

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 10, 2024, at 8:46 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.

Tiemann asked if there was any old business to finalize, there was none. Tiemann declared 2023 session formally closed SINE-DIE and turned the meeting over to County Clerk Dawn Hill for the election of officers for the reorganization of the Board of Supervisors for 2024.

Clerk Hill asked for nominations for Chairman. Jurgens nominated Erich Tiemann. Hill asked for any other nominations for Chairman. Jurgens made a motion, seconded by Lytle to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Erich Tiemann as Chairman. Motion carried 7-0.

Hill turned the meeting back over to Tiemann to facilitate the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Tiemann thanked everyone for the vote of Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were received from Schuller for Lytle as Vice Chairman and from Dorn for Haxby as Vice Chairman. Ballots for Vice Chairman were voted and given to Clerk Hill. Hill read the vote aloud. Haxby – 5 & Lytle – 2. Haxby was elected as Vice Chairman.

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$627,546.93 except claim #24010078 to Hard Rock Quarry in the amount of \$21527.20, claim #24010080 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$95.49 and claim #24010085 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$37,563.75 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve appointing Patti Milligan to prepare levy requests; 6. approve appointing Dawn Hill to prepare the County Budget; 7. approve designation of official County Newspaper(s); 8. approve designating Gage County's website (www.gagecountynebraska.us) as an official method of providing notice of any meetings/public notices; 9. approve Dawn Hill as the NIRMA contact person; 10. approve reappointing Mark Kuhnke as Gage Co. Highway Superintendent for 2024; 11. approve Bank Depositories: a. Security First Bank; b. Adams State Bank; c. State Bank of Odell; d. First State Bank; e. Pinnacle Bank; f. First National Bank of Omaha; g. First Interstate Bank; i. NFIT – Union Bank & Trust; j. NPAIT; k. Bank of the West; l. US Bank; m. Western National Bank; 12. approve Pledged Securities: a. Pinnacle Bank – ICS (Insured Cash Sweep); b. Security First Bank – ICS (Insured Cash Sweep); 13. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of December, 2023; 14. approve 2023 Annual Noxious Weed report and having Chairman sign report; 15. approve board meeting change to December 24th instead of 25th due to the Christmas Holiday; 16. approve Specs and call for Bids on 2 Motor Graders. Bids to be opened on February 7, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.; 17. approve Specs and call for bids on Fuel. Bids to be opened on February 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.; 18. approve sheriff's distress warrant report for November, 2023; 19. approve quote from Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$30,876.40 for outdoor warning siren to be placed on Sec. 16-4-6.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	179,392.43
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Qrtrly copier lease	660.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT mgmt.	9914.80
Arbor Ink, LLC	DC env.	830.72
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile svcs aid	3566.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	227.34
Blue360 Media	NE criminal & traffic laws manuals	375.70
BOSN Service Co.	Jail boiler maint.	583.00
Capital One NA	Prob. supplies	67.44

Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal work	4162.50
CASA of Gage County	Child advocacy	2310.58
CDW Government, Inc.	Prob. equip.	5369.64
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Jail supplies	566.10
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Prob. fees	207.96
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	879.93
Critical Hire	Pre-empl exams	75.00
Crowne Plaza – Kearney	Lodging	404.85
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.00
Marian DeBuhr	Prior svc retirement	69.24
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co.	Vets stamps	88.10
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	3435.64
Echo Group, Inc.	Supplies, labor	31.79
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Engineered Controls, Inc.	Svc call, parts	775.18
Farm & Home Publishers	Plat books	750.00
First Wireless, Inc.	EM svc contract	684.68
Gage County Court	Court costs	1320.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases, 2 mos.	971.16
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2541.25
Jim’s Carpet & Supplies	Flooring for Ext Offc	621.71
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken’s Pest Control	Shf pest control	400.00
Lammel Plumbing	Clear clogged sewer	574.28
Thelma Loemker	Prior svc retirement	57.70
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1425.00
Jacob Meyer	Witness fees/mlg	72.40
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	356.10
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support/programs	5131.09
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2053.50
NAEM	Mbrshp dues	50.00
Natl. Assn. of Counties (NACO)	Dues	450.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Conf. regis.	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public defender, training	6546.15
NI Government Svcs., Inc.	Sat. phone	77.39
Norris Public Power	Utilities	43.99
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	151.50
Pictometry Intl. Corp.	Fly-over imagery	42,039.46
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	141.71
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	336.94
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	668.17
Reagan Law Offcs., PC LLO	Atty fees	1554.50
Region V Systems	EPC billings, qtrly funding	14,276.50
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob Falls City phones	110.87
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring alarms, panic buttons	561.50
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	17.50
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt enf atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	2953.13
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, meals, fuel, etc.	3599.54
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	ROD PO Box	186.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Hot spots, ipads for EM	328.06
Verizon Wireless – Prob. 339-1	Cell phones, 2 mos.	787.76
Westlake Ace Hardware	Tools, supplies	226.51
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	109.57
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phones	436.79
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	933.62
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,242.06
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	43,274.01
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	217.51
City of Wymore	Utilities	182.33
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Blades	4795.00

Echo Group	Supplies	257.65
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hamilton Equip. Co.	Parts	316.77
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock, dirt	21,527.20
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part	97.44
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Parts	95.49
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Paint	23.18
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1863.00
Powerplan	Parts, labor	7441.86
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Hauling material	37,563.75
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts	35.41
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	7804.56
T.O. Haas Tire	Tire	284.43
Tractor Supply Co.	Supplies	64.98
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9198.28
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numeric indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Jared Kerr	Ins reimb.	424.62
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	92,958.02
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin fees	33,425.20

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,981.70
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,157.58
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,202.91

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,986.37
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,255.90
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Insurance Fund

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

Hill stated that she had not received the item #14 Noxious Weed report and to strike that item. Lytle also requested to pull off #7 for the Designation of county newspaper, for separate vote.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with pulling #7 off and striking #14. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the various papers in the area. In the past there had been 3 papers, when the Arbor State closed that left two. All notices need to be sent to the papers that are designated as the county official newspaper. If we would like to send notices to The Voice, we still have that option.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve The Beatrice Daily Sun as the official county newspaper. Motion carried 6-1 with Schuller voting nay.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24010080 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$95.49. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #24010078 to Hard Rock Quarry in the amount of \$21,527.20 & claim #24010085 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$37,563.75. This brings the total amount of claims paid to \$686,733.37. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Steve Krause, 659 Scout Ridge Circle, Adams, NE was present and speaking under public comments. He said that he had issues with people driving down the road at a high rate of speed right next to where he was working. He said he has property on both sides of the road and he is guessing that they are going through at about 40 mph. Tiemann stated that they will take this into

consideration and that the highway superintendent is present and can do some checking. During public comments the board is not able to have a discussion back and forth.

Steve Knocke, 28827 S 176th Rd., Virginia NE, spoke during public comments on the 3 miles of S 162nd Rd, Virginia NE, that need to be hard surfaced. He would like the board to give this some thought. He and Rick Clabaugh went to a Virginia village meeting where they discussed grant availability, so he is asking the board to pursue grant opportunities to help relieve taxpayer burden.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Scott Bates on Veterans Service, Haxby on Road & Bridge, and Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement. Topics of discussion were snow & ice removal on grounds, new counters for Extension Offc., heat pump installed on south entrance, new desks and entrance for District Court Office, glass on south entrance door was broken and replaced, broadband project is ¼ of the way complete, County Government Day will be Feb. 13th, 2 motor graders and county fuel will be put out for bid, Township Assn. meeting is Feb. 8th, continuing outreach surveys on road use for grants, Deputy Hager began his job as school resource officer.

Haxby left meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith, gave an update. Reimers is now based out of the Nebraska City Office which came about after the expansion of Smith's District that the unicameral directed, where he took over 80 of the 93 Nebraska counties. Smith is the Chair of the trade subcommittee within the Ways and Means Committee, who deal with trade negotiations and trade related issues with other countries. Main focuses for the Congressman's office include navigating Federal red tape, assistance with expediting passports, getting the IRS to respond and navigate tax related issues, and working with Federal Agencies on grant issues.

Short recess at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:53 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Haxby.

Betsy Frerichs, 33546 S 108th Rd., Holmesville NE, representing the Barneston Community Center Board, spoke to the Board on their request for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant Application for the Barneston Community Center in the amount of \$23,000.00 for a men's and women's restroom and storage room addition to the center. Frerichs said the historical building still gets a lot of use but the use is declining due to the poor condition of the restrooms which are currently located in the basement and are very hazardous and not ADA compliant. There are issues with pipes freezing and they have had to sometimes rent portable restrooms for events.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant for the Barneston Community Center in the amount of \$23,000.00 for a men's and women's restroom and storage room addition. Motion carried 6-0.

Tourism Director Dakota Hurley presented the quarterly tourism report. She stated that there will be two other applications submitted for Visitor's Improvement Grants soon.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the tourism report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU between the Nebraska Dept. of Veteran's Affairs and Gage County for the VetraSpec program for a 2-year agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION

#24-01

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Gage County, Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Gage County, the City of Beatrice, and other cities and villages in Gage County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors/Commissioners of Gage County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Gage County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2024 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that the Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th day of January, 2024.

Gage County Board of County Supervisors,

ATTEST: Gage County, Nebraska

/s/ Don Schuller

/s/ Terry Jurgens

/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Eddie Dorn

/s/ David Swavely

/s/ Gary Lytle

Attest:

Gage County Clerk: /s/ Dawn Hill

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-01 adopting the Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:18 a.m. for Personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 10:31 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until January 24, 2024.

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 10th day of January, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	164,598.92
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7293.15
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copier leases and copy overages	338.94
Applied Connective Technologies	IT equip. and labor	2716.59
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf FirstNet phone svc.	526.21
Beatrice Area Solid Waste – BASWA	Annl. BASWA fee, waste disposal	26,590.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5303.27
Beatrice Community Hospital	Jail continuing ed.	100.00
Beatrice Fire Protection, LLC	Fire extinguisher inspections	82.50
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Shf veh repair	213.04
Beatrice Mechanical Svc.	Jail equip. repair, labor	165.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile svcs.	3409.98
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	556.61
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Cthse down spouts	550.00
Blue360 Media	NE Criminal & traffic law manuals	281.78
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	Inmate provisions	238.04
Buffalo Co. Shf.	Svc of papers	18.50
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	84.50
Charter Comm., Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV, Prob. phones, internet	403.86
Cidnet	Jail data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Beatrice Library	16,577.80
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	494.40
Clerk of Dist. Court Assn.	2024 dues	50.00
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	1284.00
Creative Surfaces, LLC	Ext Offc countertops	1225.00
DAS St. Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
DataShield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	16.96
Diode Technologies	Shf hard drive	225.92
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	468.04
First Wireless Inc.	EM maint., twr repairs, repeater rental, etc.	4371.27
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to 911 Comm.	151,787.68
Garcia Laboratory	Jail medical	81.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	88.43
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Uniform	75.50
Hampton Inn, Kearney	Assr lodging	332.00
IAPE- Intl Assn Prop & Evidence	Mbrshp	65.00
Isolved Benefit Services	FSA admin fees	148.50

Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniform equip	77.99
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	926.25
Jones Automotive, Inc.	Shf veh equipment	15,886.56
Marvin Kenfield	Cabinets at Ext Offc	2513.39
Lammel Plumbing	Supplies	33.24
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns	5377.50
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Mead Lumber	Concrete filler	78.28
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rent	265.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Garbage svc cths, jail, ext offc	362.20
Midwest Special Services, Inc.	Inmate transport	1505.10
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	881.50
Natl. Public Safety Info Bureau	Natl Directory of Law Enf Admin.	159.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Inst billing	180.00
NE Co. Assr's Assn.	Assn dues	75.00
NE U.C. Fund	Unemployment	1158.00
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Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	2023.50
Pollack & Ball, LLC	Atty fees	6146.50
Priority Printing	Letterhead, bus cards, env.	673.85
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	194.25
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	417.75
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	38.80
R&B Arms	Supplies	1244.85
Region V Svcs., Central Office	Qrtrly funding	9928.50
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4545.85
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob phones	110.21
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext offc janitorial svcs	120.00
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The Home Depot Pro	Janitorial supplies	293.70
The Radar Shop	Repair	134.00
The Univ. of NE Med Center	Shf investigative expns	101.00
The Voice News	Publications	307.50
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, meals, lodging	1214.93
U.S. Postal Svc. 8062070	Postage for meter	25,000.00
Verizon Wireless – EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	217.23
Washington Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Boarding inmates	4030.00
Windstream – Ext. 4344	Phone admin fees	279.08
Windstream – Ext Offc	Phones	308.37
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	435.20
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phone admin fees	2151.53
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	312.37
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phone admin fees	228.32
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phone admin fees	715.47
Windstream – Shf	Phones	608.34
Windstream – 4377 Vets	Phone admin fees	120.73
Windstream – Cthse Gen	Phones	2229.56
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Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	60,950.00
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Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,031.70
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,307.31
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

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

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24010229 to Hard Rock Quarry in the amount of \$2,504.72, bringing the total amount of claims paid through January 24, 2024 to \$921,734.37. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE spoke under public comments regarding the smell from CAFO's and the current ½ mile setback not being far enough, would like it to be changed.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Shf Gustafson on Law Enforcement. Break in committee reports for a timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:16 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower to be located on a tract of land in the NE corner of the North ½ of the West ½ of Section 6 in Blakely Township, Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand gave the P&Z's recommendation of approval of the SUP. She discussed the location being on Cammack's ground near Tri County School, notices that were given, P&Z's public hearing was held, distance from tower to nearby residences, that all requirements were met, and that the P&Z Commission recommends approval with the condition that during the construction phase, Elm Road is maintained at the current condition or better, which the permit holder has agreed to. Jerrod Foutes, 4714 W 80th St., Prairie Village KS, said that he represents Horvath Communications who will be the owner and Verizon who will be the main tenant, and that in the permit process it is agreed that tower space will be provided to the county for 911 use. He also stated that the tower meets all FAA requirements.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:33 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to committee reports – Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management & P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion during all committee reports included repairs needed for Shf phone backup; introduction of Wymore Police Chief Bobby Martinez who came from Cheyenne County; issues with Shf. hybrid vehicle; next P&Z meeting is on Feb. 22nd at 7:00 p.m.,

with public hearing on SUP for commercial ag business; sub-committee of Haxby, Swavely and Dorn to re-review zoning regs changes to recommend to P&Z, public should contact one of the 3 with ideas; public welcome to give input at the Feb. 5th committee meetings at 8:00 a.m. on livestock regs and setbacks; Marcella Rademacher spoke and provided documentation of odor issues with the CAFO in Hanover Twp., stating she lives 1 mile west and ½ mile north and the smell is constant, the vents and incinerator are running at all times, said Brandon Oltman on Buckeye Rd nearby had someone driving by stop at his residence because they could smell what they thought was propane but it was actually the incinerator, Laura Fikar who lives SE of facility sent Marcella a message this morning that said the smell was terrible, maybe the Supervisors should go for a drive today, Kevin & Kristen Meyer has said the smell is all the time and even coming into their house, a group has gone to NDEE and all they say is that odor is subjective, she says the value of her place has plummeted because no one wants to live with that; Haxby thanked Hwy crews for work with snow removal; Township Association Annual Meeting will be on Feb. 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Club with infrastructure outreach included; and discussion on grants in process.

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PROPER COMPLETION OF PROJECT

Gage County
Resolution No. 24-02

WHEREAS, Gage County and State entered into an agreement entitled “County Bridge Matching Program Agreement”, for the structure number C003414725 (the Project), Program Agreement Number BL2103 signed by State on the 22nd day of February, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Gage County has now completed the construction of the Project that was identified in the Program Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution is to formally notify State of the proper completion of the Project according to the terms of the Program Agreement.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County:

- (1) The Project, for Structure No. C003414725, has been properly constructed by County and its contractor, in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.
- (2) The bridge was constructed in strict compliance with
 - (a) the plans and specifications including any State-approved change orders,
 - (b) all applicable design standards, and
 - (c) the conditions and requirements of the Program Agreement.
- (3) County understands that it is the owner of the bridge, and that it is solely responsible for the design, inspection, construction, reconstruction, repair, and operation of the bridge and roadway and is responsible for meeting any environmental or other post-construction permit or legal commitments applicable to the project.
- (4) The project costs were fair, reasonable and necessary for the proper construction of the project.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(5)
NDOT Control Number: 00974D
NDOT LPA Control Number: 00974D(c)
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 24th, day of January, 2024 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Gage County

<u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u>	<u>/s/ Don Schuller</u>
<u>/s/ David Swavely</u>	<u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u>
<u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u>	<u>/s/ Terry Jurgens</u>
	<u>/s/ Erich Tiemann</u>

Board Member Lytle moved the adoption of said resolution.
Member Dorn seconded the motion.
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Signature County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #2024-2 Certifying Proper Completion of Project for CBMP(5) for the structure number C003414725, Program Agreement Number BL2103. Hwy Supt Kuhnke said this project was a bridge structure on SW 176th Rd, South of Hwy 136 and East of Filley. It was a Bridge Match project. He reported that there will be 2 more projects coming up, one on SW 61st, North of Belvedere, and one on SW 75th, ½ mile North of Scott. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the 2024 Board Committees and Appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the 2024 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules. Motion carried 7-0.

Short break at 10:13 a.m. Back in session at 10:23 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:23 a.m. for security and negotiations. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried 6-1 with Haxby voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until February 7, 2024.

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 24th day of January, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 7, 2024, 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 \$498,321.25 which does not include claim #24020007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$5,285.00, #24020088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$5,427.81, claim #24020093 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$34,517.50 & claim # 24020089 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$123.70, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Gage County balances of Liability as of 1/23/2024; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of January, 2024; 7. Approve 2024 Gage Co. Highway Dept. Policy with Townships; 8. Approve specs and call for bids for Fertilization, Mowing, Bagging, Trimming & blowing of clippings for the Gage County Courthouse, Sheriff Dept, Evidence Building, Tri-plex and parking lot parkways for 2024 & 2025. Bids to be opened on March 6, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	170,317.24
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	185.93
All Copy Products	Copier leases, copy overages	409.23
Applied Connective Technologies	Vets Offc computer	981.00
Arbor Ink, LLC	Prob. laminating	13.50
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Annl sprinkler tap fee – cths	245.00
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal, hauling, ice melt/gravel	5285.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	279.63
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Door repair	269.50
Richard L. Bultez Sr.	Prof. svcs.	1200.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	509.00
City of Beatrice	Prob. Offc. utilities	1549.61
CMH Clinics	Pre-empl exam	123.00
CVSOAN	Vet Svc Offcr & Asst. dues	200.00
Dept. of Corr. Svcs.	Inmate boarding/medical	4358.25
Diode Technologies	Security monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc equip.	379.00
Echo Electric Supply	Fluorescent lights	113.40
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip. rental, batteries	863.38
Fox Funeral Home	Autopsy expense	700.00
Gage County Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	2516.20
Hometown Leasing	Prob. 3 copier leases	472.70
Jurors	Jury fees	1094.60
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Plumbing equip, supplies, labor	1163.34
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	2051.11
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Dist Ct. microfilming	615.73
Mid-States Org. Crime Info. Center	2024 mbrshp	150.00
MIPS, Inc.	Forms, computer prog., data processing	18,127.70
NE Assn of Co Extension Bds.	Dues	100.00
NACO	Treas. SE Dist Mtg fee	40.00
Natl. Assn. of Counties	Co. dues	450.00

Natl. Shfs. Assn	Mbrshp dues	250.00
NE Assn. of Co. Treasurers	2024 dues	50.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
Theodore Paben	Ext offc snow removal	100.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1444.00
Priority Printing	Bus. cards	55.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	494.05
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	229.59
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	89.56
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrngs	388.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs., Inc.	Appraisal maint.	1170.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meals	5692.73
The Crete News, Inc.	Publications	25.45
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Semi-annl billing	168.30
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, dues, etc.	1103.47
Mutual of Omaha	Employee ins. premium	36.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Ice melt sprdr, snow blower, cable, cleaner	836.03

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	57,662.49
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	35.01
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	383.09
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Svc call Wymore barn	252.50
Bomgaars	Tire chains, kerosene htr	1065.77
Capital One, NA	Supplies	46.03
Clausen & Sons Dirt Work, Inc.	Snow removal, bldg. rent	10,400.00
Echo Electric Supply Co.	Supplies	22.14
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Supplies	64.56
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Gravel	5427.81
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Chain, connecting links	123.70
Larry's Tire & Service, Inc.	Tire repairs, changeovers	586.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	105.98
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy software	192.32
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Patch #1 C-34(1255) culvrts, haul matrl	34,517.50
Road Builders	Part	316.32
Surplus Center	Fittings	59.30

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	7492.44
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	26,428.33
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	31,867.60

County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Part of Phase 12 exterior cths renovation	46,313.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,446.23
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc Sec & Medicare	12,453.53
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,889.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,892.25
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	4,282.57
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24020007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$5,285.00, claim #24020093 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of

\$34,517.50, and #24020088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$5,427.81. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim # 24020089 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$123.70, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 7, 2024 to \$543,675.26. 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 Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Jurgens and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included work in Dist. courtroom, damage on copper gutter, and Randy Frerking retiring from Hwy Dept., Tiemann thanked him for his years of service.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the special purchase of a 2021 John Deere 6120E tractor with cab, heating, air conditioning, MFWD, 12-spd P Reverser, Dual PTO and 3 SCV, Rear 18.4-38, 120 HP, 228 hours. Tiemann explained that this purchase complies with State Statute 23-3109 which states, *The governing board may waive the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act if the county can save a significant amount of money by entering into a special purchase. The county board shall, five days prior to such special purchase, publish notice of its intention to make such a special purchase, stating the items considered and inviting informal quotes.* This purchase would be a savings of about \$13,000 or more. The tractor would replace a 1973 106 International. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

**RESOLUTION
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STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Telecommunications Tower located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the northeast corner of the north half of the west half, Section 6, of the Blakely Township.
2. On December 14, 2023, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2023-6. Public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On December 14, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2023-6 with the condition that “during the construction development phase, the Applicant is to work with the County and Township to maintain Elm Road at its current condition or better.”
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2023-6, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations.
5. On January 24, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2023-6.
6. On February 7, 2024, the Board held a meeting to consider whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2023-6 with the condition that “during the construction development phase, the Applicant is to work with the County and Township to maintain Elm Road at its current condition or better.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower in the northeast corner of the north half of the west half, Section 6, of the Blakely Township, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

Gage County Board of Supervisors

February 7, 2024
Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-03 granting Special Use Permit #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower to be located on a tract of land in the NE corner of the North ½ of the West ½ of Section 6 in Blakely Township, Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU between Gage County and Freeman Public Schools, Wymore Southern Public Schools, and Diller-Odell Public Schools for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Interlocal Cooperations Ace Agreement between Gage County and Freeman Public Schools, Wymore Southern Public Schools, and Diller-Odell Public Schools for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on quote from Applied Connective for wireless upgrades in the Sheriff’s Office, jail and evidence building in the amount of \$10,333.72. Break in discussion for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. for 2 motor graders. Motion carried 7-0. Bids were received from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE, Sany Municipal Equipment/A1 Iron Corp. of LaVista, NE, and NMC, Inc. of Lincoln, NE.

Back to discussion on wireless upgrades to Shf. Dept. Coverage would be inside Shf Dept/Jail, outside and the evidence building.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve quote from Applied Connective for wireless upgrades in the Sheriff’s Office, jail and evidence building. Break in discussion for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:31 a.m. on county fuel. Motion carried 7-0. One bid was received from Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. of Beatrice, NE, for #2 premium diesel, 66,000 gallons at \$2.89 per gallon, and Unleaded – 87 (E10) gasoline, 38,000 gallons at \$2.699 per gallon.

Back to discussion on Sheriff’s Office wireless updates and motion to approve on the table. Cost of upgrades are to come out of Miscellaneous General, IT line in the amount of \$10,333.72. Motion carried 5-2 with Haxby and Lytle voting nay.

Short break at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:48 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to accept all bids for 2 motor graders and refer them to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation in two weeks. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve accepting bid from Sapp Bros. Petroleum for county fuel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve quote for website update and maintenance for Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$9,200.00 for upgrade and \$85 monthly for maintenance, to be paid out of the Sheriff's budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:38 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby and Jurgens both left meeting during closed session at 10:39 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until February 21, 2024.

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/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 7th day of February, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 21, 2024, 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 \$591,160.53, which does not include claim #24020227 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$2,231.15 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Caretakers for the Pioneer cemeteries for 2024 season; 6. Approve receiving and place on file the 2023 Annual report for Adams Rescue Squad; 7. Approve reappointing Terry Acton on Planning & Zoning Commission for 3-year term ending 1/2027; 8. Receive and place on file the Noxious Weed Evaluation report and authorize chairman to sign.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	169,113.68
Adams Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs.	4500.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	On-site jail medical svcs.	7293.15
Applied Connective Technologies	Feb. mnthly IT, Vets computer, setup	9991.80
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6544.18
Buffalo Co. Shf.	Shf svc fees	18.50
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copy overage	21.50
Capital One NA	Prob. supplies	30.11
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Appraisal maint.	3675.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	109.90
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Prob. internet/phones	207.96
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svcs.	10,000.00
Classic Catering	Employee recog meals	2156.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	342.69
CMH Clinics	Pre-employment exam	123.00
Common Threads Upholstery	Treas. chairs	151.00
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	842.08
Countryside Event Center	Venue for employee recog. event	390.00
Crete Veterinary Clinic	Shf. expns	104.16
Culligan of Lincoln	Water coolers	190.00
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6501	Data processing	196.00
Dawgs Sports Specialties	Employee recog.	353.00
Douglas Co. Shf.	Shf svc fees	21.20
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies, equip.	2661.65
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
Epona Horse Rescue, Inc.	Care of confiscated horses	7728.00
Farmer's Cooperative	B&G truck tires, oil change	618.20
First Wireless, Inc.	Lic. fees	145.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Shf veh lic.	59.50
Guardian RFID	Supplies	20.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1235.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	530.42
Mead Lumber – Beatrice	Lumber, batteries	66.79
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Ct scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	362.20
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	470.80
MIPS, Inc.	Tax forms	316.95
NACO	SE Dist mtg dues	40.00

NE Assn of Co Clks, Reg of Deeds	Annl. dues	100.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst. patient care	192.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NIRMA	Legal fees for claim	1735.80
Noakes Htng & Air Cond.	Replace heat pump, repair unit	6131.22
Norris Public Power Dist.	Tower utilities	50.98
Northeast Auto	Veh leases, towing	3045.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Shf veh supplies	51.92
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding, media destruction	189.75
Priority Printing	EM bus. cards	55.00
Prochaska & Assoc.	Needs assessment	2282.35
Quadient, Inc.	Enf. opener maint.	888.72
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	366.92
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	23.90
Region V Systems	EPC billing	2996.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Shf/Jail fuel	4360.38
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob. phones	110.45
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring fire alarms	68.50
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial expns	150.00
Slims Body Shop	Shf veh repair	168.40
Smith Schafer Davis, LLC	Atty fees	2121.50
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	19.25
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	5590.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2454.55
Summit Food Svc., LLC	Jail meal svc.	5596.56
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf veh repairs, oil changes, brakes	784.78
The Voice News	Publications	346.37
Thomson Reuters	Law Library subscr.	5569.38
Twin Rivers	Shf veh repair blower motor	445.50
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Shf equip.	1250.01
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – Cnty EMS 6384-1	EM admin fees	328.07
Verizon Wireless – Prob 339-1	Prob. cell phones	393.91
Verizon Wireless – VSAT	Twr rntl	110.00
Mutual of Omaha	Employee ins premium	6.00
Washington Co., NE Shf. Offc.	Boarding inmates	3640.00
Willet & Carothers Law Offc.	Atty fees	396.00
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.11
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phones	298.27
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob.	Phones	458.69
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phones	2089.26
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phones	228.32
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phones	715.47
Wolfcom Enterprises	Jail equip repair	600.00
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	467.42

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,897.51
Bauer Built	Tire	736.33
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1114.04
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co.	Parts, supplies	1194.16
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Road gravel	34,034.07
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Svc call	165.00
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	235.42
Constellation NewEnergy	Utilities	250.73
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	225.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	155.45
Farmer's Cooperative	Tire svc calls	889.00
Gage County Petty Cash	Reim. for purchase of 2021 John Deere tractor	68,650.00
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock	2231.15
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Tire chains, supplies	704.58
Landmark Implement	Parts	416.51
NMC	Parts	6399.43
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	1355.87
PowerPlan	Equip. rental, parts, labor	6129.40
RDO Truck Center Co.	Parts	232.19

Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, propane	38,608.27
Sunrise Bakery	Cookies for Twp. Annl. Mtg.	151.12
The Voice News	Publications	51.42
Truck Center Companies	Supplies	180.21
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	255.05
<u>Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund</u>		
Capital Business Systems	Copier lease & overages	270.89
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Tonya Bragg	Ins. reimb.	96.79
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	26,108.98
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins. premiums	544.22
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,383.83
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,381.77
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,546.08
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,760.58
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,000.04
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	6.53
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	7.40

It was brought to the chairman's attention that item #8 was thought to be a clerical error and should not have been included in the consent agenda. Tiemann asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with pulling item #8.

