Township	46,313.00	0.024731	46,313.00	0.024731
Hooker Township	40,000.00	0.029865	40,000.00	0.029865
Island Grove Township	45,320.64	0.050746	45,320.64	0.050746
Liberty Township	48,000.00	0.045913	48,000.00	0.045913
Lincoln Township	53,281.74	0.036948	53,281.74	0.036948
Logan Township	53,000.00	0.035934	53,000.00	0.035934
Midland Township (Sinking Fund)	49,680.00	0.032278	49,680.00	0.032278
Nemaha Township	80,000.00	0.032723	80,000.00	0.032723
Paddock Township	51,935.00	0.042070	51,935.00	0.042070
Riverside Township	93,000.00	0.048679	93,000.00	0.048679
Rockford Township	50,970.00	0.038226	50,970.00	0.038226
Sherman Township	32,949.06	0.029494	32,949.06	0.029494
Sicily Township	53,781.58	0.039821	53,781.58	0.039821

*over amount allowed
**last year’s tax request
***special election

Motion by Jurgens to adopt Resolution #25-04, 2025, seconded by Dorn.
Voting yes were Adams, Clabaugh, Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn, Jurgens
Voting no were None

Motion carried 6-0.

ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk (SEAL)

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-04 setting the final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, Gage County Historical Society, and Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on FY 25-26 County Budget.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until September 3, 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 20th day of August, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk