

Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 8, 2025, at 8:47 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on December 26, 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 \$12,404.13, which does not include claim # 235010054 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$501.19 and claim #25010061 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$27,215.52 to be voted on separately; 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.gagecountyne.gov 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 2025; 11. approve Bank Depositories: a. Security First Bank; b. Adams State Bank; c. Heartland Bank; d. First State Bank of Nebraska; e. Pinnacle Bank; f. First National Bank of Omaha; g. First Interstate Bank; i. NFIT – Union Bank & Trust; j. NPAIT; k. BMO Bank; l. Western National Bank; 12. approve Pledged Securities: a. Pinnacle Bank – ICS (Insured Cash Sweep); 13. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of December, 2024; 14. approve specifications and call for bids on County Fuel. Bids to be opened on February 5, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.; 15. approve 2024 Annual Noxious Weed Report & authorizing the Chairman to sign report.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	188,294.05
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Equip.	109.97
Arbor Ink, LLC	DC env.	583.59
Beatrice Mechanical Svcs.	Fridge repair	111.39
Benchmark Gov Solutions, LLC	Cont. ed.	409.30
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	222.73
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copier lease	79.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	329.90
Cidnet	Shf data	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	754.80
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	2499.00
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	419.85
Marian DeBuhr	Prior svc retirement	69.24
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1250.42
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Farm & Home Publishers	Plat books	780.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Insuff funds fees	57.00
Joyce A. Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing	Circ. pump, supplies, labor	674.19
Thelma Loemker	Prior svc retirement	57.70
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	988.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	2645.85
Midwest Card & ID Solutions	Supplies	371.99
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing, programming	5216.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	3366.68

NACO Planning & Zoning	Dues	40.00
NE Clerks of Dist Ct Assn.	Dues	50.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Training	250.00
Nebraska Prep Equipment	Jail appliance	1967.44
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender, NCDAA Mbrshp	6546.15
Otoe Co. Detention Center	Board inmates	260.00
Pinpoint Communications	Internet	270.17
Psychological Resources	Pre-empl eval	150.00
Quadiant Finance	Shipping chgs	196.59
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	270.52
Quill – Co Ct.	Offc supplies	28.04
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	219.45
R&B Arms	Shf ammo, supplies	1697.65
Riverside Technologies	Prob equip	2565.00
Sayler Screenprinting, LLC	Shf uniforms	126.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EMS cable TV	11.53
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	2986.97
Taghreed Tara Trindle	Juv court interpreter	361.66
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	328.16
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,450.69
All Copy Products	Copy overage	21.42
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	3083.95
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	105.94
Bomgaars	Supplies, tools	195.67
Capital One, NA	Equip.	49.88
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	31.48
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	12,404.13
Johnny's Welding	Supplies	501.19
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	17,451.77
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1409.00
NE Dept. of Revenue	Sales tax	18.61
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts, oil	4121.57
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	458.59
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	27,215.52
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	14,007.07
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	359.81
<u>Road & Bridge Sinking Fund</u>		
JJK Construction, LLC	Pickrell E, C-34(1300) Cert #4	84,653.74
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	52,695.27
<u>Visitor's Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	13,466.62
<u>Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund</u>		
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numeric indexes	220.08
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	28,798.80
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin fees	37,213.40
<u>Covid American Rescue Plan Fund</u>		
Dawn Hill	Compensation	3500.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,761.32
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,732.41
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,561.59
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,865.40
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,106.90
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	236.25
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	267.75

Schuller pulled #7 for further discussion on the official newspaper.

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

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to add the Voice News and Fairbury Journal News as the official paper as well as the Beatrice Daily Sun. Motion failed 2-5. Schuller & Swavely voting aye and Jurgens, Haxby, Tiemann, Dorn & Lytle voting nay.

It was stated that we currently use The Voice News for notices, but just are not required to publish every notice that we have in The Voice. If we designate all three, all notices will need to be published in each paper.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the Beatrice Daily Sun as the official newspaper. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #25010053 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$12,404.13 & claim # 25010061 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$27,215.52. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim # 235010054 Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$501.19, bringing the total amount of claims paid through January 8, 2025 to \$630,947.67. 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 Building & Grounds/Winter Lights; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Scott Bates on Veterans’ Service; Lytle on Law Enf & Emg. Mgmt. & Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Program Agreement for the Project Program Agreement – BL2429 NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(9), NDOT Control Number: 00974H, NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2429

Gage County
Resolution No. 25-01

Whereas: Gage County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds; and

Whereas: Gage County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Gage County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

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

Chair of the Gage County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Gage County and the NDOT.

Gage County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(9)
NDOT Control Number: 00974H
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 8th day of January, 2025, at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Gage County

/s/ Eddie Dorn

/s/ Don Schuller

/s/ David Swavely

/s/ Emily M. Haxby

/s/ Gary Lytle

/s/ Terry Jurgens

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Board Member Jurgens moved the adoption of said Resolution. Member Swavely seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill

(SEAL)

Signature County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve signing Resolution #25-01 for the Project Program Agreement – BL2429 NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(9), NDOT Control Number: 00974H, NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the final offer for the FOP contract with Gage County. Haxby read the following statement: We genuinely appreciate our law enforcement and value their work in the county, as demonstrated by our previous negotiations. To provide context, in 2023, we received authorization from the Union to implement a \$3/hr increase for Corrections Officers and Corrections Sergeants, resulting in wage increases of over 12% and 14%, respectively. This adjustment ensured that our wages were at or above the average, helping us to maintain adequate jail staffing.

In the following year, we negotiated with the FOP to increase wages for deputies, investigators, and Sheriff’s Sergeants. These increases ranged from more than \$3/hour to over \$4.50/hour, translating to nearly 10% raises for Sheriff Sergeants, almost 12% for the Investigators, and over 17% for deputies. Additionally, we implemented these increases three months early to demonstrate our appreciation for our law enforcement and their value to us.

These adjustments ensured that our wages remained competitive. The cost of inflation