Schuller requested that item #7 be removed.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda without items 7 and 8. Motion carried 7-0.

Schuller suggested the process for appointing members to the Planning & Zoning Commission be reviewed before reappointing anyone. Haxby said that the process might need to be reviewed, but the time to do that is not when a reappointment is on the agenda. Schuller made a motion to table the reappointment of Terry Acton for 4 weeks (2 meetings), Tiemann asked twice if there was a second, motion died for lack of second.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve the reappointment of Terry Acton to the P&Z Commission Board for a 3-year term ending January, 2027. Schuller requested an Executive Session to discuss the matter and have P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand and P&Z Board member Jeff Argo, who were present, to be included. Tiemann referred the request to Co. Atty. Roger Harris. Harris said that even with a motion on the floor, they could go into executive session and come back to the motion.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Jurgens to move into closed session at 8:52 a.m. for consent agenda item #7, with Wiegand and Argo included. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 9:14 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Tiemann restated the motion on the floor made by Haxby and seconded by Dorn to approve item #7 on the consent agenda for the reappointment of Terry Acton to the P&Z Commission, term ending January, 2027. Haxby agreed that the process may need to be changed to doing an application process, but not when an appointment is on the agenda and this is the way it's been handled in the past, we should discuss a new process in committees and then implement it moving forward.

Break in discussion for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. on two pickup trucks for the Highway Dept. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to discussion on P&Z appointment. Schuller wants committee of 3 board members as liaison between board and P&Z – Haxby & Lytle, we have a committee that includes Law Enf/Emer. Mgmt./P&Z – Tiemann, Lisa gives P&Z report during committee reports. Harris cautioned the board to take their time and look at all their options when making a decision on the appointment/reappointment process.

Bids for 2 Highway Dept. trucks were received from Premier Chev of Beatrice in the amount of \$106,000; Husker Auto Group, LLC of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$97,998; Twin Rivers of Beatrice, NE in the amount of \$99,246; and Gene Steffy Auto Group of Fremont, NE in the amount of \$89,490.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to accept all bids and refer them to the Hwy Superintendent for review with a recommendation in 2 weeks. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24020227 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$2,231.15, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 21, 2024 to \$593,391.68. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Those speaking under public comments were: Patty Barnard, 41928 S 176th Rd., Liberty, NE – presented petition signed by 42 people within 5.5 mile radius of their area requesting setbacks for P&Z regs for Gage County; Ralph Bodie, 70688 606th Ave., Liberty, NE – do what's right for next generation, protect water table, be a leader, going on too long, just vote.

Break for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:32 a.m. on 2024 County Rock & Gravel. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Rock On, Inc., Hard Rock Quarries, LLC, R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc., Gana Trucking & Excavating, and Beatrice Sand & Gravel.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to refer bids to Hwy Superintendent for review with a recommendation in 2 weeks. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to public comments: Hayden Otto, 255 State Hwy 43, Adams, NE – don't change regs, getting difficult for ag farmers to find a place for livestock, pushing younger generation farmers out, AG1 is for agriculture but if you increase setbacks you're pushing agriculture out, had regs in place but didn't follow them on the last CAFO; Jim Ensz, 26802 SW 142nd Rd, Beatrice, NE – keep regs as they are, people who live and work in agriculture aren't here to speak for leaving regs the way they are because they are working, this morning they fed you, all of us here, in the county, state, and everywhere, that's what they want to do, regs say AG1 is designated for ag use and is intended to preserve and protect agricultural production from encroachment by incompatible use, general farming and ranching activities include expansion of existing livestock facilities, proponent of AG1, if you live in AG1 you sign up for bad roads, dust, spray drift, and smells, if event center and 3 houses being built within my circle aren't worried something isn't adding up, no other business is more regulated regarding ground water contamination as we have to stay within parameters, farmer can apply 400-800 pounds of fertilizer and there are no regulations, CAFO's formed out of necessity of wanting cheap food below the cost of production, just trying to make a living, we pay taxes, people want to feed you, let them do that; Michael Tallant, 704 Webster St., Liberty, NE – people asked Ensz to build next to his CAFO, no one by Liberty was asked if we want it, we don't want it.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included lawn bids coming up, additional light posts coming soon, District Court desks coming March 1, Hwy pickup and rock & gravel bids, county exchanging section of road with township, motor grader bids, and RAISE grant application nearing completion.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner gave an Extension update and presented reports of their activities in the county. She said they're in the process of hiring a new Food & Nutrition Educator. Tiemann said an updated agreement between the county and UNL is being worked on. Haxby said Dave Jones did a great job on the entry and restroom remodel. The entry will now have handicap buttons.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the Extension reports and placing them on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke presented comparison sheets on the 3 different bids for the 2 motor graders that were opened at the Feb. 7th meeting. He pointed out the differences, which specs were not met by them, and the cost comparisons. Kuhnke said that cost-wise he would go with CAT, though they were shy on a couple of the specs, and even though John Deere met all the specs, they were on the high end pricewise. Jurgens broke down the costs of the CAT units after trade-ins: for the 140 CAT, 4 wheel drive at \$346,932, trade-in 2012 CAT at \$50,000, and Parts credit of \$7,000, for a total of \$289,932; and 140 CAT, 6 wheel drive at \$376,918, trade-in 2018 John Deere at \$130,700, and Parts credit of \$7,000, for a total of \$252,448. That brings the total of both units to \$542,380, and we budgeted \$600,000. Lytle asked Co Atty Harris what action is allowed in the bidding process and how to proceed. Harris said the specs are for guidance to narrow the field and get as close to comparing apples to apples as possible. The purpose of competitive bidding is to get the lowest responsible bid. It seems like it mostly comes down to past experience with the equipment, replacement, and service availability. Discussion of options continued. Specs were written longer ago and may need to be reviewed.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid from NMC for 2 CAT motor graders, one 4 wheel drive and one 6 wheel drive, and accept trade-in values and parts credit as presented, for a total amount of \$542,380. Motion carried 4-3 with Schuller, Swavely and Lytle voting nay.

Break at 10:40 a.m. Swavely left meeting at 10:45 a.m. Back in session at 10:46 a.m. with all present except Swavely.

Discussion on requesting designs for 6 concrete box culverts and call for bid lettings once design is complete for Clatonia-DeWitt Road (W Chestnut and SW 100th Rd.), Projects C-34(1262), E-28 Clatonia; (1236), E-16 Grant; (1237), E-16 Grant; (1240), N-20 Grant; (1239), N-21 Grant; and (1238), N-21 Grant. Haxby explained that the 6 projects would be split between 2 fiscal years but be done in this calendar year. The intent is to design and build the above box culverts as a commitment to the RAISE grant. Infrastructure improvements are important to Gage County and this application will help achieve these things.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve on requesting designs for 6 concrete box culverts and call for bid lettings once design is complete for Clatonia-DeWitt Road (W Chestnut and SW 100th Rd.), Projects C-34(1262), (1236), (1237), (1240), (1239) and (1238). Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
(GAGE COUNTY) OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors propose to apply for assistance from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program for the purpose of the Clatonia-DeWitt and Hickory Road Transportation and Safety Project, and

WHEREAS, Gage County commits to the project's development, implementation, construction, maintenance, management, financing, and

WHEREAS, Gage County commits contingency funds to guarantee the project's success if unforeseen challenges occur, and

WHEREAS, Gage County understands that property right-of-way may be necessary for completion of proposed project (Gage County also understands that it may be necessary to acquire such property by condemnation which is defined as the legal process by which a governmental body exercises its right of "eminent domain" to acquire private property for public use. Condemnation includes a resolution of public need, an offer to purchase, and, if a negotiated purchase is not possible, then a condemnation suit); and

WHEREAS, the proposed application and potential need to use condemnation to acquire property rights-of-way will be made available for public review at a properly announced meeting of the Gage County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that Gage County applies for assistance from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and

Equity (RAISE) grant for the purpose of the Clatonia-DeWitt and Hickory Road Transportation and Safety Project.

Passed and approved this 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Michelle K. Bloomquist
Deputy County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-04 to apply for assistance from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program and to commit to its completion if selected. Haxby said it's a Resolution that shows our commitment to completing the project even if we see unforeseen costs that exceed the grant amount. We have figured a 5% contingency into the cost estimate as well as a commitment to hold 10% in reserve to ensure completion of the project. Also, if ROW is required to be obtained, we will go through the process according to federal standards to get it done. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. until March 6, 2024.

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

/s/ Michelle K. Bloomquist
Michelle K. Bloomquist
Deputy Gage County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Michelle K. Bloomquist, Deputy 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 21st day of February, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Michelle K. Bloomquist
Michelle K. Bloomquist
Deputy Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 6, 2024, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present. Don Schuller absent.

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 \$419,943.77 except claim #24030187 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$3,748.33 and #24030192 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$20,946.41 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Receive and place on file the Noxious Weed Evaluation report and authorize chairman to sign; 6. Approve Sheriff office fees for services; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1297 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern Natural Gas will be installing a new electrical line for control panel. Starting at the North grader ditch along Belvedere Road approximately 1,500 feet East of SW 89th, Northern will bore under Belvedere Road for new electrical line into the South grader ditch of Belvedere Road. Once in South grader ditch Northern will continue all work in their approved ROW working South. Located North of Section 11 T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1298 to Pinpoint Communications Inc, Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line on Lilac Road. Starting at Hwy 77 in the Southeast Grader Ditch, Pinpoint will bore along the outer edge of Lilac Road ROW in the South grader ditch for approximately 300’, place a pedestal, bore under Lilac Road to the North grader ditch and place another pedestal. Located North of Section 15, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 9. Approve Specs and call for bids on 2024 Gage County Culvert Project. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m. 10. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of February, 2024; 11. Approve Specs and call for bids on 6 Box Culverts. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.; 12. Approve Specs and call for bids on camera for Gage County Highway Dept. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:40 a.m.; 13. Approve Specs and call for bids on access control system, must be compatible with Axis camera station system. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:45 a.m. 14. Approve cancelling check #23110158 in the amount of \$3,001.50 to Prohaska & Associates.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	169,644.57
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Ext Offc copy overage	175.22
Applied Connective Tech., LLC	Vets Offc software update	265.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf FirstNet phone svc	547.85
Beatrice Humane Society	Qtrly funding for expenses	4357.59
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm. based juv justice grant	3047.30
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1604.88
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	195.79
Cidnet	Facility data	999.90
Civic Research Institute, Inc.	Subscr.	249.95
Clerk of Dist. Court.	Court costs	472.80
Critical Hire	Pre-empl reports	50.00
CVSOAN	Vets conf. regis.	60.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	33.99
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf twr rental	440.00
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	13.00
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	1909.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	283.00
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	Rubber stamps	116.45
Hometown Leasing	Prob 3 copier leases	472.70
Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc fees	19.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	380.00

Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Supplies	62.72
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	608.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	6672.43
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support, programs	5131.09
NACO	Assr SE Dist Mtg	40.00
NE Notary Assn.	Clk notary	161.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender & seminar fees	6846.15
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1976.00
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	338.97
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	148.69
Region V Systems	EPC billing	1070.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting	260.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM Cable TV	11.53
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5497.43
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies	502.05
Thomson Reuters	Law Library	3076.69
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	217.23
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Dist 1 Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.91
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.25
Windstream – Ext.	Phones admin	490.97
Windstream – Hwy	Phones admin	495.07
Windstream – Shf	Phones admin	912.83
Windstream – 4377 Vets Offc	Phones admin	120.73
Windstream – Gen Info Cths	Phones	3094.67
Windstream – Vets	Phones	298.84

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	41,071.66
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy coverage	109.09
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	30,458.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	739.62
Bomgaars	Supplies	264.71
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Co. & Twp. rock & gravel	3748.33
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	125.19
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug/alcohol testing	145.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy Program	192.32
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	587.46
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Repair culvert settling	20,946.41
Rose Equipment, LLC	Part	81.38

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3700.53
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Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	20,719.02
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. admin fees, premiums	32,120.40

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,387.97
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,423.60
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,480.07

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,772.33
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,013.35
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda except #11 due to specs not being ready. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lyle to approve Garrison Law claim in the amount of \$522.50 with letter and statute on claims over 90 days. Motion carried 4-2. Haxby and Dorn voting nay.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to approve Garrison Law claim in the amount of \$399.00. Motion carried 4-2. Haxby and Dorn voting nay.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24030187 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$3,748.33 and claim #24030192 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$20,946.41. This brings the total amount of claims paid through March 6, 2024 to \$445,560.01. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Lewis Cattau was Gage County's Veteran Honors recipient. Mr. Cattau enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on September 14, 1967. He was promoted to Sgt. on March 1, 1970 and Honorable Discharged on July 14, 1970. Mr. Cattau MOS was a 2511 Wireman. His awards include Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Frame, Vietnamese Campaign Medal (1960-) and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

Mr. Cattau spoke saying he really was not one for the spot light, debated whether to come here, but here I am. I would like to think this is all possible because of the Vets, giving us the freedom to do what we do and I just appreciate the recognition. Everybody knows that the war was a disaster and some of the Vets got treated pretty bad, so this is kinda coming full circle and that's all I have to say. I appreciate the recognition and thank you very much for the honor. I was proud to have served.

Speaking during public comments was Don Ferneding as chairman of the Friends of the Homestead. He spoke about the view shed being obstructed with proposed project with turbines. Also, speaking was Gary Barnard. He invited the Board members to the Mayor Prayer Breakfast on March 27, 2024.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance; Lisa on Emergency Management. Break in committee reports to go to timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to Close bids at 9:15 a.m. for Lawn Care. Motion carried 6-0.

Back to committee reports: finished report by Lisa on Emg. Mgmt & P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Reviewed bids submitted for the Lawn Care. Bids were received from Greenway Lawn and Beatrice Lawn Care. Bids will be reviewed and recommendation given later in the meeting.

The Tourism Improvement Grant agenda item was moved to the meeting on March 20th.

Discussion took place on the bids received at the last meeting for 2 pickups. Highway Supt. discussed the differences. Bids were received from Premier Chevrolet (106,000.00), Twin Rivers (99,246.00), Husker Chevrolet (97,998.00) & Gene Steffy Auto Group (89,490.00). Mark felt that it would be nice to have the extras that Husker Chevrolet had on their vehicles.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the bid from Gene Steffy Auto Group in the amount of \$89,490.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to accept all Rock & Gravel bids that were received. Motion carried 5-0-1. Tiemann abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tastings, LLC. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tastings, LLC. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tasting, LLC. on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve Memorandum of Understanding of Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program and Adult Diversion Programming agreement for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Memorandum of Understanding of Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program and Adult Diversion Programming Agreement for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility of the inventory listing of courtroom technology items that the Nebraska Administrative Office of Court and Probation (AOCP) has purchased and installed for the county and authorizing chairman to sign. Motion carried 6-0.

Short Break @ 9:41 a.m. – Back in session @ 9:48 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Jurgens to accept low bid from Green Way Lawn for the Lawn Care bid. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to go into closed session for litigation update. Jurgens out at 10:09 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:36 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until March 20, 2024.

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/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 6th day of March, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 20, 2024, 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 \$1,611,609.31, which does not include claim #24030323 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$1,570.36 and claim #24030326 to Johnny's Welding Inc., in the amount of \$608.64 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve correction on check #23100158 to be cancelled. Correct check #23110287 to Prohaska & Assoc. should be cancelled, not check #23100158; 6. Approve changing June 12th board meeting to June 11th 2024 due to schedule conflict; 7. Approve quote from Applied Connective to manage county phone system; 8. Approve specs and call for bids on Gage County 2024 box culverts #1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1262. Bids to be opened on April 17, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	163,189.91
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7293.15
All Copy Products, Inc.	Treas copier lease	90.00
Applied Connective Tech., LLC	IT svcs.	9971.80
AT&T Mobility Accts., LLC	Shf FirstNet phone svc.	547.85
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4811.33
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Shf veh repairs	260.00
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Appraisal work	7537.50
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Prob. phones	207.96
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	107.00
Cortland-Lanc. Rural Fire	Qrtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Pre-empl. credit checks	21.75
Crete Veterinary Clinic	Shf. animal care	105.85
Critical Hire	Pre-empl. exams	50.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	197.75
Dept of Corr. Svcs. #460	Boarding inmates	4686.28
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	1673.64
Electronic Contracting Co.	Fire alarm inspection	454.65
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf supplies, EM license fee	420.17
Gage Co. Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	3073.74
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	950.00
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	Treas. stamper	51.90
Great Plains Reporting	Transcript BOE	202.50
Hamm Glass	Ext. Ofc door opener, cths door glass	4646.00
Isolved Benefit Services	FSA admin fees	291.50
Johnson Co. Shf.	Shf fees	36.76
Jones Automotive, Inc.	Install Shf equip in vehicle	15,905.89
Justice Data Solutions	Shf data svcs	250.00
Ken's Pest Control	Jail pest control	400.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	2493.50
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Supplies, labor	601.85
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	807.50
Mead Lumber	Door, supplies	776.98
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	362.20
Monroe Systems for Business	Treas offc equip	184.47
NACO	SE Dist mtg regis.	80.00
NAEM	Conf regis	110.00

NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Instit. care	666.13
NE Notary Assn.	Jail notary	124.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Svc call, parts, labor	1079.73
Norris Public Power	Utilities	46.69
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
NPZA	P&Z conf	130.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	109.24
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	85.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1377.50
Quadient Leasing USA	Equip lease	2068.17
Quill – Ct.	Offc supplies	106.19
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	144.82
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng, BOE	520.10
Ron's Repair	Shf veh repair	443.48
Sack Lumber	Supplies	604.04
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	4246.69
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	114.58
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitor fire alarms	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Sherwin Williams	Paint, stain, supplies	182.48
Spectrum (Charter)	EM receivers	11.53
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2405.00
Staples Business Credit	Shf supplies	18.80
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	5452.93
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf veh oil changes, repairs	535.87
The Home Depot Pro	Shf janitorial supplies	595.40
The Voice News	Publication	7.74
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
UN Nebraska Extension	UNL internet, laptop	3452.89
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Meals, travel, fuel, supplies	4744.19
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.07
Village of Clatonia – Clatonia Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	520.00
Washington Co KS Shf.	Inmate medical	434.73
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	191.16
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phone admin	298.55
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	460.28
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phone admin	2089.26
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phone admin	209.90
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phone admin	679.74
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	477.16
911 Custom	Shf uniforms	62.99

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	41,117.09
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Project pipe	29,572.00
All Copy Products	Copy overage	23.48
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	4706.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	120.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	566.83
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	15,015.86
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	820.38
City of Wymore	Utilities	196.54
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Grader blades w/ bolts	11,348.60
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	371.21
Farmer's Cooperative	Tires, svc calls	949.00
Fastenal Co.	Supplies	103.70
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock, gravel	1570.36
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	4801.30
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc.	Clamps	163.15
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Parts	608.64
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	94,037.26
Matheson Tri Gas, Inc.	Welding supplies	111.99
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	74.24
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	1267.22
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	764.64
PowerPlan	Labor	5372.30

RDO Truck Center	Parts	338.45
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	2333.16
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, Grease, anti-freeze	21,802.43
The Voice News	Publication	51.42
Truck Center Companies	Supplies	40.25
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	19.76

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	103,725.54
Mutual of Omaha	Ins. premiums	540.00

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Technology Inv. Group, LLC	Grant pmt. #2	925,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,840.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,929.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,859.74

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,775.40
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,016.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

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

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24030323 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$1,570.36. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24030326 to Johnny's Welding Inc., in the amount of \$608.64, bringing the total amount of claims paid through March 20, 2024 to \$1,613,788.31. 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 Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enf./Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed were new east entrance door; Applied Connective IT work; house valuations will be going up and farm ground is still climbing.

Chairman Tiemann presented a Proclamation to proclaim March 21st as World Down Syndrome Day. Monte Murkle and his daughter Holly spoke about Down Syndrome. He explained why the colors of blue and yellow are used. Mr. Murkle explained that when doing genetic testing they use dyes to identify the chromosomes and blue and yellow are used to identify those particular chromosomes. The 21st is what Down Syndrome is. Mr. Murkle also spoke about wearing crazy colored socks and why. The socks represent somewhat of the shape of a chromosome so that's where the "Rock Your Socks" slogan comes from. The research that is being done is amazing and it is common knowledge that about half of the folks with Down Syndrome will have dementia. The belief is that doing studies with Down Syndrome folks that they may be able to figure out what causes that disease and maybe find a cure or at least something that will keep it at bay a little longer. Holly is 27 and continues to help educate individuals on Down Syndrome. She has gone to schools, speaking with students trying to shed light on Down Syndrome and dispel the myths.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:19 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit (SUP) 2024-1 for the placement of a commercial retail agriculture business to be located on a tract of land in the Southeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 32–5–6 of Holt Township in Gage County, NE. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining.

The SUP applicant, Brad Dusenberry, told the board that he is gluten intolerant and kept looking for items that were gluten free. He said the building will have a farm shop and will house storage for grain from their farm and the equipment necessary for processing specialty flours which will be packaged and sold online direct to consumers, retailers, and wholesalers across the U.S.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to close public hearing at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Lytle left meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Research Analyst Luke Bonkiewicz presented an update on NACO activities. He touched on the upcoming County Board Workshop, county employee salary study, searchable databases, April being county government month, and LB1067 regarding inheritance tax.

Break at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:51 a.m.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented a Visitor Improvement Grant for Beatrice Cemetery Assn. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the digitalization of cemetery records. Mitch Deines also spoke on the project and said they would like to do this for both Evergreen and Scott Street cemeteries.

Discussion took place on the possibility of additional cemeteries being included with the digitalization of cemetery records.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Visitor Improvement Grant for Beatrice Cemetery Association in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the digitalization of cemetery records. Motion carried 5-1 with Haxby voting nay, saying she would like more information on the project.

Dakota Hurley will present the Tourism Quarterly Report in April.

Executive Director of NGage, Rachel Kreikemeier, presented the NGage Quarterly Report.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to receive the NGage Quarterly Report and place it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Region, a Separate entity, to provide for cooperative public safety service by and among the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York. This agreement shall have a term of 5 years from final date of execution by all parties to the agreement, unless earlier terminated pursuant to terms of agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation on Special Designated Liquor License for St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Beatrice for a Wine/Ale/Spirit Tasting Fundraiser on April 26, 2024 at The Red Barn Farm, 1038 West Sargent Rd., Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve sending a letter to Windstream stating the intent to not renew the county’s lease, but to acquire service on a month-to-month basis. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 10:50 a.m. Back in session at 10:55 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to move into closed session at 10:55 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 11:07 a.m. Schuller left meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until April 3, 2024.

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/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 March, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 3, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens absent.

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 \$429,452.67 which does not include claim #24040049 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$13,036.27 and claim #24040054 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$44,410.58 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving and place on file the 2023 Annual report for Clatonia Rescue Squad, Cortland Volunteer Fire & Rescue & Wymore Emergency Medical Services; 6. Approve cancelling check #23080181 to Windstream in the amount of \$6,389.22; 7. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of March, 2024; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1299 to Roehrs Machinery, Roehrs will be installing a new electrical line for irrigation. Starting at the South grader ditch along Lilac Road approximately 1,500 feet east of SW 89th, Roehrs will bore under Lilac Road for new electrical line into the North grader ditch of Lilac Road. Once in North grader ditch Roehrs will continue all work on private property. Located South of Section 11 and North of Section 14, T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1300 to Pinpoint Communications Inc, Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line on S. 1st between Sargent and Dorsey Road. Starting on Sargent Road in the North grader ditch, Pinpoint will bore along the outer edge of the ROW in the North grader ditch for approximately 630’, place a vault, bore under Sargent Road to the South into the West grader ditch of S. 1st Road and continue boring for 2,630’ south to Doresy, then bore under S. 1st Road to the east in to the north grader ditch of Dorsey Road for 215’ and end work. Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line on Juniper Road in the South grader ditch. Pinpoint will start approximately 522’ east of Intersection S 1st & Juniper Road, bore 393’ to the west in the South grader ditch ROW and place a ground level box. Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line for residence at 462 Juniper Road. Pinpoint will bore under Juniper Road from the South grader ditch to the North grader ditch and continue work on private property. Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line for residence at 22890 S. 1st Road. Pinpoint will bore under S. 1st Road from the West grader ditch to the East grader ditch and continue work on private property Located in sections N-27, E-27, IN-26, N-22, N-23 and IN-23 Midland Township T-4-N, R-6-E. 10. Approve support letter for appropriations grant for Clatonia Well.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	163,748.11
All Copy Products	Ext Offc copier overage, co. programs	943.92
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs.	10,365.00
Beatrice Community Hospital	Shf dep CPR/AED trng	300.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	676.19
Blue Rivers AAA	Funding	25,273.50
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	71.07
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	199.99
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	213.07
Cornhusker State Ind.	Laminate counters – Dist Ct.	11,664.00
Crete Vet Clinic	Vet call	87.00
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 2732	Data processing	196.00
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	29.60
Diode Technologies	Svc call	364.50
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless	Tower rental, radio repair	512.19
Hometown Leasing	Prob Offcs copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	4309.44
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00

Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing	Toilets, supplies	609.34
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns	3804.55
Midwest Card & ID Solutions	ID badge supplies	71.96
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	433.80
MIPS, Inc.	Treas. supplies	804.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender, Atty fees	6946.15
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	456.00
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	502.18
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	87.34
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	549.25
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	21.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	5669.72
Thomson Reuters, West Pmt. Ctr.	Law Library supplies	2784.69
Tyler Technologies	VetraSpec	898.00
U.S. Post Office – Postmaster	Prob stamps	450.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	217.23
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	308.32
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	308.32
Windstream – Shf	Phones	606.54
Windstream – 4377 Vets Offc	Phones	137.54
Windstream – Gen Info	Phones	2229.56
Windstream – Vets	Phones	231.94

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,722.54
A+ United Radiator Repair	Radiator	650.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	10,045.41
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	373.49
Bomgaars	Tools, bolts, supplies	858.47
Constellation NewEnergy	Utilities	541.33
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	140.00
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock & gravel	13,036.27
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug/alcohol tests	40.00
Midwest Petroleum Equip.	Repair gas pump	1089.43
Midwest Unlimited	Parts	474.95
Norris Public Power	Utilities	472.63
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	44,410.58
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	46,276.38
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	642.50

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	5171.09
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	13,492.94
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,839.61
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,978.39
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,859.74

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,748.76
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,988.06
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Haxby asked to have #9 pulled for additional discussion.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda minus #9 Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to table item #9 – Utility permit. Discussion took place on tabling the permit for further review. Concerns were raised that residents would be left without coverage. Haxby indicated that Nextlink has already received a permit for this area and wants to make sure that if Pinpoint comes in that they will provide service to the entire area, not just a few residences.

Break for timed agenda item.

Earl Adam was the Veteran Honors recipient. Scott Bates, Veteran Service Officer, introduced Earl. Earl Adam enlisted in the United States Army June 25, 1970, Earl was promoted to SPC E4 on June 21, 1971 and Honorably Discharged December 29, 1971. Earls MOS was an 11B Light Weapons Infantry. His awards include Combat Infantry Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with (1960-) device, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Expert Marksmanship Badge for the M16 Rifle. Scott invited Earl to say a few words. Earl thanked Gary Schramm for nominating him. He said, I lived on the Kansas border and had an Odell, NE address and was #2 on the draft list in Washington Co. I worked at Beardmore Chevrolet before being drafted and thought I would get the motorpool, that didn't happen. I went to Ft. Leonardwood for basic training and then received orders to go to Ft. Ord that was infantry AIT and then I knew I would be going to Vietnam. He flew into Vietnam and saw a few tracers fly by the plane as he was coming in. After a couple of days, he went to get his extra pair of glasses and saw 2 guys severely injured, they hit a mine with their truck. A couple of days later went for training and was sent to the 25th Inf. Div. & Reconnaissance. Went out in 5-man teams for guard duty, which was kind of scary, especially at night. Every 2 hours they pulled a shift. There were lizards and wild pigs and stuff running around in the jungle, didn't know what would happen next. One guy that was with him had been dusted off on a cobra gun ship trying to take Hamburger Hill, about 142 died on trying to take Hamburger Hill. Went on 12-day missions because we couldn't get resupplied. He was there about 3 months and the 25th stood down so he was sent to the 23rd. I started in the Delta and went from one end of Vietnam to the other in the time I was there. They used herbicide to kill foliage all around to see stuff. Started to use Agent Orange a little later on. In the dry season we would drink out of the stream when we ran out of water. They would usually carry 12 qts of water in their 100 lb packs. In the Spring of 70, some 20 million gallons of herbicide was sprayed roughly over 1/4th of Vietnam. Strange to see the bare ground. In 2018 he was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma cancer as a result of Agent Orange and take infusions weekly for the rest of his life. Adam said he has no regrets, it was an honor to serve my country. I felt fortunate to come home cause there were 58,000 that didn't.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bids for 2024 Gage County Culvert project at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion continued on the agenda item #9 Utility permit. Motion to table item carried 6-0.

Bids for 2024 Gage County Culvert Project were opened and read. Bids were received from Ace Eaton in the amount of \$219,623.40; Metal Culverts in the amount of \$206,762.90; Contech in the amount of \$221,578.00 & Midwest Service & Sales in the amount of \$279,090.28.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to refer bids to Highway Supt to review and give recommendation. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24040049 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$13,036.27 and claim #24040054 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$44,410.58, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 3rd to \$486,899.52. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Steve Knoche was present and speaking under public comments. He would like to request to resurface the Virginia road. Maybe the county can obtain a grant for this project.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Haxby on Finance/insurance and Road & Bridge; Scott Bates on Veterans' Service Committee & Millard on Law Enf/Emg Mgmt. Items of discussion Dist. Court leak, Entrance doors, boardroom updates.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close bids @ 9:40 a.m. on the Cameras for highway dept and the access control system. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Diode Communication in the amount of \$23,574.95 & Applied Connective in the amount of \$23,388.80 on the cameras for highway dept.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to refer bids to Building & Grounds for review and recommendation. Motion carried 6-0.

Short recess at 9:53 a.m. Back in session at 10:04 a.m. with Haxby temporarily out.

Tiemann recognized Annette Corter for her years of service to the county and wished her well in her retirement.

Dakota Hurley, Tourism Coordinator, presented two Visitor Improvement Grants to the Board. The first was for the Leadership Beatrice Class #18 in the amount of \$20,000 for Pioneer Park project.

Haxby rejoined meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve Visitor Improvement Grant to Leadership Beatrice Class #18 in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 6-0.

The second Visitor Improvement Grant was to Food4Hope in the amount of \$25,000 for build out of The Community Learning Center.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve Visitor Improvement Grant to Food4Hope. Motion carried 6-0.

Dakota presented the Tourism quarterly report.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to receive report and place on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Dave Jones recommended Applied Connective for door controller bid, in the amount of \$52,715.99 and Applied Connective for the cameras in the amount of \$23,388.80 for base bid.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve Applied Connective bid for the door controllers. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve Applied Connective bid for Cameras at highway dept. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark Kuhnke recommended Metal Culverts for the Gage County 2024 Culvert Project in the amount of \$206,762.90.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Metal Culverts bid for 2024 Culvert Project. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-05

**RESOLUTION
&
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-1 for the placement of a Commercial Retail Agriculture Building;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement of Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings;

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Commercial Retail Acgriculture Building located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the southwest quarter of Section 32 of the Holt Township.
2. On February 22, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-1. The opportunity for public comments was held for testimony in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On February 22, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-1 finding that the location and land use is

suitable to operate a commercial retail agriculture business.

- 4. In recommending approval of SP #2024-1, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations.
- 5. On March 20, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-1.
- 6. On April 3, 2024, the Board considered whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2024-1 for the placement of a Commercial Retail Agriculture Building in the south-west quarter of Section 32 of the Holt Township, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

Gage County Board of Supervisors

4-3-2024 Dated: By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of April, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to adopt Resolution #24-05 for the placement of a commercial retail agriculture business to be located on a tract of land in section 32, Holt Twp. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to go into closed session at 11:11 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to come out of closed session at 11:26 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. until April 17, 2024.

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 3rd day of April, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 17, 2024, at 8:44 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely present, Terry Jurgens, Erich Tiemann, and Gary Lytle absent.

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.

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Vice Chairman Haxby announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the Board of Supervisors Room.

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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	174,364.74
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7293.15
All Copy Products	multiple copiers maint.	1938.73
Amazon Capital Svcs., Inc.	Dist Ct offc equip	267.09
American Legion Emblem Sales	Vet grave markers	378.93
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs, equip, maint.	16,937.25
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf FirstNet wireless phone svc.	584.65
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	74.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4841.72
Beatrice Fire Protection	Fire ext. recharges, parts	673.95
Beatrice Public Schools	Crime Commission coord.	3307.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	189.60
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Sirens, repairs, maint.	5030.00
Bragg Animal Control	Animal Control	90.00
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Residential review assessment	5325.00
CASA of Gage County	Child advocacy	4494.50
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. offc internet	209.97
Cidnet	Data for commissary	999.90
City of Beatrice	Victim's Asst.	7000.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	284.40
Community Physicians Clinic	Pre-empl exam	143.00
Cornhusker St. Ind.	Dist Jdg offc equip	1737.00
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	10,906.28
Critical Hire	Reports	50.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.50
Dept of Corr. Svcs.	Boarding inmates	3103.03
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	3522.24
Election Systems & Software	Elec. svcs, supplies	6128.01
Epona Horse Rescue	Care of horses	24,443.00
First Wireless	Batteries	575.47
Gage County	Fund transfer, Gen to Road	500,000.00

Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	1586.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	226.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	1215.00
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mowing	145.00
gWorks	Assr annl fee	145.00
Holiday Inn	Lodging	269.90
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	143.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	736.25
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	2425.07
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc fees	18.00
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Atty lodging	168.00
Liberty Law Group	Atty fees	1083.00
Mead Lumber – Beatrice	Lumber, saw blade	409.41
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Ct scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	362.20
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	219.40
MIPS, Inc.	Computer svcs	5131.09
NE Clerk of Dist. Ct. Assn.	Wkshp fee	75.00
NE UC Fund	Unemployment	5145.67
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Parts, labor	242.20
Norris Public Power	Tower utilities	43.27
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger	Doc shredding	125.00
Philippi Electric	Parts, labor	245.16
Physicians Lab	Autopsy svcs	424.00
Priority Printing	ROD env.	93.25
Prochaska & Assoc.	Needs assessment	835.95
Quadiant Leasing	Pstg machine lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	202.77
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	26.63
Region V Systems	Mntl hlth & EPC svcs	13,420.50
Saline Co. Treas.	Co share SE NE Drug Ct	9295.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4787.90
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	110.95
Security Services	Annl fire alarm insp.	268.50
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Slims Body Shop	Shf veh repair	1291.10
Software Unlimited	Atty software maint.	745.80
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.53
Staples Business Credit	Offc supplies	104.67
St. of NE AS Material	Elec materials	1335.18
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	8966.97
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh repairs	785.74
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, etc.	1403.70
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – Co EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.07
Verizon Wireless – Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.91
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, cleaners	351.59
Windstream – Wilber Prob	Phones	54.88
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phones	279.08
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	462.30
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phones	1949.97
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phones	195.91
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phones	679.74
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	469.76
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	39,997.81
Ace/Eaton Metals	Project pipe	39,908.00
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Signs/stands, cones	2967.29
Bauer Built Tire	Tires, wheels	1650.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	450.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	430.93
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Traffic patch	359.45
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	47,210.34
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	1450.93

City of Wymore	Utilities	165.21
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	168.65
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	192.74
Fastenal Co.	Paint	70.46
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts, labor	15,429.77
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Freon	279.99
Johnny’s Welding	Parts	744.00
Lampton Welding Supply	Welding rod	256.44
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	192.64
Larry’s Tire & Service	Repairs	335.00
Mead Lumber	Toilet	229.99
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Waste disposal	74.24
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1899.00
NE Machinery Co.	Grader, parts	285,793.50
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tools, supplies	467.59
PowerPlan	Labor	449.40
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	308.84
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	2495.96
Roehr’s Machinery	Parts	20.94
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	24,817.90
T.O. Haas Tire	Repair	38.25
Truck Center Companies	Parts	112.11
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Tools	960.96
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh. gps	255.05
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Wheels	409.76

Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	67,650.52
Mutual of Omaha	Ins premiums	546.00

Diversion Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion	4,900.00
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Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc.	59,106.16
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,561.75
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,787.74
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,239.41

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,699.83
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,932.64
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24040191 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$744.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 17, 2024 to \$1,535,702.90. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Adam Suden on Bldg. & Grounds, Haxby on Finance/Insurance and Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included Masonry Const. looked at East entrance and courthouse tower – will start work in early May; Applied Connective moving forward with IT projects; negotiations beginning with F.O.P.; and light guards at jail.

Short recess at 8:55 a.m. to wait for timed event at 9:15 a.m. Back in session at 9:13 a.m.

Schuller gave an update on Rockford Road.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Gage County 2024 box culverts #1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240 and 1262. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were received from A & R Construction of Plainview NE in the amount of \$2,486,003.09 as grand total, M.E. Collins Contracting of Wahoo NE in the amount of \$2,450,949.71, JJK Construction of Ceresco NE in the amount of \$2,475,900.04 and Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet NE in the amount of \$2,377,532.30.

Short recess at 9:27 a.m. to have Hwy Supt. and Engineer Mark Mainelli review the culvert bids. Back in session at 10:08 a.m.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke presented the recommendation to accept the bid from Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet NE pending core permits and easements & they were the lowest bidder.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to approve accepting and awarding the 2024 Gage County box culverts bid to Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet, NE as the lowest bid and pending right-of-way and core permits. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. until May 1, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk


/s/ Emily M. Haxby
Emily M. Haxby, Vice 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 17th day of April, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 1, 2024, at 8:49 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 \$551,539.84 which does not include claim #24050059 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$19,196.55 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Receive and place on file Gage County Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023; 6. Approve receiving and place on file the 2023 Annual report for Odell Volunteer Fire & Rescue; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1302 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be removing a temporary line and replacing with new fiber line. Windstream will dig and splice a new fiber line West of existing cmp, place new pedestal and then bore a 2" diameter by 6' deep line under flow line approximately 50' under structure then splice new fiber to existing fiber East of the structure and place new pedestal. All work is in the North grader ditch of Belvidere Road approximately 500' East of SW 131th Road. Located South of section 5, T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 8. Approve receiving and place on file the 2023 Annual report for Odell Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Beatrice Fire & Rescue.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	163,756.13
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svc.	156.52
All Copy Products	Copier lease/copies	329.59
Apace	County Contributions	9,928.50
Beatrice Humane Society	Quarterly funding	4,421.83
Black Hills Energy	Jail utilities	224.96
Black Hills Energy	Extension Office utilities	162.95
Black Hills Energy	Sheriff utilities	293.24
Bryan Medical Center	Investigative expense	84.50
City of Beatrice	Qtrly EMS svcs/Probation office utilities	46,648.19
Clerk of District Court	St. & svc. fees	511.86
Coast To Coast Computer Products	Toner	259.99
Comfort Inn	Emerg. mgmt.. travel expense	119.95
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Election Systems & Software	Printing & publ	6,843.05
Sandra Eltiste	Retirement prior svc.	12.00
First Wireless	Sheriff tower rental	440.00
Gage County Court	County court cost	1,486.00
Gage County Sheriff	Sheriff fees/mlg.	934.24
Jerry L Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	641.25
Joyce Kassing	Retirement prior svc.	20.00
Kratz Law Office	Atty fees	1,189.84
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Support Enf. Atty	2,398.05
Lancaster County Sheriff	Svc. fees – summons	18.00
Lepant Law Office	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	231.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip. monthly rent	192.00
NACO	Clerk's workshop travel exp.	125.00
Nebraska Health & Human Svc.	Patient care	279.00
Nebraska Association of C. Tres.	Treas. workshop registration fee	150.00
Nebraska State Fire Marshal	Elevator inspection	120.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public def. atty fees	6,346.15
Odell Fire & Rescue	Qtrly. EMS svcs.	3,000.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1985.50
Precision Signs and Graphics LLC	Shrf. Vehicle repair	228.00

Quadient Finance USA	Postage funding	72.07
Quill – Ext.	Office supplies	106.19
Quill – EMS	Office supplies	426.96
Quill – Treas.	Office Supplies	22.72
Kristine Riekenberg	Mental Health Hearing	95.00
Secretary of State	Court costs	40.00
Sherwin Williams	Materials - stain	22.94
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop and rag cleaning	28.00
Summit Food Service LLC	Jail meals	2,821.49
The Home Depot	Janitorial supplies	936.31
Thomson Reuters	Dist. judge software subscription	2,784.69
Verizon Wireless	Emerg. mgmt.. phones	217.16
Washington County Sheriff	Inmate boarding	1,690.00
Washington County Sheriff	Inmate boarding	13,950.00
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	1,929.50
Windstream – Ext.	Phone svc.	308.07
Windstream – Hwy	Phone svc.	308.07
Windstream – Vets Office	Phone svc.	137.79
Windstream – Cths	Phone svc.	2222.81

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,187.21
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	50,113.24
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 6863	Utilities	81.72
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 8861	Utilities	169.84
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	243.62
Fastenal	Bolts	65.34
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Hotsy Equipment Co.	repairs	1,012.47
Norris Public Power	Utilities	444.22
RL Tiemann Construction	Township gravel & hauling	19,196.55
Rewound Power Motors	repairs	168.53

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Monthly lodging	4,522.78
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	45,316.42
Lucent Health Solutions LLC	Admin. fees	62,410.00

Inheritance Fund

Claude G. Stegeman Estate	Tax refund	99.94
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,838.43
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,978.35
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,859.74

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,712.64
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,946.03
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24050059 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$19,196.55, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 1, 2024 to \$570,736.39. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included referees for protests, surplus Shf. vehicle, school resource deputy, and bridge projects.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented a Visitor Improvement Grant for the Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association in the amount of \$4,000.00 to the board. Brent Schlake spoke about the project saying that currently there is no sign there to welcome folks at the entrance to the park.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to approve the Visitor Improvement Grant to the Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association in the amount of \$4,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby spoke more on Road & Bridge committee, saying she got applications in for Sen. Fisher's community project funds grant and Congressman Smith's grant for Hickory Road and Adams bypass. She also spoke on request from someone to create a map of roads showing which are county and which are township.

Discussion on Utility Permit #1300 for Pinpoint Communications, Inc., to install new fiber lines per the submitted Utility Permit. Pinpoint will be plowing in the outer edge of the ROW and boring under all structures and roads where necessary. Pinpoint will be installing fiber lines in the West Grader Ditch ROW from Dorsey to Hickory, between S. 1st Road to S. 5th Drive. Located South of section 10 & 11, East of section 15, 22, 27, North of section 22 & 23, and IN section 26, T-4-N, R-6-E, Midland Twp. Tom Shoemaker with Pinpoint spoke on the permit, saying he feels it should be approved. They are for public use and have an agreement with Beatrice and are 99% complete with Beatrice build that was started 18 months ago. He said the permit is necessary to fulfill the grant obligation. He said that Pinpoint is rural community minded, they are good stewards of the grounds they work on, they clean up the area, and try not to disrupt where they don't need to be.

Haxby read a statement to the board and presented a picture timeline of events concerning the permit. In essence, her point was that the permit would cause an overbuild of broadband in the area, and using grant money for the overbuild which could otherwise be used elsewhere to increase coverage where there is none. Haxby said the debate is happening because the PSC didn't listen and dropped the ball on this. We are here to represent the people of our county who pay the taxes. Despite what some think, the grants come from tax dollars so it's our responsibility to watch over them. Haxby said that she wouldn't support allowing an overbuild of 2 government subsidized funds. Tom Shoemaker with Pinpoint stated that he feels the permit should be approved as they are 99% complete with the Beatrice build that was started 18 months ago.

Sen. Myron Dorn, Sen. Bruce Bostelman, Lowell Brooks (consultant with UBC), Tom Shoemaker and Andy Pollock (Atty for Pinpoint) all spoke on the Broadband Bridge projects and the Public Service Commission. The points brought out from them and members of the board are: that part of the grant process requires that there is no overbuild, and allowing this permit allows for overbuild in an area that has already been approved for grant funding. This grant also requires that it reaches the unserved and underserved first. The authority of permitting lies solely with the Board of Supervisors. Just because a company is awarded grant money from the PSC or the State, doesn't guarantee they will be granted a permit. Must act with the public interest of Gage County which has historically been to reach as many people as possible at the least cost. This is classified as a Tier 1 project and Tier 1 has language that prohibits public funding in areas that have already been funded by another public entity – Gage Co. has used ARPA money to fund a project, this permit would use Nebraska state funds. Gage Co. has not denied a permit in the last 5 years. The standard the county has used in the past in approving permits is "if it is for public use". The question of where the funding for permits is coming from has never been questioned. The questions regarding this permit are not anything against the permit applicant as they have already made a significant investment in the county and would like to make more. The issue here is the overbuild, when there are still so many not served in the county.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to approve Permit #1300 for Pinpoint Communications. Lytle asked if the board could go into closed session. Tiemann said they would entertain a motion for closed session at 10:34 a.m.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to move into closed session at 10:34 a.m. for potential litigation. Motion carried 6-1 with Dorn voting nay.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to come out of closed session at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Tiemann reiterated that there was a motion and second to approve Utility Permit #1300.

Haxby asked Pinpoint how they would be paid for the project, they said it's a reimbursement situation for work they complete. Haxby stated that she would not be opposed to Pinpoint

building in the area if they were doing it on their own for friendly competition and weren't being subsidized with public funding in an area already using public funding. Brooks clarified that the criteria of the PSC for a Tier 1 project is an unserved area in NE which locations lack access to broadband internet of speeds of 25 or 3 and has not received public assistance for the development of a broadband network. If an applicant couldn't complete the project, they were awarded grant money for due to permitting or whatever reason, the grant funding would be re-awarded elsewhere and any adjustments in the area applied for would require a new grant application. Brooks added that the PSC is trying to work out any flaws in the process and the program is a work in progress where they're making adjustments as they grow. Haxby pointed out that everyone in the area of Pinpoints project area would be covered under the original grant and the permit that was approved in Sept., 2023.

Vote was taken on the motion by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to approve Utility Permit #1300 to Pinpoint Communications Inc., for new communications line located in sections N-27, E-27, IN-26, N-22, N-23 and IN-23 Midland Township T-4-N, R-6-E, as presented. Motion failed 2-5 with Schuller and Lytle voting aye, Jurgens, Haxby, Tiemann, Dorn and Swavely voting nay.

Lytle left meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Discussion on Resolution the County exchanging road miles with Blakely Township.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

WHEREAS, within the boundary lines of Gage County, Nebraska, both Townships and the County are responsible for road maintenance of certain and specified roads within said County, and

WHEREAS, certain roads under Township jurisdiction and maintenance become highly traveled and for the safety of the traveling public it becomes necessary that the County evaluates said roads, and

WHEREAS, after the County completes a traffic count and a traffic study, if said roads are determined to be of the volume to warrant County maintenance,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County will become responsible for all maintenance and new construction of the following described road:

BLAKELY TOWNSHIP: The portion of road along the North side of Sections 16, 17 and 18 T4N-R5E, that the Township currently maintains will become the responsibility of Gage County on May 15, 2024.

Or more simply stated: The County of Gage will be responsible for the 3 mile stretch of W Hickory Road between SW 103rd Road and State Hwy 103 in Blakely Township.

ALSO, PER THIS RESOLUTION, the Township of Blakely agrees to assume the maintenance of 2.76 miles of County Road within their Township at the following described locations:

BLAKELY TOWNSHIP: The portion of road along the East side of IN Section 14, Section 23, and the North ½ of the East side of Section 26, T4N-R5E, that Gage County currently maintains will become the responsibility of the Township on May 15, 2024.

BLAKELY TOWNSHIP: the 2.76 miles on SW 75th Road between W Hickory Rd. and State Highway 4

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

Motion by: Haxby Second by: Jurgens

Vote: Aye - 6 Nay - 0

GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Board Chairman – Erich Tiemann

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
County Clerk, Dawn Hill

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #24-06 on exchanging miles between the county and Blakely Township - 3 miles from Blakely Twp to County and 2.76 miles from County to Blakely Twp. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve an Agreement between Gage County and the State of Nebraska, Dept. of Transportation for Beatrice Southwest – Local Detour. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve recommendation for Special Designated Liquor License to Bottle Rocket Brewing, LLC for an event on June 8, 2024, located at The Barn Event Center, 2331 W Ash Rd., Cortland NE. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Discussion of needs assessment for Detention Center. Will meet with Prochaska after committee meetings on May 10th.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 11:30 a.m. for negotiations update and personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to come out of closed session at 11:50 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman read into record that the changes in miles between the county and Blakely Twp. in Resolution #24-06 which was adopted earlier in the meeting, would be effective on May 15, 2024.

Haxby left meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to adjourn board meeting at 11:54 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. until May 15, 2024.

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 1st day of May, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 15, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens absent.

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 \$1,361,280.12; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of April, 2024; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1303 to Oneok North System LLC. Oneok will be repairing a pipeline due to corrosion and rust causing 35% metal loss on pipeline. Oneok will open a 20'x20'x4' deep excavation and expose pipe 5' off edge of road, once pipe is exposed, Oneok will weld a sleeve at damaged area. All excavations will be restored to original conditions once repair is complete. All work is in the south grader ditch of Lilac Road approximately 3,130' East of intersection of S. 66th and Lilac Road. Located North of section 15, T-3-N, R-7-E, Rockford Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	165,815.17
A Rifkin Co.	Elections supplies	46.79
Adams Rescue	Qtrly. EMS svc.	4,500.00
Advanced Auto Dealers Inc	Website monthly svc.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svc.	7,293.15
All Copy Products Inc	Copier lease/copies	140.00
Amazon Capital Services Inc	Toner cartridge	236.99
Applied Connective Technologies Inc	Computer/IT consultant svc.	11,265.41
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4,132.38
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Water pumps, gaskets, strainers	2,316.62
Butherus Masser & Love Mortuary	General assistance	1,000.00
Capital Business Systems Inc	Copier lease	114.20
Capital One	Office supplies	75.08
Charm-Tex Inc	Inmate provisions	194.48
Charter Communications	Jail cable tv	199.99
Cidnet	Data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Qrtrly EMS svc.	45,000.00
Civic Research Institute	Subscription renewal	179.95
Clerk of District Court	St. & svc. fees	168.50
CMH Clinics	Medical exams	80.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	201.50
Department of Correctional Svc.	Inmate boarding/medical	3,194.10
Diode Technologies	Monitoring crt. House & vets	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Office equip, supplies, etc.	2,125.44
ECHO	Bulbs & lights	494.00
Election Systems & Software	Election supplies	5,687.03
Engineered Controls	Program pump	198.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	17.45
Federal Signal Corporation	Siren	25,076.40
Gage County	Transfer funds	500,000.00
Gage County Sheriffs Office	Sheriff fees & mileage	475.10
Gary Genrich	Door repairs	380.91
Green Way Lawn Services LLC	Mowing/trimming	850.00
gWorks	Annual subscription	25,449.00
HD Supply	Supplies	81.80
Holiday Inn	Travel expense	577.75

Hometown Leasing	Copy machine lease	472.70
Ken's Pest Control	pest control	400.00
Kratz Law Office LLC	Atty fees	893.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law PC LLO	Child Support Enf. Atty	2,432.33
Mead Lumber	Building supplies	374.74
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Scanning equip monthly rent	457.00
Midland Radio Corporation	Weather radios	5,380.35
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	201.80
MIPS Inc	Computer support programs etc.	5,131.09
NACO	Registration fees	250.00
Nebraska Air Filter Inc	Supplies	831.95
Nebraska Machinery Company	Generator Inspection	2,753.00
Nelson Clark & Timan PC	Public def. atty fees	6,346.15
NI Government Services Inc	Qtrly. Sat phone	250.15
Noakes Heating & Air	Repairs	1,134.76
Norris Public Power District	Utilities	43.68
Northeast Auto	Vehicle repair	590.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	35.98
Paper Tiger Shredding	Shredding	110.95
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	997.50
Priority Printing	Election supplies	952.92
Prochaska & Associates	Needs assessment	2,526.60
Quill – Probation	Office supplies	814.72
Quill – Treasurer	Office supplies	391.99
Reagan Law Offices PC LLO	Atty fees	807.50
Region V Systems	EPC svcs	4,494.00
Riverside Power Sports LLC	Vehicle repairs	555.90
Sack Lumber	Building supplies	96.75
Sapp Brothers Petroleum Inc	Sheriff & jail fuel	4,654.64
Ricky A Schreiner	Reimb. For office chair	239.99
SE Nebraska Communications	Probation phones	111.13
Sheridan Industries	Extension off janitorial svc.	150.00
Steve's Upholstery	vehicle repair	480.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Clean mops/rags	15.75
Standard Appraisal Services Inc	Appraisal maintenance	5,330.00
Staples	Office supplies	127.84
Summit Food Service LLC	Jail meals	6,671.29
Sunrise Bakery	Election school	116.60
T.O. Hass Tire & Auto	Repairs	985.84
TK Elevator Corp	Service elevator	256.76
Twin Rivers	Repairs	21.92
US Bank Payment System	Office supplies, travel, etc.	3,543.92
United States Postal Service	Ext. office postage	272.00
Verizon Wireless	Sheriff phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless	EMS phones	328.02
Version Wireless	Probation phones	393.84
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies/repairs	492.18
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	1,290.50
Windstream – Probation	Phone svc.	54.09
Zultys Inc	Probation phone svc.	472.11
3&33 Mutual Aid Association	Annual dues	25.00
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,200.93
Ace Irrigation & Manufacturing	Project Pipe	52,336.60
All Copy Products Inc	copier	34.28
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	47.00
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete mix	23.75
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	37,663.20
Beatrice Daily Sun	Subscription	489.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co.	Parts/supplies	405.87
Capital One	Office supplies	260.67
City of Wymore	Utilities	164.68
Concrete Industries, Inc	Crack sealant	5,760.00
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply Inc	Ice	75.00
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel	843.05
Filtercare of Nebraska LLC	Filters	122.90
Inland Truck Parts & Service	Parts	104.62

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc	Parts	602.60
Landmark Implement Inc	Parts	504.16
Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc	Consulting services	70,450.00
Matheson Tri Gas Inc	Welding supplies	293.70
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair diesel pump	437.50
MIPS Inc	Computer support, programs, etc.	192.32
Nebraska Machinery Company	Parts	2,408.57
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts/supplies	411.17
RDO Truck Center LLC	Parts	218.99
Rock On Inc	Township gravel hauling	5,178.04
Sapp Brothers Petroleum Inc	Parts & labor	262.50
Sapp Brothers Petroleum Inc	Fuel & oil	23,176.70
T.O. Hass Tire & Auto	Balance tires	52.92
Tractor Supply Co Credit Plan	Tools, sprayer, weed killer	465.93
Truck Center Companies	Parts	326.14
Truck Equipment Service Co	Shop supplies	1,096.00
Version Connect	Veh, GPS	255.05
Westlake Ace Hardware Inc	Supplies	101.77
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Parts/labor	2,687.74

Road/Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc	Box culverts	106,573.55
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ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems Inc	Copier lease	270.89
MIPS Inc	Computer program support	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	34,768.78
Gage County Petty Cash	Admin fees	30,815.60

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,988.45
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,133.02
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,619.08

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,713.55
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,947.09
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Ashley Mason, 1300 Lincoln St., Beatrice NE, spoke under public comments. She thanked the Board for their support during her campaign for County Supervisor and stated that she supports Dave Swavely to be re-elected to the Supervisor District 4 seat and hopes that her supporters would do the same. She also said she appreciates the board, their low budget, and their transparency.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Items discussed were Masonry Construction work on courthouse exterior, sidewalk mud-jacking, property protest referees, and new siren up and working.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator with Region V Systems and Matt Kasik, Regional Administrator for Apace (Region V Services) appeared to talk about the Interlocal Agreements and discuss Region V's annual report, activities, and initiatives. They said they are requesting no funding for FY 24-25. Jill Kuzelka with Public Health Solutions has partnered with Region V. She discussed the prevention services/activities that are provided.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to receive reports and place them on file. Motion carried 6-0.

NGage Executive Director Rachel Kreikemeier presented the NGage quarterly report.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to receive the NGage report and place it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the agreement between Gage County and NGage. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on EMS agreements - further discussion is needed so no action was taken.

Discussion on 911 Agreement with the City of Beatrice. Proposal is to lock in a 4-year agreement at a flat rate for each of the 4 years with no increase per year.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve a 4-year 911 Agreement with the City of Beatrice at a flat rate of \$236,425.00 for each of the 4 years with no increase per year. Lytle commented that we get good service and it takes a lot of equipment to run the 911 system so this is a good deal. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on placing STOP signs on A, C, and 2nd Streets in Holmesville. The issue came about from an Engineer’s recommendation due to line of sight issues at the intersections.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to approve placing 4-way STOP signs on A, C, and 2nd Streets with the option of removing them if impediments are removed and line of sight is restored. Lytle added that we would work on line of sight issues. Motion carried 5-0, Swavely temporarily out.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to move into closed session at 10:34 a.m. for negotiations update. Motion carried 5-0, Swavely temporarily out.

Swavely back in meeting during closed session, then left meeting at 11:02 a.m. Haxby left meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 11:41 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m. until May 29, 2024.

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 15th day of May, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 29, 2024, at 8:46 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens absent.

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 \$452,625.72 which does not include claim #24050338 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$49,188.85 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check # 22120175 to Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$216.88; 6. Approve Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA for County audit for fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 thru June 30, 2026; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1304 to Pinpoint Communications Inc. Pinpoint will be installing new fiber lines per the submitted Utility Permit. Pinpoint will be plowing in the outer edge of the ROW and boring under all structures and roads where necessary. Pinpoint will be installing fiber lines in the ROW from Dorsey to Juniper, between S. 1st Road to S. 5th Drive. Located South of 14 & 15, East of section 15, 22, 27, North of section 22 & 23, and IN section 26, T-4-N, R-6-E, Midland Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1305 to Platte Pipeline Company, LLC. Platte Pipeline will be constructing a new 12’x12’ gravel pad for electronic racks on SW 61st Road north of State Line Road approximately 1,860 feet. Platte Pipeline will be installing a new cmp in ditch and build a 12’x12’ gravel pad and relocate electronic rack from power pole to new electronic rack on gravel pad; 9. Approve specs and call for bids on East Pickrell Concrete Box Culvert Proj. C-34(1300) – bids to be opened June 26, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. (added per motion – *requested 9/15/24 completion date*).

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	166,069.37
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Ext Offc copy overage	877.46
Applied Connective Technologies	Emer Mgmt computer equip.	2306.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf FirstNet phone svc.	566.25
AutoZone	B&G veh wipers	13.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	247.81
Beatrice Community Hospital	Shf. drug/alcohol tests	476.00
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Jail fridge repair	583.19
Black Hills Energy – Det.	Utilities	246.25
Black Hills Energy – Ext	Utilities	78.47
Blackburn Technologies	Prob. – 1 yr server & cloud backup	539.88
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Shf. garage door repair	278.00
Blue Valley Public Safety	EM siren repairs Cortland & Barneston	2023.38
Butler Co. Shf./Detention Center	Boarding inmates	300.00
CDW Government, Inc.	Prob. offc equip	10,200.00
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Jail cable TV – Prob phone, internet	409.96
City of Beatrice	Beatrice Library funding	3422.20
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	575.75
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	171.15
Credit Information Systems	Pre-employment screenings	31.50
DAS St. Acctng-Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Datashield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	36.80
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	2099.50
First Wireless, Inc.	EM svc contract, Shf. repeater rental	1124.68
Fox Funeral Home	Coroner expns.	200.00
Great Plains Reporting	Deposition transcripts	1050.12
Harman Wright Mortuary	Coroner expns.	200.00
IAPE	Mbrshp	65.00

Isolved Benefit Services	FBA monthly admin fees	143.00
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	665.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns	4794.07
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Atty fees	1358.50
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	327.75
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	362.20
NACO	Conf. regis.	125.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Instit. care	6225.00
NE County Attorney Assn.	Atty's NCAA Seminar registrations	2200.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Atty fees & Public Defender	6688.15
Physicians Lab, PC	Autopsy expns	2750.00
Priority Printing	EM env., Prob. bus. cards	725.70
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping costs	253.78
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	581.81
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	1153.66
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	2442.24
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	133.00
Security Services	Monitor fire alarms	68.50
Sherwin-Williams	Paint	146.21
SMPC, LLC	Assr server	5749.19
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.53
Summit Fire Protection Co.	Data room insp. & annl testing	340.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc.	3015.07
Univ. of NE Medical Center	Toxicology testing	202.00
U.S. Post Svc., Postmaster	Prob. stamps	1108.00
Verizon Wireless – EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	217.16
Verizon Wireless – Cnty EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	851.37
Verizon Wireless – VSAT	Shf cell phone	410.00
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	3900.00
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phones	298.27
Windstream – Ext Offc	Phones	308.07
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phones	461.22
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phones	2089.26
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	308.07
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	209.90
Windstream – Shf	Phones	679.74
Windstream – Shf	Phones	602.90
Windstream – Gen Info	Phones	2222.81
Windstream – Vets	Phones	231.94
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	6033.60
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,195.98
All Copy Products	Copy overage	34.59
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Tire chains	11,012.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	383.40
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete mix	276.50
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	20,895.65
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 6863	Utilities	110.12
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	65.33
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Permanent easements	110.00
Larry's Tire & Service, Inc.	Tire repairs, changeovers	715.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	74.24
Midwest Unlimited	Supplies	91.95
Newman Signs	Signs, posts	7035.44
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	298.32
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel, hauling	49,188.85
<u>Visitor's Improvement Fund</u>		
Beatrice Cemetery Assn.	Electronic register project	25,000.00
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee ins. claims paid	54,888.84
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	1031.60
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. optional ins premiums	540.00

COVID American Rescue Plan

Universal Broadband Consulting Ltd. Broadband proj.	1982.50
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Inheritance Fund

Murray Law, PC LLO	Inher. tax refund	145.36
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,904.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,704.24

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,713.23
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,075.02

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24050338 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$49,188.85, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 29, 2024 to \$501,814.57. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Speaking under public comments were Jeremy Sutter, 17351 E Walnut Rd., Liberty NE, and Marc Hroch, 46530 S 120th Rd., Wymore NE. Concerns were brought up about issues with the Barneston-Liberty Road and the maintainer pulling a lot of dirt and damaging roads; buying dirt instead of using our own; dust control; township roads being in better shape than county roads.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management and P&Z, and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included camera installation, lights on courthouse, proposal on door, school resource officer, P&Z mtg. June 18th with 2 SUP public hearings, praised rural fire department, assessing storm damage, and truck dropping gravel on 176th Rd.

RESOLUTION #24-07

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on the 27th day of February, 2024, did hire and direct Mainelli Wagner & Associates to assess the roads in Holmesville and perform an engineering study to determine if the need for regulatory signs is warranted, and,

WHEREAS, Mainelli Wagner & Associates have assessed said segment of road and performed said engineering study in the unincorporated town of Holmesville and based upon said study (see attached), recommend that the following regulatory signing be installed as follows:

Install stop signs at all 4 corners at the intersections of 2nd St & A St., and at the intersection of 2nd St. & C St. in the unincorporated town of Holmesville in Section 29, Township 3-N, Range 7-E.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gage County Board of Supervisors hereby concurs with the attached engineering study and approves the installation of all the above referenced regulatory signs, as shown in the attached drawing, and based on Mainelli Wagner & Associates’ recommendation of all the above referenced locations, as shown in the attached drawing, in the unincorporated town of Holmesville, NE in Section 29, Township 3-N, Range 7-E.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th day of May, 2024.

Motion by: Lytle Second by: Swavely

Vote: Aye - 5 Nay - 0

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-07 to place 4-way stop signs at A & C Streets on 2nd Street, based on the engineer’s recommendation, in Holmesville, Nebraska, and as conditions change, reviewing that and having an additional engineering study on the line of sight. Motion carried 5-0 with Haxby temporarily out.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve Southeast Nebraska Drug Court Interlocal Agreement between Saline, Jefferson, Thayer, Fillmore, and Gage Counties for 2024-2025. The current asking amount is \$11,241.94 which is about a 20% increase. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve State Grant Award for Community Based Juvenile Services Grant in the amount of \$44,676.00, and authorizing Chairman to sign. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve MOU with Gage County MAPS/Beatrice Public Schools for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and authorizing Chairman to sign MOU. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on funding amounts for Region V Systems and Apace (formerly Region V Services).

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve maintaining the same amount as in the past of \$54,251.00 for Region V Systems and change the amount to \$0 for Apace (formerly Region V Services). Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

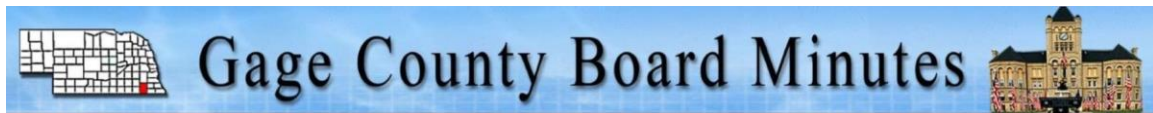
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 29th day of May, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 8:58 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Dave Swavely present, and Gary Lytle absent.

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 \$2,783,692.96 except #24060005 Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 #24060145 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$127,196.67 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of May, 2024; 6. Utility Permit #1306 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be installing new fiber line for residence at 9545 East Ash Road. Windstream will start at pedestal S4490B in the North grader ditch, bore a 2" diameter x 48" deep line under Ash Road to the South grader ditch, terminate bore at pole, plow from pole to residence driveway. Then turn into residence property, all other work will be done on private property. Located south of Section 11, and North of section 14, T-6-N, R-7-E, Nemaha Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	163,135.46
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products	Treas copier lease	90.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs, email setup	11,322.50
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Taser supplies	1891.35
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Shf ground sterilant	500.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv svc crime comm grants – Feb/Mar	7343.83
Capital Business Systems	Co Ct copier lease	497.49
Capital City Transfer Svcs., Inc.	Autopsy expns x 2	711.00
Clatonia Rescue Squad	Qrtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	5953.13
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qrtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.50
Dept of Correctional Svcs. #460	Jail medical	70.67
Diode Technologies	Labor, parts, supplies	394.49
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1545.72
Echo Electric Supply	Bulbs, ballast	104.42
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Extreme Motorsports	Signs	180.00
First Wireless	Radio equip., svc agrmnts	2755.20
Gage County	Fund trnsf–Gen to RBS,Ins,CoBldg,Ec Dev	2,231,050.88
Gage County Treasurer	Sec 1 st Insuff fnd fees	191.00
Green Way Lawn Services, LLC	Mowing	580.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint. LTD	Restroom supplies	949.76
Holiday Inn Kearney	Lodging	229.90
Holiday Inn Express Columbus	Lodging	1284.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1852.50
Jim's Carpet & Supplies	Ext offc covebase	32.25
Justice Data Solutions	Shf/Jail software maint.	3500.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kratz Law Office, LLC	Atty fees	1638.75
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Kearney	Lodging	624.75
Legal/Liability Risk Mgmt Inst.	Law Enf continuing ed	175.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	5313.49
Maximus U.S. Services, Inc.	Prepare 2021 Cost Allocation Plan	2600.00

Mead Lumber	Lumber	45.98
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Court scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	423.40
MIPS, Inc.	Computer programs, data processing	5131.09
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2676.00
NACO	1 st half mbrshp dues	2917.40
NE Weed Control Assn.	Trng regis.	150.00
Nebraska.gov	Treas swipe device	1469.38
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	42.29
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	126.40
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qrtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Pictometry Intl. Corp.	Pictometry Connect renewal	1250.00
Platte Co. Detention Facility	Jail school tuition	175.00
Primary Election Pay	Poll worker, elec help, equip haulers, etc.	10,542.86
Priority Printing	Emer Mgmt env.	67.45
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	751.63
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	335.73
Kristine Riekenberg	Bill of Exceptions	326.40
Sack Lumber	Utility flag markers	22.47
SE Nebr. Communications	Falls City Prob. phones	108.98
Security Services	Monitoring alarms	68.50
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop, rag cleaning	42.00
Stanard Appraisal Services	Appraisal maint.	4940.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	7839.27
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh repairs, oil changes	645.97
The Voice News	Publications	1413.95
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
U-line, Inc.	Plastic storage totes	549.86
UN of NE Medical Center	Toxicology testing	101.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, fuel, meals, equip., etc.	2107.53
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	Clk & Treas PO boxes	704.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Shf. cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt ipad, hot spots	328.02
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Cell phones	393.84
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, plants, batteries	528.78
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.41
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phones	596.82
Windstream – 4377 Vets	Phones	120.73
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,212.40
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	41.84
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	13,488.32
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	54,259.10
Bomgaars	Parts, tools, supplies	472.78
City of Wymore	Utilities	76.30
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	265.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	492.57
Filtercare of NE, LLC	Filters	15.65
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing easement PDJ Farms	22.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Hand cleaner	65.40
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	5910.19
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt cold mix	1455.83
PDJ Farms, LLC	1 Temp. & 1 Perm. easement	295.22
Powerplan	Labor	1123.50
R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	127,196.67
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	1324.57
Rewound Power Motors	Parts	11.50
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	13,280.74
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts, labor	385.55
Siems Farms, Inc.	2 perm & 3 temp. easements	1817.57
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, repairs, changeovers	702.41
Tractor Supply Co.	Spades, scoops	239.96
Truck Equipment Svc.	Parts	3070.15
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05
Westlake Ace Hardware	Light, supplies	53.08

Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Part	70.36
<u>Visitor's Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,022.16
<u>Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund</u>		
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	13,677.25
<u>Diversion Program Fund</u>		
Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion prog fees	1444.00
<u>Community & Economic Development Fund</u>		
NGage – Gage Area Growth Ent.	Co. share of NGage expenditures	35,011.59
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,786.02
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,913.17
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,532.08
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,714.34
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,947.97
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24060005 to Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00 and claim #24060145 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$127,196.67, bringing the total amount of claims paid through June 11th to \$2,911,389.63. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Terry and Bev Acton of Holmesville and 3 of their grandchildren, Reece, Lauren and Graham, appeared under public comments. Terry said they were very pleased to announce that they will be hosting the 27th annual Cattleman's Ball next year on June 6th and 7th, 2025, at a location ½ mile east of the intersection of 94th and B Line Roads, on the south side of the road. He said the Cattleman's Ball of Nebraska is a charity whose mission is to raise money for cancer research, to promote beef and a healthy diet, and to showcase rural Nebraska. Bev added that 90% of the profits go to the Fred & Pamela Buffet Cancer Center in Omaha, and 10% comes back to the community through grants available to those who volunteer to help with the event. She said that you don't have to be a rancher or even know how to dance to attend the event. The Ball offers shopping, dining, a popular country music entertainer, demonstrations, art and special activities. On Friday, June 6th, they will host a golf tournament at Beatrice Country Club and on Sat., June 7th, there will be a running event. They anticipate approximately 4,500 people to attend, along with the hundreds of people helping to host. They are the main hosts, but there are several committees under them in charge of finance, activities, food, entertainment, promotion, etc. They said they have also been in touch with Emergency Management, the County Road Dept., and Law Enforcement. They invited all people to attend the Ball and said they look forward to a wonderful event.

Tom Bliss and Oliver Borchert-Williams with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDDD) spoke to the board about projects in Gage County. Tom thanked the board for their continued support of the SENDDD organization. He stated that they have generated \$6.12 million in grants and loans to respective communities, assisted 59 homeowners with owner-occupied rehab and the construction of new housing, as well as 19 small businesses in Gage County. They were able to secure a \$1 million grant through the pandemic loan pool to build 2 duplexes in Beatrice, and they are setting aside money for childcare and food systems as well. Oliver touched on the BEAD (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment) program, saying that \$405 million in grants will be distributed by the Broadband Office for the unserved and underserved. There will also be \$800,000 from USDA to provide Broadband Technical Assistance. He also said he worked with Supervisor Haxby to develop a "tool kit" for counties to expand their local capacity to engage with Broadband service providers. Tiemann thanked SENDDD as they were the only Development Dist. early on with a broadband team put together and their assistance with Oliver working behind the scenes with Haxby in negotiating the UBC contract ended with a fantastic agreement for local residents. Tom added that they have been working with several villages to find innovative approaches to addressing needs such as with street projects and making polling

sites ADA compliant. Tiemann said that since Tom has been with SENDD they have done a “180” in their services which were lacking in the past, and he appreciates the projects they are behind in the villages in the county. Haxby stated that she is very grateful to have had Oliver’s help with the grant process, saying the \$405 million amount is because of his efforts – they expected it to be about half that amount.

Lytle joined meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle & Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management and P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were water outage, camera issues, need for appraisal of all county property including commercial, increase in liability ins. costs, Emergency Management training at Beatrice Fire, Clatonia meeting attended regarding possible subdivision, P&Z mtg with public hearing to be on 6/18/24, bridge patch work on bridge east of 1st and Dorsey, and noxious weed notices.

Sen. Myron Dorn was in attendance at the meeting. Jurgens asked him about legislation for funding private schools and petitions being circulated. Dorn said the previous bill regarding funding private schools was ended and will not be on the General Election ballot because a new bill that he voted to support, LB1402 by Sen. Linehan, gets rid of the previous bill and sets an amount of \$10 million to be taken out of State General Funds. Unlike the previous bill, you cannot contribute to this amount to receive a tax deduction. Also, the \$10 million amount is capped at that amount for years going forward so there will never be an increase in the amount and there is no sunset (ending) date. Dorn said that public schools don’t want any money going to private schools so they’re circulating petitions to put that on the ballot.

Short break at 10:04 a.m. Back in session at 10:13 with all members present except Jurgens.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 10:14 a.m. for litigation update and FOP negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to come out of closed session at 12:31 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiemann asked for a motion to approve retaining NIRMA’s attorney and paying deductible in litigation. Tiemann asked County Attorney Roger Harris to explain what we would be retaining the attorney for. Harris said that the litigation is in reference to a lawsuit that Pinpoint Holdings, Inc. filed against Gage County and members of the Board dealing with a permit for fiber optic cable installed in a Right-of-way. NIRMA has assigned Attorney Jeff Kilpatrick, who deals with this kind of thing, to represent the county and the county would be responsible for paying the \$10,000 deductible. Harris recommended the Board, both in terms of time and expertise, retain NIRMA’s attorney for that deductible of \$10,000 in this case.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Schuller to approve retaining NIRMA’s attorney to represent the county in the Pinpoint Holdings suit filed against Gage County and members of the Board, and to pay the deductible of \$10,000. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m. until June 26, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

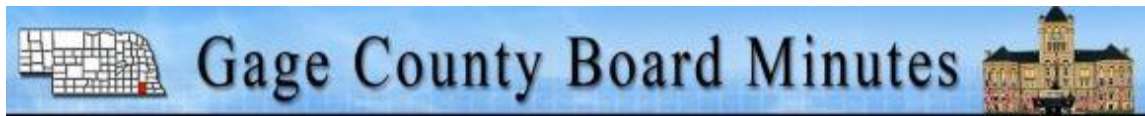
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 11th day of June, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on June 26, 2024, at 8:46 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 \$1,165,261.34 which does not include claim #24060287 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$728.10 & claim #24060288 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.00 & claim #24060293 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$65,643.63 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve moving forward with Applied Connective for technical improvements in the Boardroom; ~~6. Approve quote from Masonry Construction for East Side of the Courthouse (#6 removed by motion below, duplicate item);~~ 7. Approve CSG as our printer for the Joint Public Hearing notice; 8. Approve cancelling ck. #24020059 to National Sheriff's Assoc. in the amount of \$250.00 and ck. #24050291 to Nebraska Health & Human Services in the amount of \$6,225.00; 9. Approve quote from Masonry Construction, Inc. for Phase 13 – East Elevation restoration in the amount of \$151,197 and *up to \$14,718 (changed by motion below)* ~~\$13,200~~ to Sunbelt Rentals for scaffold.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	156,479.33
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	140.00
Allen Samuels Chry Dodge	Two Shf 2024 Durangos	87,016.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Computers, programming, labor	28,382.69
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	566.25
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Lic., body cams, surveillance cameras	38,500.02
Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Loads to dump	67.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4618.70
Beatrice Humane Society	Co. funding	8220.58
Black Hills Energy – Det 8852	Utilities	159.35
Black Hills Energy – Shf 1674	Utilities	42.32
Butler Co. Sheriff/Detention Ctr.	Boarding inmates	1550.00
Centec Cast Metal Products	Veteran grave markers & stakes	1555.78
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV, Prob internet	409.96
Cidnet	Shf data purchased	999.00
City of Beatrice	Qtrly EMS svcs	45,000.00
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svcs	10,000.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	673.70
Collision Forensic Solutions	Shf 1-yr subscr.	1115.00
Comfort Inn	Lodging	440.95
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals at trng.	173.25
Critical Hire	Pre-employment exams	75.00
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	139.95
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	392.00
David City Discount Pharmacy	Inmate medical	90.34
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies, equip.	15,503.35
First Wireless	EM svc contract, Shf repeater rental	1124.68
Gage Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Shf fees/mlg	886.90
Garcia Clinical Laboratory	Inmate lab svcs	23.50
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Shf uniforms	743.43
Guardian RFID	Security control	25.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint. Ltd.	Shf janitorial supplies	195.14
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin fees	143.00
Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Svc of papers	39.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3230.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	2424.72

Marshall & Swift Boeckh, LLC	Books	681.20
MARS	Gbg svc	362.20
MIPS, Inc.	Treas checks, Assr valuation notices	7388.40
NCRAAO 2003	Assr conf.	300.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	Patient care	3015.50
NE Law Enf Training Center	Trng.	250.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood alcohol tests	105.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.25
James L. Nelson	Atty fees	350.50
NIRMA	Property/Liability/work comp ins.	287,548.00
Noakes Htng & A/C	A/C repair	366.05
NE Shf. Assn.	Mbrshp	200.00
Pickrell Lumber & Hdwe.	Suprv desk façade	17,550.00
Platte Co. Shf.	Svc of papers	20.10
Precision Auto Tune	Shf veh repair	80.73
Precision Signs & Graphics	Refund of appl. fee	54.50
Priority Printing	Treas ltrhd, Prob bus cds, copy paper	2281.05
Prochaska & Associates	Jail needs assmt	1056.95
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping postage	269.91
Quadient, Inc.	Folder & env opener maint.	1668.72
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Pstg mtr lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	496.67
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	59.10
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	21.75
Ramada Midtown Conf. Ctr	Lodging	214.00
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	199.50
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf fuel	4653.73
Sec. of State – Elections Div.	Voter ID card stock	100.00
Sec. of State	Cert copies	40.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Sherwin-Williams	Paint supplies	31.89
Spectrum Charter	EM cable TV	11.53
Staples	Shf offc supplies	125.68
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	2767.54
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Depositions	1021.05
Thomson Reuters	Law Library subscr.	5569.38
Tracker Products, LLC	SAFE lic & storage	5953.50
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Meals, fuel, supplies, etc.	1362.72
U.S. Postal Service #8062070	Postage for meter	25,000.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.96
Washington Co. NE Shf	Boarding inmates	130.00
Washington Co. KS Shf	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phones admin	298.55
Windstream Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	458.46
Windstream General 1484	Phones admin	2150.60
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phones admin	228.05
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phones admin	714.94
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	14,109.40
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repairs	963.13
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.11
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,267.18
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	366.23
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	46,355.66
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	1190.71
Black Hills Energy 0563656863	Utilities	65.84
Black Hills Energy 7015648861	Utilities	41.51
Farmer’s Cooperative	Propane	6.80
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing easements	44.00
Gene Steffy Auto Group	Two 2024 Ram 2500 pickups	89,490.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	728.10
Johnny’s Welding, Inc.	Labor	1200.00
Landmark Implement	Equip rental, cutter, part	14,053.91
MARS	Gbg svc	74.24
Norris Public Power	Pwr line repair, utilities	962.22
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	634.16

R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	65,643.63
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, grease, oil	24,069.02
Sun Auto Tire & Service	Tires	1379.01
Tredz Central	Truck bed	3850.00
Truck Center Companies	Part	174.89
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	1452.00
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Parts, supplies	977.14
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.90

Insurance Fund

United States Treasury	PCORI ins. fees	508.76
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	22,846.56
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin fees	32,120.40
Mutual of Omaha	Elective ins. premiums	540.00

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,229.12
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,403.92
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,532.08

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,718.02
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,952.15
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with striking #6 (duplicate) and change of amount on #9 to up to \$14,718 on the scaffold rental. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24060287 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$728.10 & claim #24060293 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$65,643.63. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24060288 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$1,200.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through June 26th to \$1,232,833.07. 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 Dave Jones for Building & Grounds; Tiemann for Equalization; Jurgens for Finance/Insurance; Scott Bates for Veterans' Service; Millard and Lisa for Law Enf & Emg Mgmt; Haxby for Road & Bridge. Items discussed included work on Clocktower, water shut off due to City working on pipes; Camera switch over; street lights; Steve Norton presented with a plaque for his 11 years on the Veterans Service Committee; NVA Claims; 9 WWII veterans to receive Nebraska 80 years of Victory Medal; nails popping on a bridge; Pickrell East box bids; training on ag safety.

Break in committee reports to go to timed item.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve closing bids on Pickrell East Culvert Project C-34 (1300) at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from JJK Const. in amount of \$773,242.83 (774,268.83 corrected total); Vogtsapes in the amount of \$782,018.30; HCC in the amount of \$792,957.05; Bauer in the amount of \$862,554.75; M.E. Collins in the amount of \$844,440.57; GE in the amount of \$1,003,586.12; H.R. Bookstrom Const. in the amount of \$1,277,266.53; M&Z Construction in the amount of \$779,561.12; K2 Construction in the amount of \$873,178.00 & JMN Const. in the amount of \$835,570.40.

Bids were referred to the highway dept. and the county engineer for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Back to Law Enf & Emg. Mgmt committee and Road & Bridge committee reports.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve agreement between City of Beatrice and Gage for lease of space for Probation Office. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve adding a Township layer to the County gworks system in the amount of \$1,120.00 with maintenance cost of \$100.00 per year. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve contract with FirstWireless, Inc. for Radio maintenance in the amount of \$704.17 per month beginning 7/1/2024 thru 6/30/2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Highway Supt. & the County Engineer gave the recommendation of JJK Const. for the Pickrell East Culvert Project in the corrected total of \$774,268.83.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve JJK Const., as recommended, in the amount of \$774,268.83. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. until July 10, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

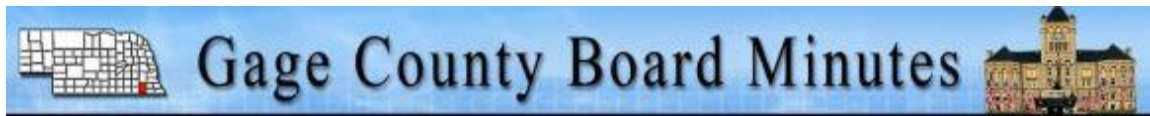
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 26th day of June, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 10, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present. Don Schuller listened to meeting by phone until 9:50 a.m.

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

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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 \$693,141.06 which does not include claim #24070063 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$220.60 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve State Print Shop for printing Budget message postcards for Joint Public Hearing (per LB644); 6. Approve specs and call for bids for Gage County 2024 Culverts Group 2 Project (C-34 (1144), C-34(1209), C-34(1213), C-34(1230), C-34(1265) & C-34(1266). Bids to be opened August 7, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. 7. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June, 2024; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1307 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be repairing a fiber line on Belvedere Road. Windstream will start 650' West of the intersection of SW 131st & Belvedere Road in the north grader ditch, bore a 2" diameter x 48" deep line for 150' under the structure, cut & splice into existing fiber line, and install 2 new pedestals at bore locations. Located south of section 6, T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1308 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be moving fiber line for a future Gage County Project C-34(1269) on Hickory Road. Windstream will cut and splice fiber line in the North grader ditch east of existing structure along Hickory Road approximately 1,700' West of 134th Road. Then bore a 2" diameter x 96" deep line for 200' under the structure, cut & splice into existing fiber line on the West side of the structure. Located south of section 8, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	164,365.28
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	7654.84
All Copy Products	Copy overage	269.72
Amazon Capital Svcs.	Photo mats, wall hanging, pin board	205.19
Applied Connective Technologies	Install camera	1788.50
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv svcs grant	4001.01
Black Hills Energy – Ext 5089	Utilities	48.56
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	71.07
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	721.50
Consolidated Mgmt.	Shf meals at trng	34.80
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	65.54
Critical Hire	Profile reports	50.00
Dept. of Health & Human Svcs.	Scanner renewal	100.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	970.72
Echo Electric	Lights, fan motor	168.07
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Great Plains Reporting	Depo transcript	325.10
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	356.25
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Spray Shf & Ext	510.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	1227.29
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	18.57
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Computer programs, maint.	5216.49
NE St. Fire Marshal Agency	Jail boiler inspec.	72.00

NE Auditor of Public Accounts	Co. audit	18,747.17
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	49.56
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	1100.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	6507.50
Priority Printing	Bus cards, atty & prob	290.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	33.99
Region V Systems	Funding	54,251.00
Saline Co. Treasurer	24/25 budget, SE NE Drug Court	11,241.94
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	109.63
Security First Bank	Checks/dep slips	280.19
Software Unlimited Corp.	Atty software maint.	5098.46
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	5467.68
Thomas & Thomas Ct. Reporters	Depo transcripts	1249.51
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt cell phones	328.02
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob. cell phones	393.84
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	592.93
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	53.71
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	316.33
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	308.07
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	449.48
Windstream – Vets	Phone admin	137.54
Windstream – Gen Cths	Phones	2222.81
Windstream – Vets	Phones	240.69
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	472.09
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,281.65
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy coverage	39.11
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	1068.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	39,088.39
Bomgaars	Supplies	546.89
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	27.48
Stuart Lee Essman	Easements	1826.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Hand cleaner	65.40
Johnny’s Welding	Parts	220.60
Lampton Welding Supply	Cyl rent 1 yr prepaid	84.95
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	84,300.87
Mead Lumber	Supplies	79.21
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	145.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2324.00
Rewound Power Motors	Parts	170.03
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	8840.71
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	585.32
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, changeovers	861.34
Tractor Supply	Tools	30.98
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05
<u>Road & Bridge Sinking Fund</u>		
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	16,493.14
<u>Visitor’s Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3886.25
<u>Visitor’s Improvement Fund</u>		
Food 4 Hope of Nebraska, Inc.	Grant	25,000.00
<u>Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund</u>		
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	92,586.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,816.28

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,935.06
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,911.75

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,719.01
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,944.86
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24070063 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$220.60, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 10, 2024 to \$693,361.66. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, and Jurgens and Haxby on Finance/Insurance. Topics of discussion were water shut-off, engineer looked at east entrance, birds in evidence building, street light project, Black Hills changing gas meter, and Historical Society changed display in glass case at courthouse.

Misty Ahmic and Raegan Hain from Seward County spoke on the position of a grant writer, they indicated that they are spending a number of hours working on grants as well as Supervisor Haxby who has put in numerous hours applying for grants for Gage County. They felt that it would be beneficial for both counties if they would go together in hiring a grant writer. There was discussion on the process. Chairman Tiemann thanked them for coming to the board meeting. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit #2024-3 for the placement of a commercial retail business to be located on a tract of land in the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33-3-5 of Lincoln Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 6-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand gave the P&Z Commission's recommendation of approving the SUP #2024-3. Darrell Hurd, 108 W Main St., Plymouth NE, told the board that he wants to put a 40' x 60' shop building on his family's acreage in Gage County at 11219 W Maple Rd. in Lincoln Twp. The shop would be for his business, Wrenchman Service, LLC, an automotive repair business that is currently in Beatrice. No other public present for comment.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee reports continued with Haxby giving an update on grants, and reports were given by Lytle and Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge.

Break at 9:30 a.m. Back in session at 9:40 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Discussion on MOU between Gage County, Norris Public Power District and Today's Power, Inc. Braden Dvorak, Deputy Gage County Attorney and P&Z's legal counsel, and Bruce Vitosh, General Manager of Norris Public Power Dist. spoke about the MOU. There will be two solar energy system sites in Gage County, constructed by Today's Power, Inc. for the exclusive benefit of Norris PPD, Diller and Hoag. Today's Power is responsible for decommissioning and Norris will put dollars into escrow to prevent any issues for their customers in case Today's Power didn't complete the decommissioning. A third-party engineer would do calculations on decommissioning.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the MOU between Gage County, Norris Public Power District and Today's Power, Inc. Motion carried 6-0.

Grant writer

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve recommendation for four Special Designated liquor licenses for Gage County Ag Society, one for Gage County Fairgrounds beer garden on the Midway for the Gage County Fair, July 24-27, 2024, one for the Bull Riding Rodeo at the Horse Arena, July 24, 2024, and one for the track area for the Concert in the Grandstand on July 25, 2024. The fourth is for an alternate location of the lower (old) horse arena in case of

inclement weather for either the Bull Riding on July 24th or the Concert on July 25th. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on Settlement Agreement and General Release between Josh Carpenter and Gage County.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 10:01 a.m. regarding Settlement Agreement/General Release. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 10:12 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Settlement Agreement and General Release between Josh Carpenter and Gage County. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve a 1% increase for the lid on restricted funds. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:17 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting during closed session.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move out of closed session at 10:59 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until July 24, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

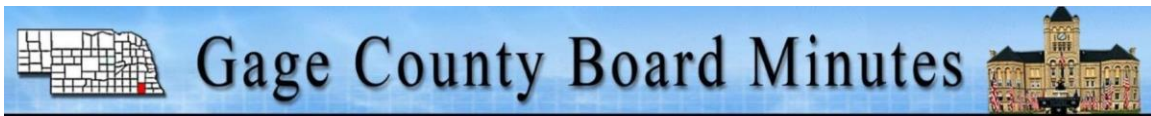
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 10th day of July, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 24, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Dave Swavely present, Gary Lytle absent.

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 \$575,332.15 which does not include claim #24070208 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$344.93 & claim #24070216 to R. L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$34,427.75 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Bank Balance and 6-month Board Settlement reports for Gage County Funds ending June 30, 2024; 6. Approve cancelling check #24070216 to Legal/Liability Risk Mgmt Institute in the amount of \$175.00; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1309 to Norris Public Power. Norris will be boring a new electrical line for a new residence on 176th between Ash and Apple Road. Norris will bore starting at pole on the West side of 176th, bore a 2” by 60” line under 176th Road to the East grader ditch, then continue all work on private property. Located East of Section 11 and West of Section 12, T-6-N, R-8-E, Adams Twp.; 8. Approve submitting a letter to Co. Attorney requesting to try & recover cost on the clean-up of a trailer house on Liberty Road.

According to State Statute 23-122, counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall cause to be published, between July 15 and August 15 of each year, the employee job titles and the current annual, monthly, bi-weekly, or hourly salaries corresponding to such job titles.

County Supervisor	Bi-weekly	1171.26
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County Supervisor	Bi-weekly	1171.26
County Supervisor	Bi-weekly	1171.26
County Supervisor, Vice Chairman	Bi-weekly	1171.26
County Supervisor, Chairman	Bi-weekly	1171.26
County Assessor	Bi-weekly	3020.08
County Attorney	Bi-weekly	4529.88
County Clerk	Bi-weekly	3020.08
County Treasurer	Bi-weekly	3020.08
Clerk of District Court	Bi-weekly	3020.08
Register of Deeds	Bi-weekly	3020.08
County Election Commissioner	Annually	8483.04
Co. Rlf./General Assistance Admin.	Bi-weekly	245.91
County Sheriff	Bi-weekly	3749.55
County Surveyor	Bi-weekly	1023.11
Deputy County Assessor	Bi-weekly	2264.80
Chief Deputy County Attorney	Bi-weekly	3623.90
Deputy County Attorney	Bi-weekly	2694.04
Deputy County Attorney	Bi-weekly	2694.04
Deputy County Clerk	Bi-weekly	2264.80
Deputy Clerk of District Court	Bi-weekly	2264.80
Deputy Register of Deeds	Bi-weekly	2264.80
Deputy County Treasurer	Bi-weekly	2264.80
Chief Deputy Sheriff	Bi-weekly	2999.64
Emer Mgmt Dir/P&Z Admin.	Bi-weekly	1984.00
Highway Superintendent	Bi-weekly	2536.00
Veterans Service Officer	Bi-weekly	2046.40
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Bi-weekly	2447.20
Clerical Assistant	Bi-weekly	1360.00

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Accounts Payable Clerk	Bi-weekly	1697.60
Election Specialist	Bi-weekly	1619.20
Administrative Asst/Payroll Spec.	Bi-weekly	1628.80
Assistant Custodian	Bi-weekly	1554.40
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1411.20
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1568.80
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1656.00
Account Clerk II	Bi-weekly	1493.60
Veterans Service Assistant	Bi-weekly	1360.00
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1511.20
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1360.00
Legal Assistant II	Bi-weekly	1714.40
Clerical Assistant	Bi-weekly	1140.00
Dist. Court Bailiff	Bi-weekly	1669.60
Court Services Clerk	Bi-weekly	1360.00
Real Estate Specialist	Bi-weekly	1429.60
Administrative Assistant	Bi-weekly	1552.80
Office Clerk	Bi-weekly	1360.00
Office Clerk	Bi-weekly	1360.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2480.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2480.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2320.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2480.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2160.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2160.00
Road Deputy	Bi-weekly	2480.00
Special Services Deputy Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2720.00
Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2720.00
Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2520.00
Investigator	Bi-weekly	2600.00
Investigator	Bi-weekly	2720.00
Transport Officer	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1760.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1760.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1760.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1880.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1640.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	1640.00
Corrections Officer	Bi-weekly	2080.00
Corrections Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2040.00
Corrections Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2240.00
Corrections Sergeant	Bi-weekly	2240.00
Admin. Asst. II	Bi-weekly	1755.20
Admin. Asst./Weed Superintendent	Bi-weekly	1863.20
Bridge Foreman	Bi-weekly	2224.80
Shop Foreman	Bi-weekly	2224.80
Asphalt Foreman	Bi-weekly	2224.80
Dirt Foreman	Bi-weekly	2224.80
Mechanic I	Bi-weekly	1708.00
Sign Tech	Bi-weekly	1679.20
Sign Tech	Bi-weekly	1828.00
Operator II – Truck Driver	Bi-weekly	1677.60
Operator II – Truck Driver	Bi-weekly	1240.00
Operator II – Asphalt	Bi-weekly	1677.60
Operator II – Motor Grader	Bi-weekly	1684.00
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Operator II – Motor Grader	Bi-weekly	1684.00
Operator III – Dirt	Bi-weekly	1734.40
Operator III – Dirt	Bi-weekly	1734.40
Operator III – Dirt	Bi-weekly	1734.40
Flagger/Laborer	Bi-weekly	1360.00

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	165,968.69
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	265.39
All Copy Products	Copier leases, copy overages	993.52
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	11,449.93
AT&T Mobility	Shf Firstnet mobile	566.25
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5990.08
Beatrice Daily Sun	Subscr.	294.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co.	Windshields	1025.00
Beatrice Public Library	Funding	3000.00
Black Hills Energy – Det.	Utilities	139.84
Black Hills Energy – Shf 1674	Utilities	44.59
Blue Valley Door Co.	Parts, labor	257.00
Butler Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	650.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	85.80
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Jail cable, Prob internet	409.96
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	463.80
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals at trng	34.80
Credit Information Systems	Pre-employment screens	78.75
Creek Turf Solutions, LLC	Sprinkler heads, line	1625.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	202.50
CVSOAN	Conf. regis.	60.00
DAS St Acctng – Central 6507	Data processing	196.00
David City Discount Pharmacy	Inmate medical	137.38
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	285.00
Echo Electric Supply	Lighting supplies	327.61
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower repeater, microwave rental	440.00
Gage Co. Sheriff's Offc.	Shf fees/mlg	495.50
Gage Co. Treasurer	Shf veh titles, tire tax x 2	30.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Supplies	840.00
Green Way Lawn Svcs.	Mowing/fertil.	850.00
Horwath Laundry Equip.	Svc call, parts, labor	1146.15
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin. fees	143.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, pstg	2443.83
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	42.70
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns.	6824.13
Lepant Law Offc.	Atty fees	1947.50
Lynn Peavey Co.	Supplies	63.44
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1349.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	1085.23
Mead Lumber Co.	Supplies	15.16
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc.	362.20
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	411.40
NE Health & Human Services	St. Institutions	534.56
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Lodging	390.00
NE UC Fund	Unemployment	9092.52
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	36.47
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	100.30
Philippi Electric	Det Ctr ext. lights	125.00
Police Officers Assn of NE	2024 handbooks	252.00
Priority Printing	Shf forms	1032.83
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	584.67
Ray's Welding, LLC	Det ctr supplies	576.00
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3210.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrngs, BOE's	574.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Det fuel	5047.91
Sec. of State	Atty cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Fire alarm monitoring	68.50
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs.	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	1280.70
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	17.50
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable	11.53

Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2970.00
Staples	Shf supplies	14.53
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc.	8522.29
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh. repairs, oil changes	572.87
The Voice News	Publications	157.72
Tridentcare (MobileXUSA)	Inmate medical	505.00
Twin Rivers	Shf veh repair	1582.26
US Bank – Purchase cards	Meals, supplies, etc.	3003.76
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones, hot spots	1.48
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	434.73
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob.	Phones	459.44
Windstream – Gen 1484	Gen ofcs admin.	2151.52
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Hwy admin.	228.32
Windstream – Shf 4340	Shf admin.	715.46
Windstream – Vets 4377	Vets admin.	137.79
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	3595.00
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf oil change	78.80

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,195.46
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	118.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	415.36
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete mix	331.80
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	40,627.39
Beatrice Fire Protection, LLC	Annl fire extinguisher insp., recharges, suppl.	736.38
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, suppl., tools	576.64
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 8861	Utilities	41.29
City of Wymore	Utilities	76.18
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	208.07
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Supplies	35.86
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Gage Co. Equipment, Inc.	Parts	499.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Easements filing fees	44.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Veh titles, tire tax x 2	30.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Co. rock	344.93
Hotsy Equip. Co., Inc.	Hose	270.00
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	1505.76
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	74.24
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	1481.42
Norris Public Power	Utilities	256.28
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	588.86
PowerPlan	Parts, labor	1583.08
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	34,427.75
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	3806.01
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	21,579.63
Truck Center Companies	Part	154.31
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	70.94
Wymore Oil Co.	Part, labor	30.00

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	27,637.36
Mutual of Omaha	Employee elective ins policies premiums	551.11

Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage (Gage Area Growth Ent.)	Co. share of expenditures	35,436.46
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Inheritance Fund

Pinnacle Bank Trustee	Inheritance tax overpayment reimb.	1484.07
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly ambulance svc.	60,288.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,925.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,063.45
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,911.75

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,713.19
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,938.26
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24070208 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$344.93 & claim #24070216 to R. L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$34,427.75, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 24, 2024 to \$610,104.83. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations; and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included new phone system installed, fire alarm phone, evidence bldg. smell from dead birds, and update on handicapped entrance.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-08

**RESOLUTION
&
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-3 for the placement of a Commercial Retail Business;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement of Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Commercial Retail Business located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 33-3-5 in Lincoln Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On June 18, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-3. The opportunity for public comments was held for testimony in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On June 18, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-3 finding that the location and land use is suitable to operate a commercial retail business.
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2024-3, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations.
5. On July 10, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-3.
6. On July 24, 2024, the Board considered whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2024-3 for the placement of a Commercial Retail Business in the NE ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 33-3-5 in Lincoln Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to adopt the foregoing Resolution.
All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely
Nay: None

Gage County Board of Supervisors

7-24-2024
Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve adopting Resolution #24-08 granting Special Use Permit #2024-3 for the placement of a commercial retail business to be located on a tract of land in the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33-3-5 of Lincoln Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve recommendation on a Special Designated Liquor License for Tall Tree Tasting, LLC, on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S 36th Rd., Beatrice NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve agreement for EPC services between Region V Systems and Gage County for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve the County Health Insurance Plan for 2024-2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on the County Budget for FY 24-25.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Haxby to move into closed session at 9:35 a.m. for potential litigation. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to come out of closed session at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m. until August 7, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

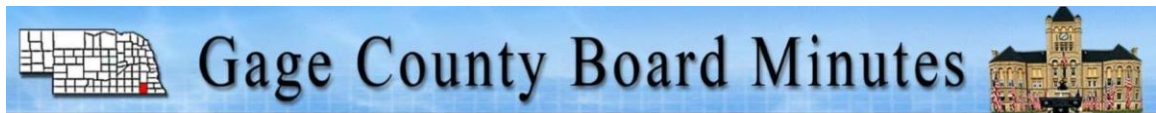
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 24th day of July, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 7, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens absent.

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 \$2,339,831.78 which does not include claim #24080057 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$2,424.51 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of July, 2024; 6. Approve receiving County Offices Inventory Statements and place on file; 7. Approve corrected cancelled check number of 24060034 instead of 24070216 as listed in error on 7/24/24 agenda.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	166,672.41
Applied Connective Technologies	IT consulting, equip., labor	52,329.56
Beatrice Daily Sun	Jail subscr.	300.99
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv. svcs.	3239.84
Black Hills Energy Ext. 5089	Ext Offc utilities	48.98
City of Beatrice	Co. share Prob. utilities	1320.09
Clearly Communications	Co. Gen phones	4249.22
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	443.70
Consolidated Management	Shf deputy meals at training	17.15
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	726.44
Lloyd Dickinson	Valuation protest referee	16,060.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	498.42
Fossler Excavation & Const., LLC	Trailer removal from road	15,000.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr to Road Fund	400,000.00
GBE, CPA	Prof. svcs RE audit	5000.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	375.00
gWorks	GIS Twp layer creation & subscr.	1220.00
Hamm Glass	DC glass counter	930.09
Hireclick	Pre-employment exams	999.00
Hometown Leasing	3 Prob Offc copier leases	472.70
Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC	AFIS maint. agrmnt	3257.00
Johnson Co. Sheriff	Shf. svc. fees	55.52
Kratz Law Offc., LLC	Atty fees	2788.25
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Repairs	200.03
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Ct. scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Computer suppt., equip, programs	5216.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2828.00
Nebr. City Ctr for Children, Families	Offc pest control	320.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood kit discovery materials	56.92
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath twr utilities	51.06
NE Shf.'s Assn.	Conf. regis.	295.00
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess medical ins.	11,789.50
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	3553.00
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping/pstg chgs	190.77
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	74.94
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	79.48
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	262.63
R&B Arms	Supplies	1324.50
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	456.00

SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	109.72
Siegel's Corporation	Shf uniforms	874.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc.	8252.93
The Radar Shop, Inc.	Repair & testing	151.50
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Verizon Wireless Dist 1 Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.99
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	53.91
Wollenburg Const.	Supplies, labor	2615.93

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,234.53
All Copy Products	Copy coverage	29.11
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	18,563.14
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 6863	Utilities	66.27
Bomgaars	Tool, supplies	295.44
Cather & Sons Construction	Asphalt	1949.48
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	25.97
Cornelius, Michael L.	Easements	850.29
Eakes Office Solutions	Shop towels	170.69
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	County rock	2424.51
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg	192.32
Nebraska Machinery Co.	2024 motor grader	259,448.00
SSG Farm, LLC	Easements	930.96
Tractor Supply Co.	Shop fan, fuel tank	1149.98
Tredz Central, LLC	Tires, harness adapter	1070.00

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9312.60
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	89,180.20
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	33,152.00

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Nebraska ISP, LLC	Broadband internet svc. program (grant)	925,000.00
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County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Phase 12 – Clock Twr Restoration per bid	167,000.00
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Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda with the exception of claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$15,000, as she would like to address the claim separately. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction. Haxby had concerns about the large amount of the invoice and whether there were other quotes received before Fossler Excavation was approved to do the project. Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried 5-1 with Haxby voting nay.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24080057 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$2,424.51, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 7, 2024 to \$2,342,256.29. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports began with Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, then broke for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:18 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on Gage County 2024 Culvert Group 2 Project C-34(1144, 1209, 1213, 1230, 1265, 1266). Motion carried 6-0.

Jones finished his committee report.

Bids were opened and read aloud. Bids were received from Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney NE in the amount of \$265,617.80; Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City MO in the amount of \$278,722.70; Midwest Service & Sales of Schuyler NE in the amount of \$353,000.58; and Contech Engineered Solutions of Lincoln NE in the amount of \$272,606.80. The bids were given to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation and potential awarding later in the meeting.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve accepting all bids and awarding the bid later in the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee reports continued with Tiemann on Equalization, and Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management/P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed were attic fans, lights on courthouse, memorial for JT Thornburg, county fair use of EM trailer, EMPG grant, zoning meeting on Aug. 15th with public hearing on cemetery. Tiemann noted that Karly Black with UN Extension was present – she gave a quick update on happenings with personnel – new employee starting in Sept., and Nathan Mueller accepted a position with NRCS.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave his recommendation of going with Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$265,617.80 as the low bid.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid for Gage County 2024 Culvert Group 2 Project C-34(1144, 1209, 1213, 1230, 1265, 1266) to Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney NE in the amount of \$265,617.80. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 10:03 a.m. Back in session at 10:13 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Curtis Field with Prochaska & Associates presented a needs assessment for the Gage County Jail/Detention Center, attempting to determine the most feasible and cost-effective solution to the current Law Enforcement Center (LEC) space and functional shortcomings, the shortage of jail beds, and compliance issues with Jail Standards Division of the NE Crime Commission. Discussion was on whether to attempt to remodel current facilities or build new facilities, the size of a proposed new facility, the functions that would be performed, whether to include a juvenile facility, possible formation of a Citizen’s Committee to finalize the bed-count issue, steps that would be taken for site selection and the ability to meet all needs of a facility if a new build is the choice, and developing Project Budgets for each feasible option. Discussion was had on the study.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 11:38 a.m. to address questions with counsel. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move out of closed session at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken on the agenda item to approve or disapprove the Letter Agreement with Prochaska & Associates for Part 2: Facility Development of Law Enforcement Center.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-09 for the signing of the County Annual Certification Program Compliance Form 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on County Budget for FY 24-25.

No closed session was taken on negotiations.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m. until August 21, 2024.

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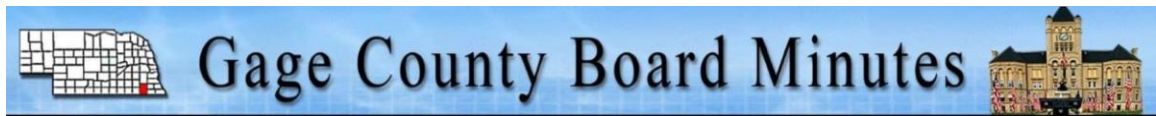
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/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 7th day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 21, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present.

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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 \$624,650.44 which does not include claim #24080192 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$11,750.40 and claim #24080202 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$64,019.14 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve Utility Permit #1310 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be installing a new fiber line to a residence at 1234 S. 25th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 437OP in the West grader ditch of 25th Road, bore a 2" diameter by 48" deep line under S. 25th Road to the East grader ditch. Once in the East grader ditch, Windstream will continue work on private property. Located West of section 6, T-6-N R-7-E, Nemaha Twp.; 6. approve Utility Permit #1311 to Viaero Fiber Networks LLC. Viaero will be installing a new fiber line for a communications tower outside of Gage County. Viaero will be plowing in the outer edge of Gage County ROW and bore under all intersections, culverts, bridges, and concrete structures between SW 142nd to S.190th between Maple and Linden Road. Plans for project are on file at the Highway Department. Located in Lincoln, Riverside, Rockford, and Sherman Twps.; 7. approve decorating SE tree in blue lights during Holiday lights season in memory of J.T. Thornburg.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	165,282.37
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products	Emer Mgmt copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Svcs, Inc.	Dist Ct ofc supplies	10.44
Applied Connective Technologies	IT mgmt., equip, new phone system, phones	39,145.58
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile svc	566.25
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	15.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6530.53
Beatrice Community Hospital	CPR AED trng	125.00
Beatrice Lawn Care Inc.	Spraying trees	450.00
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Siren repair	2022.42
Bryan Health	Investigative expns	90.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copy overage	9.20
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Bd of Eq pickup work	2325.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Jail supplies	503.20
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	209.97
City of Beatrice	Qrtrly 911 svc, gbg svc	1659.29
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.50
DAS St. Acctng Central Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	33.36
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Echo Group	Bulbs, ballasts, box connectors	289.93
Extreme Motorsports	EM signs	180.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf radio batteries	709.30
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	2308.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	205.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Law Enf supplies	186.98
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing, grub control	1035.00
Joyce Hasselbalch	Transcript	134.55
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Janitorial supplies	1571.79
Horwath Laundry Equip.	Dryer repair, parts, labor	1471.22
Huls Body Shop, Inc.	Towing	255.00
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA admin fees	144.50

Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty, postage	2428.89
Lynn Peavey Co.	Supplies	245.00
Mead Lumber Co., Inc.	Lumber, lock, supplies	608.90
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Ext Offc gbg svc	23.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process svr fees	359.00
Mosley Information Technology, LLC	Laptop repair	150.00
NACO	4 mtg regis.	160.00
NASASP – Natl Assn, Surplus Prop.	Shf. dues	39.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf training	142.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	325.69
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	212.25
Pawnee Republican	Publications	26.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	6384.75
Precision Auto Tune, Inc.	Shf veh repairs	1009.84
Professional Forms & Supplies, Inc.	Shf supplies	228.89
Quadient, Inc.	Env. opener maint.	888.73
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	509.28
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	202.49
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	392.30
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	118.43
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3638.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	5249.19
Sayler Screenprinting, LLC	Shf uniform	129.00
Nathan Schwab	Tree treatments	500.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitor Shf, Jail, Ext Offc	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Sherwin-Williams	Paint	38.27
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	19.25
Spectrum (Charter)	EM subscr.	11.53
Staples	Supplies	79.77
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc	6110.39
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf oil change	64.98
The Fairbury Journal News	Publications	26.77
The Voice News	Publications	49.41
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library subscr.	2784.69
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Subscr., semi-annl.	168.30
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, uniforms	3347.58
US Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext Offc stamps	204.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.10
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Electrical/bldg. supplies, tools	593.29
Windstream – Fillmore Prob.	Phones	458.57
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.38
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,246.84
Bauer Built	Tires	1018.84
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	180.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	457.99
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	48,587.06
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	902.58
Cather & Son's Construction	Asphalt	6583.76
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	83.75
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	133.59
Crete Lumber	Ice	175.00
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	180.00
Extreme Motorsports	Veh decals	134.00
Farmer's Cooperative	Propane, tire mounts	538.38
First Wireless	Radio parts	313.36
Hard Rock Quarries	County rock	11,750.40
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Freon, oil	369.78
Larry's Tire & Service	Repairs, changeovers	370.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Welding supplies	31.76

Mead Lumber	Supplies	12.99
Midwest Unlimited	Ratchet assy	69.90
NMC	Parts	3483.40
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	801.66
PowerPlan	Labor	674.10
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp. gravel & hauling	64,019.14
RDO Truck Center Co.	Parts, labor	2065.79
Rewound Power Motors	Parts, labor	160.82
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	13,524.88
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	22,854.12
Sun Auto Tire & Service	Tires, wheels	753.93
US Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	1033.42
US Auto Force	Tires	968.00
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	255.05
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Drill bit, parts	65.85
Yant Equipment	Nozzle & hose	262.00

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	270.89
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	63,450.99
Mutual of Omaha	Employee vol ins policies premiums	557.11

Covid America Rescue Plan Fund

Gage County	Transfer funds to the 2585 LATCF Fund	50,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,877.67
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,989.96
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,963.76

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,716.65
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,942.17
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24080192 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$11,750.40 and claim #24080202 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$64,019.14, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 21, 2024 to \$700,419.98. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance and Rd & Bridge, and Lytle & Millard on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving and placing on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving preliminary requests for levy allocation to the County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve MOU between Gage County and Freeman, Southern, and Diller-Odell Public School Districts for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing at 9:18 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke presented the projects on the 1- & 6-Year Plans. Discussion on the plans. No public present.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to close public hearing at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION #24-10

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 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 21st day of August, 2024.

Motion by: Swavely Second by: Dorn

Vote: Aye - 7 Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-10 approving the 1- & 6-Year Plan with one change of moving the Full Clatonia to DeWitt Blacktop from the 6-Year Plan to the 1-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on the Prochaska & Associates Jail Needs Assessment Proposal Addendum, requesting additional funding to research juvenile numbers. Lytle said he thinks that was included in the original contract and he wants them to complete the process with juvenile numbers as they were paid to do, and if it was a part of the original contract and they did not include the numbers in the assessment, they need to repay a portion of the amount we paid them.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to disapprove the proposal addendum requesting additional funding. Motion carried 7-0

Discussion on MOU’s with Marshall and Washington Counties in Kansas for bridge repairs on roads shared along the state lines. Repairs should be 50/50. We will send the agreement back stating that they can inspect and we will pay for the inspection every other year and repairs will be 50/50.

Break at 10:08 a.m. Back in session at 10:21 a.m. with Jurgens out.

Discussion on the County Budget for FY 24-25. Also discussed the cap that was voted for by legislation.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 10:41 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #24-11, 2024

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**	0.003209
Historical Society*	0.000737
Rural Fire Districts	0.030000
Townships	<u>0.075000</u>
Total	0.108946

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	0.003209	135,000.00	0.003209
Historical Society**	41,000.00	0.000975	31,000.00	0.000737

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)	92,000.00	0.029914	92,000.00	0.029914
Barneston Rural Fire* (General Fund)	36,000.00	0.033511	32,228.44	0.030000
Beatrice Rural Fire* (General Fund)	247,000.00	0.031971	231,770.22	0.030000
Blue Springs Rural Fire* (General Fund)	70,000.00	0.035165		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.012559</u>		
Total	95,000.00	0.047724	59,718.60	0.030000
Clatonia Rural Fire (General Fund)	25,000.00	0.028410	25,000.00	0.028410
Cort-Lanc Rural Fire* (General Fund)	98,128.00	0.037304		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>4,564.00</u>	<u>0.001735</u>		
Total	102,692.00	0.039039	78,915.77	0.030000
Filley Rural Fire (General Fund)	92,000.00	0.029312	92,000.00	0.029312
Odell Rural Fire (General Fund)	21,000.00	0.006881	21,000.00	0.006881
Pickrell Rural Fire (General Fund)	70,000.00	0.028008	70,000.00	0.028008
Wymore Rural Fire (General Fund)	16,500.00	0.009269	16,500.00	0.009269

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	67,059.90	0.027156	67,059.90	0.027156
Barneston Township	45,008.52	0.048469	45,008.52	0.048469
Blakely Township	148,000.00	0.067144	148,000.00	0.067144
Blue Springs-Wymore	46,996.50	0.032578	46,996.50	0.032578
Clatonia Township	69,662.00	0.053252	69,662.00	0.053252
Elm Township	48,825.00	0.038765	48,825.00	0.038765
Filley Township	72,000.00	0.064897	72,000.00	0.064897
Glenwood Township	42,600.00	0.036181	42,600.00	0.036181
Grant Township	54,000.00	0.039944	54,000.00	0.039944
Hanover Township	45,000.00	0.035117	45,000.00	0.035117
Highland Township***	101,521.22	0.050000	101,521.22	0.050000
Holt Township	46,313.00	0.031555	46,313.00	0.031555
Hooker Township	35,700.00	0.032297	35,700.00	0.032297
Island Grove Township	43,788.60	0.063895	43,788.60	0.063895
Liberty Township	40,000.32	0.050652	40,000.32	0.050652
Lincoln Township	51,480.42	0.042758	51,480.42	0.042758
Logan Township	51,000.00	0.041719	51,000.00	0.041719
Midland Township (Sinking Fund)	48,000.00	0.038578	48,000.00	0.038578
Nemaha Township	47,000.00	0.021331	47,000.00	0.021331
Paddock Township	51,935.00	0.048649	51,935.00	0.048649
Riverside Township	93,000.00	0.054681	93,000.00	0.054681
Rockford Township	42,000.00	0.037578	42,000.00	0.037578
Sherman Township	31,835.22	0.036340	31,835.22	0.036340
Sicily Township	51,962.88	0.045972	51,962.88	0.045972

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

Motion by Schuller to adopt Resolution #24-11, 2024, seconded by Swavely.
Voting yes were Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle
Voting no were None

Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk (SEAL)

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-11 setting final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society, approving all as presented, but raising the Ag Society to \$175,000 and Historical Society to \$41,000. Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to amend the original motion to increase only the Historical Society by an additional \$10,000. Vote on the amended motion – Schuller, Dorn, and Swavely voting yea, Haxby, Tiemann, and Lytle voting nay. Motion failed 3-3.

Vote taken on original motion to increase both the Ag Society and Historical Society – Haxby, Swavely, and Lytle voting yea, Schuller, Tiemann, and Dorn voting nay. Motion failed 3-3.

Haxby left meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-11 setting final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society as presented with no changes. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m. until September 4, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

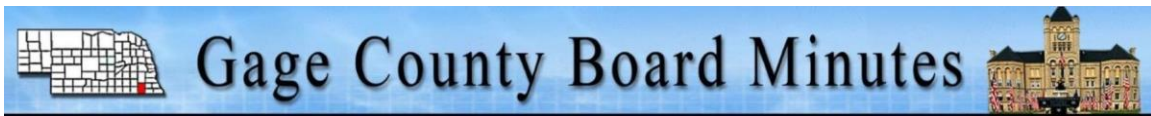
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 21st day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 4, 2024, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present. Emily Haxby absent.

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 \$588,489.35 which does not include claim # 24090063 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$3,134.74 and claim # 24090070 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$144,386.38 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve Utility Permit #1312 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be installing a new fiber line to a residence at 17831 S. 12th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 270OH in the East grader ditch of 12th Road, bore a 2” diameter by 48” deep line under S. 12th Road to the East grader ditch. Once in the East grader ditch, Windstream will continue work on private property. Located West of Section 36 and East of Section of 35, T-5-N, R-6-E, Holt Twp.; 6. approve Utility Permit #1313 to Oneok North System LLC. Oneok will be repairing a pipeline on the North side of Sargent Road just East of 120th Road. Oneok will open a 20’x20’x5’ deep excavation and expose pipe 5’ to 10’ off edge of road, once pipe is exposed, Oneok will weld a sleeve at damaged area. All excavations will be restored to original conditions once repair is complete. Located South of section 20, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Twp.; 7. approve declaring items listed below as surplus and advertising on Purple Wave. Hiniker 7900 Snow Plow – 7901-C1427291, 1977 Ford 1-ton truck/sprayer -F37SL036431, 1962 Hobart Welder GPB-258 – 12CW-24186, 1973 Hobart Welder GP-250 – 10-4W-1784, 1991 Ford 6610 Tractor W/Alamo mower – BC72194, 2000 Chevy 1 ton flatbed - 1GBJC34ROYF459399, 1969 Koehring Crane/Dragline w/25’ & 35’ leads, 2006 Sterling Dump Truck - 2FZMACVX6AV50901, 1978 Linkbelt 20-ton Crane & Parts - 3HA-850, 2014 International Dump Truck - 1HTGRSJT3EH763988, Ouan generator & transfer switch, 5 HP Gas Motors, 2- Robin EC10 Wacker Packer, 1997 Logan Roller 3-Ton - SLBTOPSOEV02CC026, 1974 CAT D-6 Dozer – 10K9613, 1984 Ford Flatbed 2 ½ Ton - 1FDNF70H6EVA03218, 1973 1066 International Tractor – 34463, 1990 Chevy Pickup 1 ton dual - 1GBHC34K3LE221370.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	166,204.59
Adams Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint	29.00
All Copy Products	Ext Offc copy overage	435.72
Beatrice Daily Sun	Vets subscr.	309.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	48.19
Capital One, NA	Prob offc supplies	54.67
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	199.99
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svc	10,000.00
Clatonia Rescue Squad	Qrtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	738.45
CMH Clinics	Pre-empl. Screens	242.00
Community Physicians Clinic	Pre-empl. Exam	97.60
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	947.02
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	5.00
Election Systems & Software	Thermal paper	102.47
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless	Radio repair, equip rental	540.21
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	2835.75
Gracie Global, LLC	Instructor certif.	1500.00
Holiday Inn, Kearney	Lodging	269.90
Hometown Leasing	Prob offcs copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2066.25

Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	275.50
Lynn Peavey Co.	Shf supplies	353.57
<u>General Fund cont.</u>		
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst. Care	180.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
O'Neill Insurance	Notary bond	84.50
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Pawnee Republican	Publications	15.50
Philippi Electric	Parts, labor	724.61
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc	1500.00
Pinnacle Operations Center	Copies	15.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf veh graphics	1665.00
Priority Printing	Treas/Prob bus. Cards	275.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping	284.81
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	49.59
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	234.11
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	381.20
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	244.57
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	931.24
Kristine Riekenberg	Transcript	253.00
SENDD	Dues	7025.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	6012.30
The Fairbury Journal News	Publications	15.11
UN Medical Center	Toxicology	101.00
US Post Svc., Postmaster	Presort permit	350.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.71
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.99
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.09
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	2685.00
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,314.88
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	32,863.21
Black Hills Energy 6863	Utilities	66.93
Black Hills Energy 8861	Utilities	41.29
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	3303.62
Capital One, NA	Supplies	352.76
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	6761.67
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	28.09
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip. rental	350.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing fees	44.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock & gravel	3134.74
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug tests	116.25
Midwest CDL Training, LLC	Test	103.00
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair	907.09
Norris Public Power	Utilities	1993.63
Brenda Pilkinton	Easement	895.12
Wayne Pohlmann	Easement	568.33
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	144,386.38
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	5146.93
Tractor Supply	Supplies	436.47
<u>Road & Bridge Sinking Fund</u>		
JJK Construction, LLC	Pickrell E, C-34(1300), pay appl. 1	109,548.51
<u>Visitor's Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	12,431.15
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Empl. Hlth ins claims paid	74,159.71
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,966.17
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,057.43
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,634.59

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,721.25
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,943.51
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim # 24090063 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$3,134.74 and claim # 24090070 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$144,386.38. This brings the total amount of claims paid through September 4, 2024 to \$736,010.47. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance and Road & Bridge; Lytle on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt. Topics discussed were scaffolding on East side of courthouse for final phase of the washing and tuck pointing; jail committee meeting and P&Z meeting on 9/24/24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Tim Fralin as the manager for Hidden Acres Golf Club. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing @ 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2024-4 for the re-instatement of a pioneer cemetery that was previous abandoned, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36-1-6 of Paddock Township in Gage County, Nebraska known as Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Motion carried 6-0.

Lisa Wiegand presented the recommendation from Planning & Zoning who voted 6-0 in recommending approval.

Speaking at the public hearing was LeaAnne Bogart, 976 E Walnut, Wymore NE. She said they have formed a cemetery association of 9 members, and they meet twice a year. They want to get the cemetery cleaned up and repair stones. They will bury only human remains, no pets. The plot purchase price includes opening and closing the grave, and the marker base needs to be thick enough to keep the top stone straight. Also speaking was Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE. She has concerns with digging new graves if they don't know where all the existing graves are.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close the public hearing at 9:29 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Rachel Kreikemeier, NGage Executive Director, presented the NGage Quarterly Report and gave an update on their projects and activities.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to receive the report and place it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on items the highway department had on Purple Wave that were not selling, and whether to scrap them or remove them and call for bids. A list of additional items to put on Purple Wave was presented also.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve bundling the items together that were initially marked to scrap and sell on Purple Wave. If items do not sell, it will be determined at that time what action will be taken. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until September 18, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

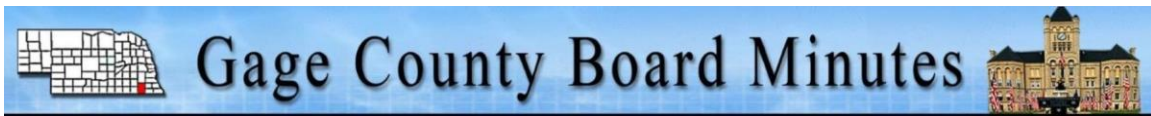
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 4th day of September, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 18, 2024, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present.

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Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$1,847,036.20 which does not include claim # 24090237 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$144.00 and claim # 24090244 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$99807.85, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of August, 2024; 6. Approve sheriff’s distress warrant report 7. Approve striking personal property taxes where a distress warrant has been issued for at least 2 (two) years and remains uncollected; 8. Approve receiving treasurer’s list of delinquent taxes on parcels of real estate in the County, which remain unsold for want of bidders and directing the County Treasurer to issue county tax sale certificates; 9. Approve the County Treasurer to use the single bank pooled collateral program as an authorized method to secure public funds; 10. Approve specifications and call for bids on 2024-2025 snow removal for the courthouse, Sheriff/Jail, Veterans Office, Former Buss Stop location and parking lots. Bids to be opened October 2, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.; 11. Utility Permit #1314 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be repairing a fiber line along Hoyt Road between S. 66th to S. 80th. From existing Pedestal 488WE, Windstream will plow new fiber in the South grader ditch along Hoyt in the outer 3’ of the ROW for 275’. Windstream will then expose existing cable and splice with new fiber. Located North of Section 4, T-4-N, R-7-E, Logan Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	172,586.84
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Inmate medical	7660.84
Amazon Capital Svcs.	DC offc supplies	68.71
Applied Connective Technologies	Security svcs	1150.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Taser certification	14,400.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	7032.00
Beatrice Comm. Hospital	CPR/AED trng	25.00
Beatrice Daily Sun	Publications	6111.25
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	54.60
Beatrice Mechanical Svc.	Jail cooler repair	147.24
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile Div svcs	6857.32
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	133.29
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	42.09
Blue Valley Door Co.	Svc call	105.00
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	209.97
City of Beatrice	Qtrly EMS svc, gbg svc	45,362.20
Clearly Communications	Phones	2766.89
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	477.34
Consolidated Management	Meals at trng	139.70
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	540.00
Crowne Plaza – Kearney	Lodging	449.85
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	182.50
Datashield Corp.	Doc shredding	40.40
Deluxe Corp.	DC supplies	778.28
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	190.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	4206.91
Echo Group	Bulbs	165.92
Electronic Contracting	Inspection	433.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00

Gage Co. Court	Court costs	1921.00
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mowing	435.00
Harman Wright Mortuary	Autopsy expns	575.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint.	Wax	574.96
Homestead LEPC	Dues	217.99
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2059.75
Jurors – Co. Ct.	Jury fees	1469.90
Joyce A. Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken’s Pest Control	Pest control	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf. Atty, postage	2452.07
Lammel Plumbing	Repairs, supplies	345.99
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	2884.95
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	312.00
Marshall & Swift Boeckh, LLC	Assr resid cost handbook	389.95
Mead Lumber Co.	Supplies	568.52
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Microfilming	457.00
Mid-States Org. Crime Info. Center	Supplies	2131.64
Midwest Process Svcs	Civil process fees	392.60
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing	5216.49
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst.	5550.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Repairs, supplies	918.39
Norris Public Power	Utilities	50.70
O’Reilly Auto	Repairs	102.71
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	124.75
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expns	6260.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Vets internet	482.05
Precision Signs & Graphics	LE graphics	17.50
Priority Printing	Supplies	656.92
Quadient Leasing	Pstg meter lease	2907.96
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	259.16
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	151.57
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	227.37
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	190.00
Sack Lumber	Supplies	124.56
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4637.70
SE NE Comm.	Prob phones	110.65
Security Services	Monitoring	68.50
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	19.25
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appr. maint.	27,429.50
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	6432.43
T.O. Haas	Veh repairs, tires, etc.	2595.68
Thomson Reuters	Software	2784.69
TK Elevator	Maint.	265.63
Total Security Solutions	Panels	2392.00
UNL – Haskell Ag Lab	Forum	115.00
US Bank	Supplies, fuel, meals	2420.25
U.S. Post Svc	P&Z PO box	120.00
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.10
Veterans Info. Svc.	Annl dues	65.00
Washington Co. Shf.	Board inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	430.39
Windstream Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	458.57
Windstream Gen Info	Phones	4023.37
Zultys	Prob phones	472.38
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,194.19
All Copy Products	Copy overage	59.20
Barco Municipal Prod.	Signs	1493.42
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	40.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	444.06
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	16,343.26
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	964.99
Cather & Sons	Asphalt	4791.74

City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	85.82
Farmers Coop	Propane	39.10
Filtercare of NE	Filters	51.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part	66.86
Johnny's Welding	Supplies	144.00
Landmark Implement	Filters	940.11
Larry's Tire & Svc	Mounts, repairs, alignments	723.96
Mid-States Org Crime Info Ctr	Video surv.	2131.64
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing	192.32
O'Reilly Auto	Parts	1454.73
Powerplan	Parts, labor	3394.05
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	99,807.85
RDO Truck Center	Parts	1211.63
Rewound Power Motors	Parts	79.92
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Fuel, oil	22,617.42
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	1019.04
Truck Equip. Svc.	Supplies	118.38
U.S. Bank	Supplies	639.46
Verizon Connect Fleet	Veh GPS	706.93
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Zoellner Ford	Part	110.00

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	24,531.82
Lucent Health Solutions	Admin. fees	37,591.98

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion Program	2203.00
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Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Nebraska ISP, LLC	NextLink grant pmt. Brdband internet proj.	1,225,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,552.65
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,545.59
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,634.59

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,713.10
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,934.24
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0, Haxby temporarily out.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24090237 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$144.00. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest and Haxby temporarily out.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24090244 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$99,807.85, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 18, 2024 to \$1,946,988.05. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest and Haxby temporarily out.

Margaret Haith spoke under public comments, asking why the board is not allowed to respond to things brought forward during the public comments.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Shf. Gustafson and Tiemann on Law Enforcement, and Haxby and Hwy Supt Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Topics included progress report on courthouse exterior restoration, sprinklers replaced for fire system, snow bids, heat pump went out, update on Pickrell bridge, and discussion on putting out an RFD for a grant writer.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented a Visitor Improvement Grant request for the Welsh Heritage and Culture Center, Inc., dba Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project in the amount of \$25,000.00. Gwen Colgrove with the Welsh Heritage Center spoke about their museum and the expansion needed. They are trying to raise \$175,000 for the project.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to approve a Visitor Improvement Fund Grant to the Welsh Heritage and Culture Center, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:17 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on the One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Mark Kuhnke, Hwy. Supt. explained the 1- & 6 year was being amended to change one job from the 6 year to the 1 year list and added Pickrell East job that was forgotten.

No public present for the public hearing.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:28 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION # 24-12

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

WHEREAS, said meeting held on August 21, 2024 resolution 24-10 was adopted and

WHEREAS, Resolution 24-10 for Adopted One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan required amending and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said Amended One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th day of September, 2024.

Motion by: Lytle Second by: Swavely

Vote: Aye- 7 Nay- 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-12, approving the One- & 6-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-13

**RESOLUTION
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STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-4 for the reinstatement and transfer of land management for an abandoned pioneer cemetery known as Pleasant Hill Cemetery;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for the reinstatement and transfer of land management for a pioneer cemetery located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36–1–6 in Paddock Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On August 15, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive input on SUP #2024-4. The opportunity for public comments was held for testimony in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On August 15, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 with 1 abstention to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-4 finding that the location and land use is suitable for the reinstatement of a pioneer cemetery and transfer of land management was appropriate pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 12-812.
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2024-4, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and Neb. Rev. Stat. § 12-812.
5. On September 4, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to SUP #2024-4.
6. On September 4, 2024, the Board considered whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and Neb. Rev. Stat. 12-812 and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024-4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2024-4 for the reinstatement and transfer of land management for a pioneer cemetery known as Pleasant Hill Cemetery in the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36–1–6 in Paddock Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

Gage County Board of Supervisors

September 18, 2024
Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #24-13 approving Special Use Permit #2024-4 for the re-instatement of a pioneer cemetery that was previous abandoned, located in the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 36-1-6 of Paddock Township in Gage County, Nebraska known as Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Motion carried 7-0.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke led discussion about MOU’s for Marshall and Washington counties in Kansas regarding shared roads.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU’s with both Marshall and Washington counties in Kansas. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 24-14

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of GAGE County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of GAGE County resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$	11,217,823.82
	\$	-
	\$	-
	\$	-
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 11.66 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.262755 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. GAGE County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.266656 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of GAGE County will increase last year’s budget by 29.54 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to adopt Resolution #24-14

Voting yes were:
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/ David Swavely
/s/ Gary Lytle
/s/ Don Schuller
/s/ Emily M. Haxby
/s/ Terry Jurgens
/s/ Erich Tiemann

Voting no were:
None

Dated this 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-14 setting the 2024-2025 tax request at a different rate than the 2023-2024 tax request. Motion carried 7-0.

GAGE COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS
#24-15

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 18th day of September, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Gage County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

COUNTY BOARD

/s/ Eddie Dorn

/s/ Terry Jurgens

/s/ David Swavely

/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Gary Lytle

/s/ Don Schuller

/s/ Emily M. Haxby

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-15 adopting the County Budget for FY 2024-2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on a claim to NextLink for the broadband internet project using ARPA funds. There were certain stipulations on how ARPA funds could be used and what types of projects qualified. The county chose to focus on county-wide broadband internet service. After putting out a RFP, NextLink was chosen to be the provider. Tiemann stated that NextLink made additional dollar investments above and beyond the grant obligations to reach as many residents as possible. Tiemann read a statement written by Oliver Borchers-Williams, the Director of Broadband Development with SENDD (SE NE Development District). The statement read: *As the Gage County – Nextlink partnership officially crosses the finish line today, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on its monumental significance. This is an incredible feat by the Board and Nextlink alike. By delivering next-generation fiber optic broadband to close to 1,000 rural locations in a timely fashion, this project has transformed the connectivity landscape in the county. For some perspective, nearly one-third of Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program projects awarded in the first two rounds required completion deadline extensions and **none served more than 860 locations**. What's even more impressive is our earliest discussions regarding an ARPA-supported broadband project in Gage County began shortly after the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was signed into law in late 2021. While Nebraska is still awaiting approval of its proposal to begin the grant process, many Gage County residents are already able to enjoy the benefits of gigabit connectivity as a result of the Board's initiative. The Gage County-Nextlink partnership is exemplary of the power of county engagement in broadband expansion, and I am honored to have been involved in this project. Congratulations to the Board of Supervisors, Nextlink, and Gage County!*

Aaron Clark, Regional Director of Operations for Nextlink, based out of Lincoln. Thank you to the board for your vision and being an example to other counties and communities of what can be accomplished. The contract with the county was to serve 950 locations. We have provided service to 983 locations that are live now with fiberoptic internet service. While we've met the obligation of the grant, we're not stopping there – 5 more sub-phases within the project area will lead to 1,081 total homes serviceable. There has been 2,042,000 feet of conduit installed in the county. Nextlink has applied for and received additional grants and will be servicing 5 more communities – Filley, Pickrell, Barneston, Cortland & Clatonia areas. Every Village in Gage County will have fiber. Tiemann thanked Nextlink for their investment in the county. Senator Dorn congratulated the board on the Broadband project and thanked Supervisor Haxby for her dedication to the project. He also thanked Haxby for her work on the Bead program and getting extra money for the unserved and underserved houses. He also congratulated Nextlink and thanked them for getting those funds out and getting them used in the county.

Break at 10:13 a.m. Back in session at 10:33 a.m. with all members previously listed except Jurgens and Swavely.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:34 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Haxby left meeting during closed session.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to come out of closed session at 12:21 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

No action was taken on the Interlocal Agreement between the Gage County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m. until October 2, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

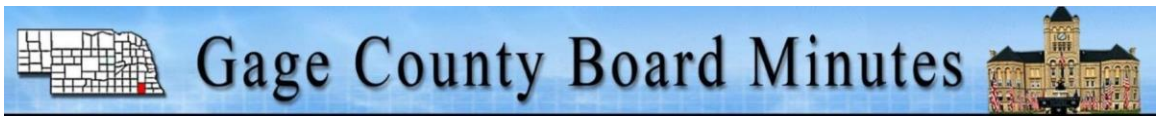
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 18th day of September, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 2, 2024, 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 \$1,518,689.02 except claim # 24100057 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$26,051.05 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	190,651.83
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf. website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products	Ext Offc copy overages	296.45
Applied Connective Tech.	IT parts, labor	6523.06
Black Hills Energy 8852	Utilities	135.52
Black Hills Energy 5089	Utilities	47.14
Black Hills Energy 1674	Utilities	42.51
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	79.00
CIDNET	Shf data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Prob utilities	369.67
Community Physicians Clinic	Inmate medical	121.00
Consolidated Mgmt. Co.	Meals at trng.	202.75
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	3890.35
DAS St. Acctng. Cntrl 6507	Data processing	230.50
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Election Systems & Software	Ballot layout	3685.90
First Wireless	Radio equip. parts, labor	1033.47
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to Road	400,000.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Fees/mlg	2199.74
Garcia Clinical Lab	Lab svcs	10.00
GBE, CPA	Co. audit work	3000.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	630.00
Griffiths Hoevendick Chapel	Co. cremation	1200.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	472.70
James River Chry Dodg Jeep	Shf 2024 Dodge Durango	45,000.00
Kravec Maurstad Law	Child suppt enf atty	2398.05
Kubat Healthcare	Oxygen tank for jail	1485.00
Land Survey Tech	Co surveyor operating expense	6578.43
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	850.94
Mosley Information Tech.	Prob computer	2205.00
NACO	Mtg regis	200.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Inst	186.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	40.00
Pawnee Republican	Publications	25.00
Quadient Finance	Shipping pstg	303.91
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	319.38
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	213.73
Region V Systems	EPC	642.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Secretary of State	Copies	40.00
Summit Fire Prot.	Semi-annl insp.	357.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5765.32
The Fairbury Journal News	Publications	25.47

U-Line, Inc.	Handy mover	1229.86
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs.	10,604.88

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	53,613.34
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	2136.93
Black Hills Energy 6863	Utilities	66.28
Black Hills Energy 8861	Utilities	41.29
Blue Valley Door	Svc call	217.00
Bomgaars	Parts, tools, supplies	1202.24
First Wireless	Equip rental	350.00
Gage Co. Reg. of Deeds	Easement	22.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	55,373.10
Metal Culverts, Inc.	Project pipe	207,070.80
Norris Public Power	Utilities	257.19
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	26,051.05
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	10,946.54
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	968.00
Ron Wollenburg	Easements	3486.29
Yant Testing Supply	Safety signs	92.00

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

JJK Construction	Pickrell E, C-34(1300), Pat quant. #2	399,166.66
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Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,416.89
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Insurance Fund

Mutual of Omaha	Employee elective ins premiums	556.80
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,594.36
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,920.13
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,598.09

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,618.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,960.86
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24100057 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$26,051.05. This brings the total amount of claims paid through October 2, 2024 to \$1,544,740.07. Motion carried 5-0-1. Tiemann abstained due to conflict.

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

Committee reports were given by Swavely and Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Haxby on Finance/Insurance & Rd & Bdg; Lytle and Millard Gustafson & Lisa Wiegand on Law Enf & Emg. Mgmt. Items of discussion included new lights in sally port; Masonry Const. finishing up East side of Courthouse; heat pump that needs replaced; jail inspector here on 16th; jail committee will be touring Seward Detention Center; public hearings (solar & Wellhead Permits) on Oct. 30th

Lytle present in the meeting @ 8:49 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Lease Agreement with City of Beatrice and Gage County for the lease of a lot located next to Co. Highway Dept. parcel # 013428200. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve Agreement between University of Nebraska Medical Center and Gage County for certain forensic and crime lab testing. The agreement will be in effect for 3 years. Motion carried 7-0.

Karly Black - Extension Educator, presented a list of Extension Board members. The Co. Board will take action to approve at next meeting.

No action taken on the Interlocal Agreement between Gage County and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to close bids for snow removal for 24-25 season. Motion carried 7-0.

One bid was received from Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve bid from Beatrice Lawn Care. Motion carried 6-0-1. Tiemann abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to go into closed session at 9:22 a.m. for negotiations and personnel issues. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens out of closed session at 9:26 a.m. & Lytle out of closed session at 10:40 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to come out of closed session at 11:08 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. until October 16, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

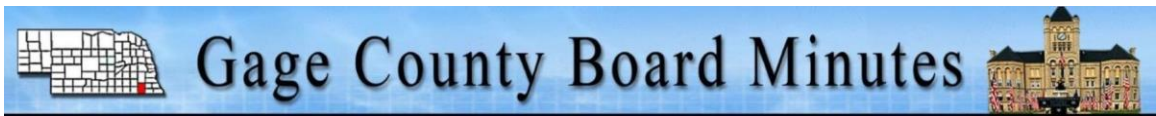
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 2nd Day of October, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 16, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn & Dave Swavelly present. Lytle absent.

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 \$596,475.23 except claim # 24100193 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$22,913.56 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve appointing Janice Duntz, Suzanne Munn, Tom Person, Jana Mullins, Joanne Neemann, Marlene Gakle, George Pinkerton to Gage County Extension Board and appointing Jaime Vater as 4-H Council Representative; 6. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of September, 2024; 7. approve Utility Permit #1315 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be relocating fiber lines along SW 100th Road north of Chestnut for Gage County project C-34(1236) and C-34(1237). Windstream will cut and cap existing copper lines no longer in use. Located East of section 16, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp.; 8. approve Utility Permit #1316 to Pawnee County Rural Water District. Pawnee Rural Water will be replacing a shallow 2” water line with a new 3” encasement sleeve pipe and a 2” water line. Pawnee Rural Water will bore a 3” diameter by 5’ deep line under 176th Road just North of Scott Road and then splice on to existing rural water line in ROW. Located East of Section 35 and West of Section 36, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	175,033.12
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svc.	7,657.84
All Copy Products	Copier lease/copies	1,058.00
Amazon Capital Services	Dist. crt-office supplies	27.77
Applied Connective Tech LLC	Remote monitoring & management	11,091.93
AT&T Mobility Accounts LLC	Sheriff-phone service	1,132.50
Axon Enterprise Inc	Sheriff-conference admission	699.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6,115.76
Best Point Web Design	Website design & development	4,600.00
Capital One	Prob. Office supplies	50.48
Cardinal Assessment Group LLC	Pick up work	5,887.50
CASA of Gage County	Budget form	5,633.79
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Jail-cable	199.99
City of Beatrice	Monthly trash svc.	339.20
Clearly Communications	Phone service	2,809.71
Clerk of District Court	St. & svc. fees	889.50
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	640.00
Datashield Corporation	Prob. doc shredding	24.00
Detectachem Inc	Law enf. Supplies	46.90
Diode Technologies	Vets-monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mental Health Board	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office equip., supplies, etc.	2,803.10
Echo Group Inc	Sheriff/Corr.-lights	409.94
Election Systems & Software LLC	Printing & publ.	3,074.64
Electronic Contracting Co.	Cellular call-out Install.	2,102.16
Farmers Cooperative	Tire repair	25.00
First Wireless Inc	Shrf.-mobile radio	1,663.01
Green Way Lawn Services LLC	Mowing & fert.	1,140.00
Isolved Benefit Services	Admin. fees	144.50
Jefferson County Sheriff	Court costs	7.00
Jerry L Shelton, Atty	Atty.fees	1,425.00
Kravec Maurstad Law PC LLO	Atty. fees	2,425.79
Lancaster County Sheriff	Svc. fees	18.00

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Lepant Law Office PC LLO	Mental Health Board	95.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Prisoner provisions	651.99
Mahloch Law Office	Atty. fees	213.75
Maximus US Services Inc	Cost Allocation Plan	2,600.00
Mead Lumber Company Inc	Supplies & rental	286.56
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Scanning equip. monthly rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	293.70
Mips Inc	Computer support, programs, etc.	5,216.49
Nelson, Clark & Timan PC	Public def. atty fees	6,346.15
Noakes Heating & Air Conditioning	Recharge heat pump	168.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	49.43
Northeast Auto	Investigative exp.	550.00
O'Neill Insurance Inc	Notary bond	40.00
Paper Tiger Shredding Inc	Shredding svc.	101.50
Pinpoint Communications	Broadband	280.17
Polaris Law Group	Atty. fees	3,885.50
Priority Printing	Prob. business cards	110.00
Psychological Resources	Shrf. Pre-employment exams	300.00
Quill – Ext.	Office supplies	84.36
Quill – EMS	Office supplies	174.98
Quill – Co. Court	Office supplies	59.37
Quill – Probation	Office supplies	345.75
Reagan Law Offices PC LLO	Atty fees	1,512.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Mental Health Board	95.00
Sack Lumber	Supplies	39.89
Sapp Brothers Petroleum Inc	Shrf. & jail fuel	2,834.66
Jesse Scheele	Cemetery mowing	2,000.00
Southeast Nebraska Communications	Prob. phone	111.64
Secretary of State	Subscription	40.00
Security First Bank	Dist. Crt. safe dep. box rent	35.00
Security Services	Fire alarm inspection	300.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext. Off. Monthly janitorial	120.00
State of Nebraska	Election postage	4,175.71
Summit Food Service LLC	Jail meals	2,817.68
T. O. Haas Tire	Shrf./Jail vehicle repair	737.14
Thomson Reuters	Dist. judge software subscription	5,931.15
TK Elevator Corporation	Elevator maint. agreement	265.63
Twin Rivers	Vehicle repair	452.26
US Bank Purchase Cards	Meals, fuel, supplies	2,171.45
Verizon Wireless	Emerg. Response phones	218.83
Verizon Wireless	Sheriff phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless	Emerg. Mgmt. phones	328.13
Verizon Wireless	Dist. 1 prob. phones	394.12
Westlake Ace Hardware Inc	Supplies	137.21
Windstream	Dist. 1 prob. phones	54.43
	Total	\$111,890.15

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,591.72
All Copy Products Inc	Office supplies	32.85
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	1,846.19
Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Rubbish disposal	330.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & Gravel	64,512.59
Beatrice Iron & Metal	parts, supplies	751.31
Capital One	supplies	35.39
Cather & Sons Construction Inc	asphalt	8,233.70
City of Wymore	Utilities	84.66
Constellation	Utilities	26.76
Farmers Cooperative	Fuel, tire service	1,786.85
Fastenal	Bolts	92.00
Filtercare of Nebraska LLC	Filters	122.15
Gage County Register of Deeds	Easements	66.00
Inland Truck Parts & Service	Parts	540.75
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers Inc	Parts	107.44
Landmark Implement Inc	Parts	219.66
Mips Inc	Hwy pkg. program/support	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2,077.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	866.92

Pickrell Lumber	Bolts	280.00
PowerPlan	Parts & Labor	1,368.98
R L Tiemann Construction Inc	Township gravel & hauling	22,913.56
RDO Truck Center LLC	Parts & Labor	2,731.81
Rewound Power Motors	Part	73.71
Rock On Inc	Township gravel	6,218.51
Rose Equipment LLC	Parts	147.58
Sapp Brothers Petroleum Inc	Fuel, oil & supplies	24,721.62
Tractor Supply Co	Parts	32.99
Verizon Connect	Veh, GPS	571.50
Village of Odell	Utilities	<u>49.50</u>
	Total	\$141,034.30

ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems Inc	Supplies	119.92
MIPS Inc	Computer program/support	<u>220.08</u>
	Total	\$340.00

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	40,276.20
Lucent Health Solutions LLC	Admin. fees	<u>37,367.80</u>
	Total	\$77,644.00

Stop Program Fund

Shrf. Cellebrite	<u>2,396.66</u>
Total	\$2,396.66

Grand Total Vendors \$333,305.11

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24100193 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$22,913.56. This brings the total amount of claims paid through October 16, 2024 to \$619,388.79. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance, Haxby on Road & Bridge & Wiegand on Law Enf & Emg. Mgmt. topics discussed included replacing controllers, body scanner for sheriff office, update on Pickrell bridge and Barneston bridge. Mark Kuhnke also asked for people to please not drive around the barricades.

Denny Macomber, Chief State Jail Inspector was present to answer questions that the board might have regarding Adult Jails and Juvenile Detention Facilities. Haxby commented that the committee and consultant have been having a difficult time obtaining data on the number of juveniles being housed. Macomber indicated that they will not release that data, and understands that it is hard to move forward without data. He also understands that the county is not asking for names but just numbers to make an informed decision, but they just don't make that available to any of the rest of us. He felt that the county 100% needed a new facility. Tiemann asked if it was feasible to build a new jail or do as some counties that have no jail and that is to transport individuals to another facility.

Schuller out of meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Out of short break @ 9:54 a.m.
Back in session @ 10:05 a.m.

Dakota Hurley, Tourism Coordinator presented a Visitor Improvement Grant request for the Cortland Museum in the amount of \$8,000.00. Also, present and speaking on behalf of the Cortland Museum was Pam Wollenberg. She spoke on what is being done with the Museum and that the money would go towards fixing up the outside of the building with vinyl siding.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve the Visitors Improvement Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 to the Cortland Museum. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place on a board member to be a liaison to the Gage County Extension Board. Jurgens nominated Haxby.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Haxby as the liaison to the Extension Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Jurgens out of meeting @ 10:20 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Haxby to go into closed session at 10:21 a.m. for negotiations and litigation update. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. until October 30, 2024.

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/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 16th day of October, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 30, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on October 17, 2024, 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 hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavelly and Gary Lytle 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 \$861,113.92 except claim #24100309 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$102.49 & claim # 24100311 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$37,752.69 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve reappointing Emily Haxby to another term on Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board. The new term begins January 2025; 6. approve Utility Permit #1317 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. - Windstream will be installing a new communications line along Hoyt Road just East of 134th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 89AC in the North grader ditch, bore a 2” diameter by 48” deep line under Hoyt Road to the South for 70’, then continue to plow the new line outside of ROW on private property. Located South of Section 28 and North of Section 33, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Township; 7. approve Utility Permit #1318 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be installing a new communications line along SW 61st Road just south of Hoyt Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 477EE in the East grader ditch, bore a 2” diameter by 48” deep line under SW 61st Road to the West for 70’, then turn South to plow the new line in the outside of the ROW for 500’. Then Windstream will turn back West and continue work on private property. Located West of Section 31, T-4-N, R-6-E Midland Township and East of Section 36, T-4-N, R-5-E, Blakely Township; 8. approve NBCS Report for FY. 23-24.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	187,419.41
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf. website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svc.	146.37
All Copy Products	Copier lease/copies	563.98
Applied Connective Technologies	Repairs & svc.	567.50
AT&T/First Net	Shf. phone svc.	14.44
Auto Zone	Co. van repairs	74.34
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Ext. off. Utilities	267.17
Black Hills Energy 8852	Utilities	187.01
Black Hills Energy 5089	Utilities	48.45
Black Hills Energy 1674	Utilities	42.63
Charter Communications	Cable tv/internet	409.96
CIDNET	Shr. data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Monthly trash svc.	23.00
Clearly Communications	Phone svc.	2,809.71
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	318.50
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	1,838.39
Credit Information Systems	Pre-employment screening	15.75
Crowne Plaza	Ext. off. – travel expense	124.95
DAS St. Accounting-Central 6507	Data processing	196.00
Election Systems & Software, LLC	Printing & publ.	7,251.91
First Wireless	Shf. tower rental	440.00
Gage County Sheriff	Shf. fees & mileage	296.60
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	234.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Shf. uniforms	1,525.38

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Guardian RFID	Yearly system renewal fee	4,995.00
HD Supply	Custodial supplies	1,282.62
Jerry L Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	4,180.00
Ken’s Pest Control	Ext. off. maint. agreement	70.00
Kratz Law Office LLC	Atty fees	1,358.50
Kravec Maurstad Law, P.C.	Atty fees, reg. fees, shredding	3,854.23
LaQuinta Inn & Suites	Shf. travel expense	689.70
Matt Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	1,125.75
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Scanning equip./rent	910.04
Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler	Fire sprinkler inspection	375.00
Mips	Postcards	1,746.50
NE Health & Human Services	St Inst	360.00
NE Law Enforcement Training Ctr.	Basic Training	175.00
NE Association of County Treasurers	Title & Registration Textbook	360.00
NE Department of Labor	Unemployment	6,208.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, P.C.	Public Defender	6,346.15
Northeast Auto	Investigative exp.	1,100.00
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Shf. vehicle repair	27.35
Physicians Laboratory, PC	Autopsy exp.	600.00
Quadiant	Postage funding	173.20
Quill – Det.	Office supplies	105.98
Quill – Ext.	Office supplies	88.91
Quill – Prob.	Office supplies	751.51
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	430.50
Sherwin Williams	Paint, stripper, etc.	163.89
Smith Schafer Davis LLC	Atty fees	525.00
Spectrum	Subscriptions	23.06
Summit Food Services, LLC	Jail meals	8,675.05
Sunris Bakery	Election training	139.70
Tek84 Inc	Security system	150,400.00
Ten Tows Towing	Investigative exp.	150.00
The Fairbury Journal-News	Public hearing	15.11
Twin Rivers	Shf. vehicle repair	763.65
Verizon	Emerg. mgmt.. phones	218.87
Windstream	Dist. 1 probation phones	459.07
Woods/Aitken LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	2,415.00
Zoellner Ford	Shf. vehicle repair	387.92
Zultys	Prob. phone svc.	472.68

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,467.28
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	394.61
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	48,600.23
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	67.20
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	41.40
Bomgaars	Bolts & supplies	210.64
Cather & Son’s Construction	Asphalt	3,832.94
City of Beatrice	Bin rental	74.24
Duane Siems Estate	Easements	2,224.01
First Wireless, Inc	Repeater rental	350.00
Johnny’s Welding Inc	parts	102.49
Norris Public Power	Utilities	253.00
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Township Gravel/hauling	37,752.69
Rock On Inc	Towship gravel hauling only	11,290.91
Jason Siems	Easements	1,748.66
Jeremy Siems	Easements	150.79
Freightliner Truck Center	Parts & supplies	211.94
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	20.05
Yant Equipment	Decals	233.00

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

JJK Construction	Pickrell E, C-34(1300). Pay app. #3	180,816.82
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Visitor Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Monthly lodging payment	7,994.65
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	41,483.43
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Lucent Health Solutions	Administration fees	75,621.44
Mutual of Omaha	County paid life insurance	556.80
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,566.80
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	14,337.57
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,866.51
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,248.79

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim # 24100309 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$102.49. Motion carried 6-0-1. Jurgens abstained due to conflict.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24100311 to R.L. Tiemann Const. LLC. in the amount of \$37,752.69. This brings the total amount of claims paid through October 30, 2024 to \$898,969.10. Motion carried 6-0-1. Tiemann abstained due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by; Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance; Wiegand on Emg Mgmt & Haxby on Rd & Bdg. Items discussed: Pickrell East should open by the end of the week – BIP grant due Friday and would include 5 bridges (Blue Spgs, Buss, 2 Dewitt & Clatonia)

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-17 directing the Gage County Attorney to institute action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-18 for NDOT Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Schuller to approve Amended and Restated Agreement for the Formation of The Region V Community Human Services Program and Region 5 Systems. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to go into public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2024-6 for the placement of a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System to be located on a portion of the South ½ of the Southeast quarter of Section 21–2–5 of Elm Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

Lisa presented the P&Z recommendation on the special use permit. The recommendation was approval.

Those speaking during the public hearing were Jerry Enns, Engineer Manager – Norris Public Power, 10011 E. Locust Rd., Holmesville, NE. He spoke about the similar sites that Norris has in Lancaster, Saline, Seward, Thayer counties.; Jeff Hays, 10472 W. Pine Rd. Diller, NE Jeff will be placing the solar farm on his ground. & Ron Novotny, 41169 SW. 103 road, Diller, NE spoke on the concerns of the line of the road. The road has shifted and he wants it shot on the section line. If they want to do something on the road, it will be correct. Tiemann asked Lisa (P&Z) if a road is not at a section line, what does she do. She indicated that she would refer it to the roads dept. and surveyor. Tiemann instructed highway supt. To have this before the next meeting when they vote. Haxby asked if plans were in place for visual barriers or native grasses. Enns said the company knew that they would have to adhere to the regulations. Schuller wondered if the section line was necessary as the regulations state from center of the road. Haxby asked that items required by the regulations be shown in the plan with the permit prior to the next meeting so that they could see the regulations were met before the vote.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to come out of public hearing at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Robyn S. Mencl as Manager for One Stop Country Store. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve going into public hearing to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2024-2, for modifications to the current City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area Map, extending a portion of the existing South and East boundary lines, located in Section 1-4-5, Blakely Township and 36-5-5, Grant Township in Gage County Nebraska at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Lisa gave P&Z recommendation. Planning and Zoning recommended disapproval.

Speaking for the Wellhead permit was Taylor Rivera, City Atty. He spoke on the permit process and stated this is their final step in the process. They do not have plans to drill wells at this time, just a measure to protect the area.

Mayor Bob Morgan, 2011 S. 19th, Beatrice stated that he doesn't look at today or tomorrow, but looks years down the road. They want to protect the water for future generations. Has not plans in his tenure to drill a well. They only use high nitrate water for business and industry.

Wes Cammack, 6237 W. Dogwood Rd., Dewitt, NE – echoes the position of the P&Z committee. Concerned about possible decrease in values and decrease in water resources. He asked, does the NDEE loan that the city received, interest free, require the wellhead protection area. Stated Beatrice hasn't grown in years, hopes that someday that isn't the case. He said they use 4 wells, using 1.6 million gallons. 130-acre pivot on a quarter section applying 8" if water equates to 28.2 million gals in a year, which is about 17.6 days of city use. Doesn't feel this is the right time. Need to wait until there is a need.

Jason Pohlmann, 10977 W. Hackberry, Dewitt, NE – Concerns similar to everyone else, look at what those within the protection area must follow.

Darcy Zimmerman, 6370 Hackberry Rd., Dewitt, Ne – has same concerns as everyone in the community. Concerns on affecting well that are currently there and have kids that want to build and around that. Want to make sure domestic wells were not included - would fall under the umbrella to need to ask the city for expansion.

Marilee Brinkmeyer, 801 Clearwater Circle, Beatrice NE – she has land in the current wellhead protection area and will have ground in the new proposed area. It is not needed and may not be needed for 10 years. She realizes that it protects water, but it also puts restriction on expansions for future. The city is planning ahead by purchasing land and planting alfalfa which does not use nitrogen. Their planning ahead doesn't give them the right to affect expansion for current use. Most of those in the area care about safe drinking water and do best farming practices. Maybe the city could offer programs for that area, for cover crops, flow meters, etc. instead of placing restrictions.

Taylor Rivera spoke again as a follow up. He mentioned regarding CAFO's, this doesn't prevent them from expansion – City just reviews the application and it comes back to P & Z. He stated this permit does not affect domestic wells, just irrigation wells. The Wellhead Protection area isn't a condition of the loan. They view this as an insurance policy for the future. Some of the regulations wouldn't affect any of the landowners. Taylor walked the board thru the county regulations. The map shows if the wells were put on the edge which is worst case scenario. He said they would likely be put more towards the center.

Tiemann commented, so there is no teeth in the city recommendation when it comes to livestock expansion? There can be drawdown with large water use by domestic wells? Are there any assurances to any landowner if there would be any issues to the domestic wells? Taylor said it would be out of our hands. Have you had any issues with domestic wells in the current wellhead protection area? Taylor indicated they have never had an issue and would likely put in center of the field. Tiemann said my thought would be more about the water table dropping.

Haxby said that she had spent several hours going through all of the information and had a number of questions. Some of the questions & comments were – This permit is to protect your investment, right? Even though you are not ready to drill? Taylor said that the longer we go without that protection, nitrates go up or contaminates get in. Haxby said a condition was offered in the interlocal of rules and regulations set forth in our regulations, shall not be enforced by the county until the city drills.. but then it was removed. She was curious why offer the condition if the intent was to protect the water. Taylor said the most recent version shouldn't have the condition. It was to assuage the landowners' concerns, but we realized we are trying to protect this, so we took it out.

Haxby said we have never with any other permit used a permit as a placeholder. For example, you can't file a permit now to build a home 30 years from now. Other concerns were with chemicals, anhydrous, fuel storage etc. associated with irrigation. Discussion continued on a previous concern with ROW permit, questions submitted to P&Z that went unanswered. Tiemann asked if they had any other plans to sell to any other villages or businesses? Taylor said we don't have any current plans and we have enough water now if we needed to. There were concerns expressed about water and drawdown of water. Water is a desired commodity. Lytle said he didn't need to know what the city's plans are. The city wells that are high nitrate were once used for drinking, now we are using different ones. Something could happen to them and you need new wells. Schuller indicated that drawdown and new wells, that's an NRD issue. There's a science to that in setting those regulations and beyond what we are looking at whether we approve this area or not.

Tyler Weishahn with LBB NRD answered questions that some of the board members had. He said spoke about ground water quality control; sample wells every year. Speaking about max contaminate level, size of area of water, soil samples, cover crops.

Lytle spoke to Cammack and asked what the issue was, are we scared of the change of the unknown? From what I know I don't there is going to be a lot of change Cammack said there is the unknown, but there could be a water grab but we all have concerns of water but we drink it too. Everyone needs clean water. But the drawdown needs to be considered, feels there is somewhat of a gray area. Lytle felt we had a good opportunity for ag producers and the city to be good partners in this. We should all work together. I think there is headbutting and the needless grinding is unnecessary. In the end, the city will punch those wells if they need it and there is water for everyone and if it goes to court it goes to court.

Marilee spoke again stating the city is talking about insurance. She wanted to know what is the landowner's insurance that that requirements won't change or water levels change? Why not have this hearing 10 years down the road? Conditions Change. Why not make the decision then.

Lytle said there will be hearing again whether we do the protection area or not. This is a quality thing and I don't see how this will hurt. He said the city will need those resources and will take them and then court discussions can happen. The city is just trying to plan ahead and it's a good thing. There are no restrictions. Marilee wanted to why not continue as is. We aren't polluting now. Farmers are good stewards Why restrict without justification? It limits the landowners from planning ahead.

Haxby felt this was similar to an irrigation well that you want to put in 10 years from now and you want to file a permit as a placeholder but then that restricts someone else from building in the meantime. It doesn't work that way. No regulations do. I would be happy to visit in the future but to put this in place as a placeholder, I am 100% opposed to.

Action on the permit will take place at the next board meeting.

Haxby out of meeting at 11:27 a.m.

Discussion took place on the interlocal agreement between Gage County and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services. No action taken.

Jurgens out of meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 11:59 a.m. for negotiations update. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavelly to come out of closed session at 12:49 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:49 a.m. until November 13, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

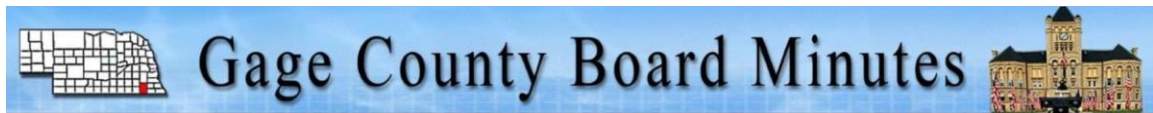
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 30th day of October, 2024

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

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Supervisors Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present.

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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 \$841,430.93, which does not include claim # 24110080 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$26,082.30 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of October, 2024; 6. Approve receiving the 2024 Distress Warrant Listing.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	177,618.42
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail medical	7657.84
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Svcs.	Dist Ct supplies	188.99
Applied Connective Technologies	IT supplies/svcs	43,585.27
Beatrice Daily Sun	Publications	1300.72
Beatrice Mechanical Svc.	Svc call, parts	147.24
Blue Rivers AAA	Funding	34,273.28
Boy Scout Troop #221	Care of 11 pioneer cemeteries	11,000.00
Bragg Animal Control	Impound	150.00
Capital Business Systems	ROD copies	16.48
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	864.50
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	834.18
Community Physicians Clinic	Inmate medical	242.00
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals	179.30
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	247.90
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	203.50
Dept of Health & Human Services	Equip	200.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	2939.33
Echo Group	Supplies	1032.16
Electronic Contracting Co.	Fire alarm monitoring	600.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Farmers Coop	Fuel	1707.47
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	452.93
Hampton Inn	Lodging	278.00
Harman Wright Mortuary	Cremation	303.09
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1306.25
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Spraying	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2432.00
Lammel Plumbing	Labor	384.20
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	294.50
Masonry Construction, Inc.	Engineering plans	2500.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Supplies	419.51
Microfilm Imaging	Scanning	457.00
Midwest Automatic Fire Sprnklr	Replace pipe	1264.38

Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	373.70
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc.	5216.49
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Utilities	45.20
North American Rescue, LLC	Medical supplies	1370.88
NSA	Dues	280.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	24.50
Paper Tiger	Doc shredding	40.00
Pat Beach Const.	Mudjack sidewalk	2600.00
Pawnee Republican	Publications	29.00
Philippi Electric	Svc, parts	1734.02
Pickrell Lumber	Supplies	3103.00
Pinpoint Communications	Internet	280.17
Quadient Finance	Ink	601.35
Quill – Ct	Supplies	14.83
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	117.08
Security Svcs.	Monitoring	68.50
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5729.04
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, repairs, etc.	5736.86
Univ. of NE Med Center	Shf inv. Expns	466.00
Thomson Reuters	Subscr.	3619.54
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Twin Rivers	Veh repairs	1416.40
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, meals, fuel, etc.	2023.75
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	Prob stamps	2060.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.16
Verizon Wireless – Prob 339-1	Cell phones	394.16
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	854.47
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	675.50
Windstream – Wilber Prob	Phones	54.27
Zoellner Ford	Shf veh repair	387.92
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.68

Road Fund

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Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	21,572.19
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	12,146.57
City of Wymore	Utilities	84.86
Constellation NewEnergy	Utilities	24.36
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	342.04
Farmers Coop.	Propane	34.43
Inland Truck Parts	Parts	52.46
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	26,082.30
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	3404.08
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	8302.80
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	129.95
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	412.16
Westlake Hardware	Supplies	8.98

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtsapes, Inc.	Proj per contract, pay appl. #1	269,836.42
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease	263.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. Claims paid	64,653.61
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,729.02
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,918.76
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,869.12
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,111.11
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim # 24110080 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$26,082.30, bringing the total amount of claims paid through November 13, 2024 to \$867,513.23. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith spoke under public comments, thanking Dawn Hill and her staff for their work handling the election. She also thanked Dave Swavely and Don Schuller for their service on the Board.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle & Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were leak in detention center roof; VanLaningham coming to finish lights; the Legion put up flags for Veteran's Day; 3 & 33 meeting; Pickrell bridge; test cylinders; road re-opened; concrete short by 1 -2", whether to replace or take deduction.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit #2024-7, for the placement of a telecommunications tower to be located on a portion of the SE quarter in Section 34-2-8 of Island Grove Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand said they notified 120 landowners and after their public hearing, the P&Z Board recommends approval of the permit. Aaron Clark, 301 Washington St., Pickrell NE, representing Nextlink, stated that the potential coverage is between 3-5 miles or more with updated technology.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to discussion on Pickrell East.

Tiemann recognized Diana Schuerman from the County Attorney's Office for her years of service to the County.

Rachel Kreikemeier, NGage Executive Director presented the NGage Quarterly Report. She discussed the benefits of nuclear power being clean, reliable, affordable and safe.

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

Break at 9:42 a.m. Back in session at 9:48 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:49 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2024-5, for the placement of a telecommunications tower to be located on a portion of the South ½ of the Southwest quarter in Section 19-4-8 of Filley Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand reported that the permit meets all of the regs and that the motion to recommend approval of the permit passed on a 5-2 vote of the P&Z Committee.

Those speaking during the public hearing were Chris Riha representing the applicant Industrial Tower West, LLC and Viaero, 1811 W 2nd, Ste. #55, Grand Island NE, A.J. Wiese, 12392 E Hoyt Rd., Filley NE, Christy Buhr, 8436 E Sargent Rd., Filley NE, Sheryl Wiese, 11162 E Juniper Rd., Filley NE, Denise Schlake-Ideus, 8994 E Juniper Rd., Filley NE, Calleen Ideus, 10873 E Hoyt Rd., Filley NE, Verna Parde, 615 N 12th St., Arlington NE, Corinne Kolm, 22876 S 94th Rd., Filley NE, and Duane Parde, 9876 E Dogwood Rd., Pickrell NE. Points brought out were: being proposed to boost coverage in the Filley area; would be a 220-foot tower with Viaero equipment on it; Filley Fire Dept. has communication issues to the East, not the West of Filley so wouldn't help them; no need for this tower; need to balance progress in technology with the health, well-being and values of the community; a petition with over 300 signatures of those in opposition to the tower and letter of opposition from Village of Filley were presented; fear of using Chinese equipment that has been deemed unsafe; the company's refusal to meet with constituents; being a detriment to the view of agri-tourism business, The Giving Tree Farm; cell service is fine in the

area; broadband internet cable is everywhere now; the residents do not want this and they hope the board listens to the constituents they represent.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 11:14 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Scott Prestidge, Manager of Tallgrass Energy, presented an update on the Trailblazer Project.

Gage County Tourism Director Dakota Hurley presented a Visitor Improvement Grant application from Beatrice Sertoma Club for the Sertoma Astro Park Playground Grant in the amount of \$20,000. Greg Leach, 1217 Jane Way, Beatrice NE, was present representing the Sertoma Club.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to approve a Visitor Improvement Grant to the Beatrice Sertoma Club for the Sertoma Astro Park Playground in the amount of \$20,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 11:40 a.m. Back in session at 11:47 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-19

RESOLUTION
& STATEMENT OF FACTS

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-6 for the placement of a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 21-2-5 in Elm Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-6. The opportunity for public comments was held for testimony in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-6 finding that the location and land use are suitable to operate a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System and that the requested land use would be an opportunity for Gage County’s citizens to take advantage of the benefits of solar energy. The Planning Commission further found that the applicant, through Norris Public Power, is a good company with a proven record of providing utilities to the area.
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2024-6, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Articles 6.2 and 6.8 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations.
5. On October 30, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-6.
6. On November 13, 2024, the Board considered whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024-6.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the special use permit #2024-6 for the placement of a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System in the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 21-2-5 in Elm Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:



approved for the reasons stated on the record.



approved with conditions: _____.

disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

Abstaining: Haxby

Board of Supervisors

November 13, 2024

Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #24-19 to approve Special Use Permit 2024- 6 for the placement of a Class 2 Commercial Solar Energy Conversion System to be located on a portion of the South ½ of the Southeast quarter of Section 21–2–5 of Elm Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Discussion on sections 6.2 and 6.8 of regs, Haxby stated she wouldn't vote for something that doesn't give her all the plans. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Haxby abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

RESOLUTION
& STATEMENT OF FACTS

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-2 for the modification of the current City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area, extending a portion of the existing south and east boundary lines;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for the modification of the City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in Section 1- 4-5 of Blakely Township and Section 36-5-5 of Grant Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On June 18, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-2. The opportunity for public comments was held for testimony in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On August 15, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend disapproval of the SUP #2024-2, finding that the modification to the Wellhead Protection Planning area would decrease the value of the affected property.
4. In recommending disapproval of SUP #2024-2, the Planning Commission found that the requested land use did not comply with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations or the Gage County Comprehensive Plan.
5. On October 30, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-2.

- 6. On November 13, 2024, the Board considered whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and the Gage County Comprehensive Plan and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024-2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the special use permit #2024-2 for the modification of the current City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area, extending a portion of the existing south and east boundary lines in Section 1-4-5 of Blakely Township and Section 36-5-5 of Grant Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: Haxby

Gage County Board of Supervisors

November 13, 2024
Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Haxby, to disapprove adopting Resolution #24-20 to approve Special Use Permit 2024-2, for modifications to the current City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area Map, extending a portion of the existing South and East boundary lines, located in Section 1-4-5, Blakely Township and 36-5-5, Grant Township in Gage County Nebraska. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #24-20 to approve Special Use Permit 2024-2, for modifications to the current City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area Map, extending a portion of the existing South and East boundary lines, located in Section 1-4-5, Blakely Township and 36-5-5, Grant Township in Gage County Nebraska. Haxby discussed talking to other counties and the NDEE and they don't issue a permit until the well is being dug, I do think the city has plans for this and I do wish they were more forthcoming. questioned the city's plans for the site, requesting that the city be more forthcoming. City Administrator Tobias Tempelmeyer said that there are no immediate plans for this site. Jurgens stated he understands why they are doing this. Swavely asked if they were wanting the permit for the nuclear project that the NGage Director spoke about. Tobias said that was not the case.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to call for the vote on the original motion. Past protocol requires a motion to first end discussion and call for the question, so Schuller and Swavely restated motion to call for the question. Motion carried 6-1 with Haxby voting nay. Vote was taken on the original motion to approve the Resolution. Motion carried 6-1 with Haxby voting nay.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke asked the board if there could be an extension granted to Vogtscapes on the 6 box culvert projects for Gage County due to delays from wet weather. After discussion, no action was taken.

Haxby and Jurgens left meeting.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 12:48 p.m. for personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 1:10 p.m. Schuller asked a question about a personnel issue, went back in session.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 1:12 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. until November 27, 2024.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

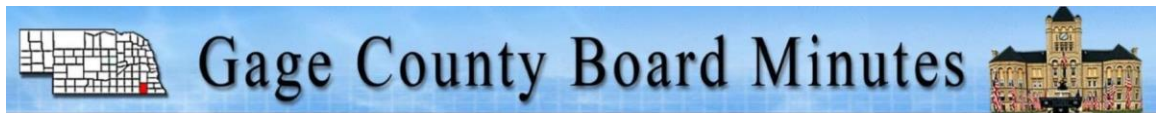
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 13th day of November, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on November 27, 2024, at 8:48 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on November 14, 2024, 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 hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle 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 \$1,000,399.32 which does not include claim #24110201 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$687.15, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Designating the balance of remaining ARPA dollars (after Administration fees paid) to the Boardroom Audio/Visual project.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	182,444.89
Adams Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svc.	4500.00
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products	Ext Offc copy overage	45.59
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5315.14
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile svc grant	3206.73
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	198.39
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	93.65
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	114.01
Blue360 Media	Manuals	298.35
Charter Communications Spec 2019	Cable/phone svc	409.96
Cidnet	Data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc, prob offc lease	14,751.56
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svc	10,000.00
Clerk of Dist. Court	Court costs	104.00
CMH Clinics	Medical exam	40.00
Critical Hire	Empl profile	25.00
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Heather Doxon	Election consulting	1295.45
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	65.85
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip rental, lic. Fee	585.00
Fox Funeral Home	Coroner expense	300.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr to 911 Emer Mgmt Fund	200,000.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	653.50
GBE CPA	Auditing	4000.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	1930.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Uniforms	1235.00
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing, trimming	435.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Janitorial supplies	295.94
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2090.00
Jones Automotive	Shf veh repairs	8155.19
Joyce A Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05

Land Survey Tech	Co Surveyor operating expns	4116.83
Lynn Peavey Co.	Blood alcohol kits	201.60
Mosley Info. Technology, LLC	Prob offc equip	3041.57
NACO	Conf. registrations	1440.00
NACO	Mbrshp dues	2917.40
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Inst.	372.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab	B/A test	105.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Government Svcs.	911, MSAT	345.52
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	206.50
Physician's Laboratory, PC	Autopsy expns	300.00
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf veh graphics	825.00
Priority Printing	Env., bus. Cards	217.96
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping fees	154.86
Quadient, Inc.	Equip lease	1004.26
Quill.com – Prob.	Offc supplies	275.44
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	520.87
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3638.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4833.93
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	22.75
Spectrum – Charter	EM cable TV	11.53
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2430.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	2953.44
Sunrise Bakery	Elec. Trng. Supplies	139.70
The Univ. of NE Med. Center	Toxicology	101.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	195.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Windstream – Fillmore Co.	Phones	466.39
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repair	2800.59

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,456.50
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	150.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	370.83
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	57,818.64
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	623.06
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	66.72
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	41.40
Cather & Sons Construction	Asphalt	3492.38
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	30.92
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug testing	180.00
Filtercare of NE, LLC	Filters	100.95
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	687.15
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	1348.00
Larry's Tire & Service	Changeovers, tire repairs	255.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	32,510.26
NE Dept. of Transportation	Hwy Supt lic renewal	75.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	275.03
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	126.32
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	12,880.81
Sign Solutions USA, LLC	Signs	156.99
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Winter Equipment Co., Inc.	Parts	399.77

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Consulting	22,105.44
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Empl. Hlth ins claims paid	33,009.80
Lucent Health Solutions	Admin fees	442.92
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins premiums	553.82
Smith Health, Inc.	Admin fee	3248.80

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile diversion	3635.00
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc fee	60,288.28
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County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Phase 13 courthouse exterior renovation	151,197.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,166.28
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Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,295.39
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Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26
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Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,865.79
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Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,107.36
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Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24110201 to Hard Rock Quarries. in the amount of \$687.15, bringing the total amount of claims paid through November 27, 2024 to \$1,001,086.47. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed were Winter Lights went well with lighting of the Courthouse and a tree with blue lights in memory of J.T. Thornburg who started the courthouse lighting project years ago.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner presented an Extension update and introduced Carly Applegarth as the Food and Nutrition Educator. Carly said she's excited to be in Gage County and work here. She talked about the number of 4-H Clubs and an upcoming program at Tall Tree Tastings on December 12th on house plants. She also said there is a pesticide training in February.

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

Sheriff Gustafson and Corrections Sergeant Trevor Rue presented annual statistics reports for the Jail, Courthouse, and Sheriff Dept.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the Statistics Reports and placing them on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on granting extension to contract with Vogtsapes.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve granting contract extension to Vogtsapes until May 1, 2025 with box 1262 held until grant is determined. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on Interlocal Agreement between Saline County, NE and Gage County, NE on County Bridge Match Program #7.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Interlocal Agreement between Saline County, NE and Gage County, NE on County Bridge Match Program #7. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on agreement between Gage County, NE and Washington County, KS on section of shared road on the state line with one bridge on it. A draft of the agreement proposed by Washington County stated they pay for inspections which would be \$500-\$600 every 2 years, and Gage County would pay for yearly maintenance up to \$5,000, then split the cost of anything over that. Gage County proposed just splitting all fees but they want to avoid the constant back and forth billing between counties doing it that way. Haxby suggested lowering the \$5,000 yearly maintenance amount before splitting costs to make it more even since they will only be paying

approximately \$600 every 2 years for inspections. Also discussed keeping bridge on their inventory, bidding requirements, and the difference between replacement and maintenance – Co. Atty. Roger Harris will inquire about that.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve making a counter offer to Washington County, KS of a cap of \$1,500 yearly maintenance to be paid by Gage County before splitting costs over that amount, and that Washington County to continue paying the inspection fees. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

**RESOLUTION
& STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-7 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Telecommunications Tower located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the SE 1/4, Section 34-2-8, of the Island Grove Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-7. Public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-7.
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2024-7, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and that the proposed tower would provide greater access to broadband internet to citizens, improving their quality of life.
5. On November 13, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-7.
6. On November 27, 2024, the Board held a meeting to consider whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024- 7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2024-7 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower in the SE 1/4, Section 34-2-8 in Island Grove Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Schuller to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

November 27, 2024
Dated

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Schuller to approve adopting Resolution #24-21 granting Special Use Permit #2024-7, for the placement of a telecommunications tower to be located on a portion of the Southeast quarter in Section 34–2–8 of Island Grove Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Haxby stated for the record the reasons for recommending approval as: 1) this application meets the requirements of section 6.2 of the Zoning Regulations, 2) it is not a detriment to adjacent properties, 3) had great community involvement, and 4) had no opposition to the application. P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand stated that the P&Z Commission unanimously recommended approval with the support of the Village of Liberty also. Motion carried 7-0.

Short break at 9:48 a.m. Back in session at 9:46 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-22

**RESOLUTION
& STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2024-5 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower;

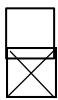
WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Telecommunications Tower located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19-4-8, Filley Township, Gage County, Nebraska.
2. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2024-5. Public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On September 24, 2024, the Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend approval of the SUP #2024-5.
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2024-5, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Articles 6.2 and 6.5 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and found that the proposed tower would provide a benefit to the community and meets the federal requirements of the FCC and FAA
5. On November 13, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2024-5.
6. On November 27, 2024, the Board held a meeting to consider whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2024- 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2024-5 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower in the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 19-4-8 Filley Township, Gage County, Nebraska, shall be:

approved for the reasons stated on the record.



approved with conditions: _____

disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Dorn, Tiemann, Lytle

Nay: Schuller, Swavely

Gage County Board of Supervisors
By:

November 27, 2024
Dated

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, to disapprove Resolution #24-22 granting Special Use Permit 2024-5, for the placement of a telecommunications tower to be located on a portion of the South ½ of the Southwest quarter in Section 19-4-8 of Filley Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Jurgens stated his reasons for disapproval as: 1) 300 residents and landowners within a 6-mile radius signed a petition against the tower, 2) economic impact – two businesses and some agri-business within a little over a mile will be directly affected, 3) equipment being placed on the tower is questionable and still being used on other towers, 4) common sense tells me it’s the wrong location and should be East of Filley, and 5) that members of the community asked to meet with the Tower Company and they refused. Haxby seconded the motion. Schuller said this decision is a tough one because even though the people near the proposed site, some of whom are in his District, are against it and he wants to represent them, he also has to make decisions that are best for the entire county that he represents on the Board. It is speculation on how this will affect land values or ag business. They feel it is not needed because service is good now, but this extends further on than just that area. As tech is improved, they can expand services. He said the Board needs to be consistent in the process of approving or disapproving like business or infrastructure needs, Gage County needs the infrastructure. He doesn’t think about just himself; he thinks about the farmers and the people who work out of their homes. These companies spend a lot of money to research coming here, follow the guidelines the regulations allow, only to come here to get turned down. He is concerned that future businesses won’t look to come here because of the risk of being turned down. We have regulations but then tweak it for each situation and “move the goal post” for each applicant and then turn them down. Maybe we just need to have them come to the Board instead of P&Z before they invest all their money. He doesn’t think it is the Board’s business to determine the location, we aren’t in the telecommunications business. Tiemann stated that there has been no confirmation of the signatures to determine if they’re valid. He also pointed out that this is a cell tower, not a telecommunications tower. Schuller pointed out that broadband internet is essential for everyday living, not just for businesses. Haxby clarified that with broadband being part of this application, because the company reported speed capabilities to the FCC and the state that are higher than can actually be provided, it hurt the county’s ability to acquire grant funding. Schuller pointed out that in the proposed area it was found that buried cable was cost prohibitive, making towers necessary. Lytle asked if a super majority was required to approve or disapprove and Co. Atty Harris said the petition did not meet requirements so a super majority vote is not required. Haxby said that it is not fair to compare one application to another because each one is separate and must be considered that way to best serve our constituents of Gage County. She also reiterated that any decision would be based on Section 6.2 of the zoning regs and that Jurgens raised some valid issues as reasons for disapproval. Schuller added that you could defend either side of those points depending on how you look at them. All the differing viewpoints help the Board make the best decision for the citizens of Gage County. Tiemann asked for any further discussion, hearing none he asked for the vote. Motion carried 5-2 with Jurgens, Haxby, Dorn, Tiemann and Lytle voting yea, Schuller and Swavely voting nay. Tiemann confirmed that this motion denies adopting Resolution #24-22 on SUP 2024-5.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:08 a.m. for negotiations update. Motion carried 6-1 with Schuller voting nay.

Jurgens left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:28 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. until December 11, 2024.

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 27th day of November, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Equalization met on November 27, 2024, at 8:34 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on November 14, 2024, 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 Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Terry Jurgens, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn and Dave Swavely present, Emily Haxby and Gary Lytle absent. Patti Milligan, County Assessor, present.

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Chairman Tiemann announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the Board of Supervisors Room.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed/emailed out. Motion carried 5-0.

Haxby joined meeting at 8:35 a.m.

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

Lytle joined meeting at 8:36 a.m.

Chairman declared Board of Equalization adjourned at 8:36 a.m. until December 11, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

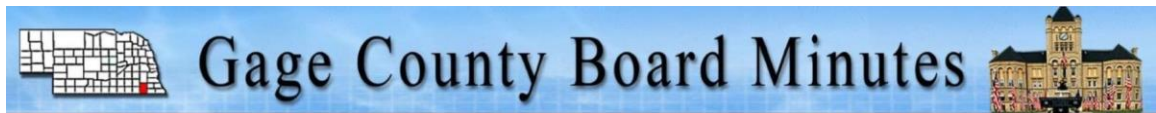
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Equalization

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 27th day of November, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 11, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on , 2024, 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 hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Terry Jurgens, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Emily Haxby absent.

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 \$2,111,919.00 which does not include claim #24120123 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$330.66, #24120126 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$205.22 & # 24120132 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$74,741.82 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of November, 2024; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1319 to Robbie Hofeling. Mr. Hofeling will be installing a new electrical line under Maple Road, approximately 4,485' East of the intersection of 134th and Maple. Mr. Hofeling's contractor will trench a 4" wide by 48" deep trench from South grader ditch to the North grader ditch for new electrical line and backfill to county specs. All other work will be on private property. Located South of Section 28 and North of Section 33, T-3-N, R-8-E, Sherman Township.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	178,476.53
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	89.91
Amazon Capital Svcs.	Offc supplies	57.32
Applied Connective Tech.	IT svcs, maint.	22,371.26
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf phones	1,036.83
Daniel & Brooke Barr	Pioneer cemetery maint.	1000.00
Beatrice Humane Society	Funding	8500.00
Blue360 Media	Manuals	397.80
Capital One NA	Prob supplies	34.33
Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal svcs	4275.00
Carrot-Top Ind.	3 sets of flags for cths	754.90
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2801.19
Clerk of Dist. Court	Court costs	495.98
Column Software	Publications	738.44
Community Memorial Healthcare	Pre-employment exam	140.60
Consolidated Management	Meals at trng	127.35
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical	185.00
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	24.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies, equip.	9018.06
Echo Group	Elec. Box covers	687.41
Election Systems & Software	Ballots	7151.02
FAC	Court calendars	38.25
Gage County	Fnd trns Rd/Br Snk, 911, Ins., Bldg, Ec Dev	1,522,595.88
Gage Co. Petty Cash	Pstg	32.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Shf veh title, reg, tire tax	42.50
General Election Help	Poll wkrs, elec nite help, canvass bd.	11,555.70
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	369.12
Jerry L Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3158.75
Kravec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf.	2398.05

Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	5664.21
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip. rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	264.40
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing	5216.49
Murray Law	Atty fees	7647.50
Natl Assn of Counties	Mbrshp	450.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Dues	125.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Pinpoint Communications	Co. internet	270.17
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf veh graphics	825.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	140.28
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	377.43
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	53.52
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3638.00
Sack Lumber	Laminate, rope clamp	262.92
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	114.67
Security Services	Monitor Shf/Jail	68.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	540.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	8535.42
T.O. Haas Tire	Oil chngs	145.95
Thomson Reuters, West Pmt Ctr.	Law Library subscr.	3619.54
TK Elevator Corp.	Elev. Maint.	265.63
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies	2,154.76
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	394.16
Washington Co. KS Shf	Boarding inmates	187.88
Windstream Wilber Prob	Phones	54.94
Woods & Aitken	Prof legal svcs	5083.74
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.68

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,134.25
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	53,573.54
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools	893.45
Bomgaars	Supplies, tool	378.38
Concrete Ind.	Asphalt sealant	8316.00
Filtercare of NE	Filters	39.60
Hard Rock Quarries	Co. rock	330.66
Independent Salt Co.	Road salt	2698.84
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Supplies	678.78
Johnny's Welding	Supplies	205.22
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	110.00
Midwest Unlimited	Shop supplies	82.08
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy data pkg	192.32
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt	203.98
PowerPlan	Labor	561.75
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	74,741.82
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	6199.44
Rose Equipment LLC	Parts	44.97
Tractor Supply	Tow strap	24.99
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	1821.24
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	390.55
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Shop furnace repair	247.50
Yant Testing Supply & Equip.	Decals	3.10

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging Tax	3779.95
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Debra Stiefvater	Ins. reimb.	96.79
Gage County Health Ins.	Employee hlth ins claims pd	64,426.01
Clabaugh Pharmacy	Employee flu shots	1835.00

County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc. Scaffolding for cths exterior renovation 12,177.77

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24120123 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$330.66 and claim #24120132 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$74,741.82. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24120126 to Johnny’s Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$205.22, bringing the total amount of claims paid through December 11, 2024 to \$2,187,196.70. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources/Employee Relations, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Items discussed were new wall pack flood lights at Veteran’s Office, cutting panels for board room, heat pump in 4th floor hallway to be replaced, draining water from outdoor light globes, EMS training, and solar project in Lancaster County.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Gage County Comprehensive Juvenile Community Plan to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorizing Chairman to sign plan. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to approve Gage County Community-based juvenile Services Aid Application to be submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorizing Chairman to sign application. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #24-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE BEATRICE AREA SOLID WASTE AGENCY (THE “AGENCY”) OF ITS SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2025, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW LANDFILL AND ALL NECESSARY BUILDINGS AND ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT RELATED THERETO, FOR USE BY THE AGENCY; AUTHORIZING THE DISIGNATION OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE BONDS AS QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF GAGE, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors (the “**Board**”) of the County of Gage, Nebraska (the “**County**”), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 13-801 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Interlocal Act**”), permits public agencies, such as the County, to make the most efficient use of their taxing authority and other powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities; the Interlocal Act further provides that any power or powers, privileges, or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Nebraska (the “**State**”) may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this state; and the Interlocal Act further permits a joint entity established thereunder to issue such types of bonds as its governing body may determine which may be secured by a pledge of any grant, subsidy, or contribution from any person or a pledge of any income or revenue, funds, or money of the joint entity from any source whatsoever or a mortgage or security interest in any real or personal property, commodity, product, or service or interest therein.

(b) Pursuant to the Interlocal Act, the County and the City of Beatrice, Nebraska (the “**City**”, and together with the County, the “**Public Agencies**”) entered

into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement (the “**Interlocal Agreement**”) for the purpose of creating the Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency (the “**Agency**”).

(c) The County and the City entered into the Interlocal Agreement and created the Agency for the purpose of acquiring or leasing, financing, constructing and operating a solid waste disposal facility (the “**Facility**”) and facilities for the collection, source separation, storage, processing and transportation of recyclable materials (“**Resource Recovery Facilities**”) and together with the Facility, the “**Facilities**”).

(d) The City and the Agency have entered into that certain Service Agreement dated as of September 1, 1996, as amended and supplemented (the “**City Service Agreement**”). The Agency has also entered into separate service agreements with the County (the “**County Service Agreement**”) and also with certain cities and villages located in the County (collectively, the “**Contracting Municipalities**”) (each a “**Municipality Service Agreement**”) and together with the City Service Agreement and the County Service Agreement the “**Service Agreements**”), all as on file in the offices of the Agency, as authorized by Sections 13-2001 through and including 13-2043 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, (the “**Solid Waste Act**”).

(e) It is necessary that the Agency finance the costs of constructing and equipping a new landfill and all necessary buildings and items of equipment related thereto, for disposal of solid waste to serve the City, the County and other Contracting Municipalities (collectively, the “**Project**”).

(f) To finance the costs of the Project, the Agency has determined to issue its Solid Waste Disposal Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2025, or such other designation as authorized herein, in or more series, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 (the “**Bonds**”), which Bonds are to be paid from and secured by the revenues of the Facilities, including revenues from the City Service Agreement.

(g) Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Agency requires that the respective governing bodies of each of the County and the City approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Agency for the benefit of the Public Agencies.

(h) All conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to the issuance by the Agency of one or more series of solid waste disposal facilities revenue bonds for the benefit of the Public Agencies as authorized in the amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 do exist and have been done in due form and time as required by law.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes and approves the continued participation of the County in the Agency pursuant to the Interlocal Act, the Solid Waste Act and other laws to provide financing, services and support to all members of the Agency including but not limited to issuance of bonds, retention of bond paying agent, record keeping and other administrative services relating to the financing of the Facilities for use of the Public Agencies, and for other lawful purposes. The Board hereby further directs the Chairperson, the County Treasurer and the County Clerk (each, including any person authorized or designated to sign on his or her behalf, an “**Authorized Officer**”), or each individually, to sign, execute, and deliver such documents, to act as the County’s representative on all matters related to all of such documents, and to take or cause to be taken any and all other action and sign any other documents as may be necessary to complete the transaction.

Section 3. For the purpose of financing the costs of the Project, funding necessary reserves and paying the costs of issuing the Bonds, the County, in accordance with its authority under the Solid Waste Act and the Interlocal Act, hereby authorizes the Agency to issue one or more series of Bonds for the benefit of the Public Agencies in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,000,000 and with a maximum maturity date of December 31, 2055. The Bonds shall have such terms, conditions and limitations as set forth in that resolution adopted by the governing body of the Agency on December 2, 2024 (the “**Agency Bond Resolution**”) and in a certificate (the “**Award Certificate**”) executed at the time of sale of the Bonds by the Agency.

Section 4. The Authorized Officers, or each individually, is authorized to take all actions necessary to effect the delivery of the Bonds by the Agency to the Purchaser (as defined in the Agency Bond Resolution) and the structure of the financing as

contemplated in Section 11 of the Agency Bond Resolution, inclusive of the power and authority to execute such orders, certificates, receipts and other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effect such delivery. The Board further authorizes the various financing structures as set forth in Section 11 of the Agency Bond Resolution.

Section 5. (a) The County covenants and agrees that (i) it will comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), including Sections 103 and 141 through 150, necessary to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on the Bonds, and (ii) it will not use or permit the use of any proceeds of Bonds or any other funds of the County nor take or permit any other action, or fail to take any action, if any such action or failure to take action would adversely affect the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds. In addition, the County will adopt such other resolutions and take such other actions as may be necessary to comply with the Code and with all other applicable future laws, regulations, published rulings and judicial decisions, in order to ensure that the interest on the Bonds will remain excluded from federal gross income, to the extent any such actions can be taken by the County.

(b) If applicable and in consultation with bond counsel, the Authorized Officers, or each individually, are authorized to designate one or more series of Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. In connection with such designation, the County shall represent that:

(i) the aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds” and certain refunding bonds) which will be issued by the County (and all subordinate entities thereof) during current calendar year is not reasonably expected to exceed \$10,000,000; and

(ii) the County (including all subordinate entities thereof) will not issue an aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not “qualified 501(c)(3) bonds” and certain refunding bonds) during current calendar year, including the Bonds, in excess of \$10,000,000, without first obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of municipal finance that the designation of the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” will not be adversely affected.

Section 6. Without in any way limiting the power, authority, or discretion elsewhere herein granted or delegated, the Board hereby (a) authorizes and directs all of the officers, employees, and agents of the County to carry out, or cause to be carried out, and to perform such obligations of the County and such other actions as they, or any one of them shall consider necessary, advisable, desirable, or appropriate in connection with this Resolution, and the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds, including, without limitation and whenever applicable, the execution and delivery of all other related documents, instruments, certificates, and opinions; and (b) delegates, authorizes, and directs to each Authorized Officer the right, power, and authority to exercise her or his own independent judgment and absolute discretion in determining and finalizing the terms, provisions, form and contents of each of the foregoing. The execution and delivery by such officer of any such documents, instruments, certifications, and opinions, or the doing by them of any act in connection with any of the matters which are the subject of this Resolution, shall constitute conclusive evidence of both the County’s and their approval of all changes, modifications, amendments, revisions, and alterations made therein, and shall conclusively establish their absolute, unconditional, and irrevocable authority with respect thereto from the County and the authorization, approval, and ratification by the County of the documents, instruments, certifications, and opinions so executed and the action so taken.

Section 7. All actions heretofore taken by the officers and officials of the County in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds by the Agency, including, without limitation the preparation and distribution of documents relating to such issuance and sale, together with all other actions taken in connection with any of the foregoing, be and the same are hereby in all respects authorized, adopted, specified, accepted, ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 8. If any one or more of the provisions of this Resolution should be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, then such provisions shall be deemed severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution and the invalidity thereof shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this

Resolution or of the Bonds and the owners of the Bonds shall retain all the rights and benefits accorded to them under this Resolution and under any applicable provisions of law.

If any provisions of this Resolution shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or in all cases because it conflicts with any constitution or statute or rule of public policy, or for any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question inoperative or unenforceable or invalid in any other case or circumstances, or of rendering any other provision or provisions herein contained inoperative or unenforceable or invalid to any extent whatever.

Section 9. The issuance of the Bonds is subject to prior publication by the Agency of notice of its intention to issue the Bonds, as required by the Interlocal Act.

Section 10. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

DATED: December 11, 2024.

THE COUNTY OF GAGE, NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

By /s/ Dawn Hill
County Clerk

By Erich Tiemann
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #24-23 on approving issuance by the Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency of its solid waste disposal facilities revenue bonds, Series 2025 in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing and equipping a new landfill and all necessary building and items of equipment related thereto, for use by the agency. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve building entrance agreement with Unite Private Networks to supply internet to the Extension office. This agreement allows them to trench to and to access the building. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:22 a.m. Jurgens left meeting during break. Back in session at 9:36 a.m.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 9:36 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:41 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to adjourn meeting at 10:48 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. until Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

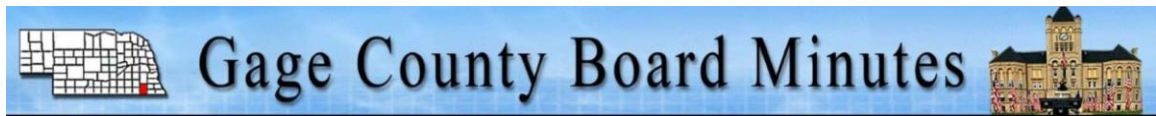
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 11th day of December, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 24, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on December 12, 2024, 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 hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Gary Lytle present. Terry Jurgens and Dave Swavely absent.

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 \$1,170,673.25 35 except claim #24120281 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$27,658.78 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve and place on file Sheriff statement on collection of distress warrants for November, 2024; 6. approve Sheriff office fees for copies, inspections, etc.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	168,105.92
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products	Treas copier lease, Ext Offc copy overage	151.42
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	612.49
Auto Zone	Shf veh repair	32.68
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	27.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4366.61
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	260.62
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	549.22
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Equip., labor	278.48
Centec Cast Metal Products	Vets Offc bronze grave markers	739.10
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob phones	409.96
City of Beatrice	Utilities, qrtrly EMS svc	45,362.20
Coast to Coast Computer Prod.	Toner	259.99
Community Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl. Exam	146.00
Community Physicians Clinic RHC	Pre-empl. Exam	121.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	275.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	90.77
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	8692.50
First Wireless	Shf tower rental	440.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	634.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	1930.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	743.90
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mowing/fert.	1015.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Restroom supplies	465.00
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	144.50
Jurors	Jury fees	1519.64
Kratz Law Office	Atty fees	1406.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law Office	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	2423.28
Chaunnell Kuntz	Witness fees	58.19
Mead Lumber	Supplies	268.28
MIPS, Inc.	Jury list processing	655.31
NE Health & Human Svcs	St. Inst.	360.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Cont. ed.	142.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Conf. fee	150.00
NE Notary Assn.	Shf 2 notaries	309.98
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender, Atty fees	6697.65
Noakes Heating & Air	Labor	168.00

Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Otoe Co. Detention Center	Boarding inmates	260.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	161.90
Physicians Lab	Autopsy expns	2750.00
Quadient Leasing	Pstg Equip lease	2907.96
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	784.46
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3210.00
Sapp Bros	Shf/Jail fuel	4363.27
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svc	120.00
Slims Body Shop	Ins deductibles	2000.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	21.00
Soldiers & Sailors Account	Vets aid	2000.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Appraisal maint.	6277.50
Staples Contract & Commercial	Offc supplies	54.98
Seth Stevison	Witness fees	22.68
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5865.84
The Radar Shop	Recertify 2 Shf radios	988.00
MobileXUSA	Inmate medical	185.00
Twin Rivers Chry	Battery, keyfobs	333.43
Univ of NE Medical Center	Investigative expns	101.00
Village of Clatonia Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc.	4500.00
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	65.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	81,000.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	699.69
Windstream, Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	464.02
Windstream, Gen 1484	Phones	619.28
Windstream, Shf	Phones	265.73
Woods & Aitken	Prof legal svcs	4851.87
Zoellner Ford	Shf oil change	82.70

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,129.57
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	471.84
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	30,524.25
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	166.48
Blue Valley Door Co.	Svc call	28.44
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	100.11
Fastenal Company	Supplies, parts	107.39
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Light & Siren	Safety lights	1106.73
R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	27,658.78
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	25,484.95
Truck Center Companies	Hubcaps	59.70
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Beatrice Class #18		20,000.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Bear Graphics, Inc.	Binders for Cadastral Records	772.75
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	63,991.57
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. Vol ins policy premiums	551.71

Transportation Development Grant Fund

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Proj #124320-01, Housing & Urban Dev.	10,112.46
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Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage (Gage Area Growth Ent.)	Budget request, Co. share	29,924.76
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Inheritance Fund

Gage County	Trnsfr to Transportation Dev. Grant Fund	500,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,206.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,183.59

Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	28,284.43
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Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,911.22
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,158.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to approve claim #24120281 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc., in the amount of \$27,658.78, bringing the total amount of claims paid through December 24, 2024 to \$1,198,332.13. Motion carried 4-0-1. Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith, 104 W. Granville, Beatrice, NE was present for public comment. She began with a joke, but would like to see the P&Z regs, just as the state of Nebraska is different so are the areas of the county for planning & zoning. How do you have them consistent?

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Millard on Law Enf & Emergency Mgmt; Haxby on Rd. & Bridge; Tiemann on Finance & Human Resources. Topics discussed included gravel availability and delivery, and bridge match grant.

Discussion took place on the Extension office agreement. Do we implement the change to state employee vs county employee since the current employee has resigned?

Tiemann asked if anyone wanted to have a closed session before addressing FOP's Final Contract Offer or if it could be discussed in open session. Co. Atty Harris recommended having a closed session first, then discuss in open session.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to move into closed session for negotiations @ 9:06 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Schuller, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:22 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Tiemann asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the FOP's Final Contract Offer. He stated that the FOP contract has been discussed at length and they try to be as fair as possible with all employees of the County. We want to be both a good steward of the County taxpayers' money, a good place to work, and a good employer. But people want services, Law Enforcement is a necessary service, and services are not free. We appreciate it and often take it for granted, but it is an expensive service. Along with that, we have to negotiate with our different departments and make decisions on wages. We've reviewed the final offer that the FOP presented. Tiemann asked for a motion before further comment, then we can have further discussion by the Board after the motion.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to disapprove the FOP's Final Contract Offer. Haxby stated that the Board needs to get a final offer ready to be voted on at the next meeting. Tiemann stated that Law Enforcement & Corrections had a 20% increase last year and are looking for a near 20% increase again this year – most people aren't seeing a 20% increase in their wages. The public are the ones paying our bills – how do we justify this to them and/or the other county departments who aren't getting it. Tiemann also said that CIR is intended to make things fair. Haxby added that we not only have to look at the pay, we have to consider the budget and whether this would require increasing the tax asking to pay for this, or what other services are we going to have to cut to make it up. Tiemann said the Law Enforcement Committee of Haxby, Dorn and Lytle have worked on this incredibly hard and have gotten close to settling or at least narrowed the gap, and that's everyone's intention so that we don't end up going to a CIR situation. It's been said today and previous days, make the investment in the employees and not in legal fees. He said we want it to end well for everyone and we want the intentions of the way these things are set up to work and not to, I guess my opinion is, not to be manipulated. Tiemann asked for any additional comments. Hearing none, he called for the vote on the motion put forward to disapprove the FOP's Final Contract Offer. Motion carried 5-0. Lytle reiterated that this was the FOP's last offer, now this Board intends to, in good faith, put together a last and final offer that will be presented to the FOP. The Board has to vote on that final offer so it will be on the January 8, 2025 agenda for a Board vote.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until January 8, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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 24th day of December, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk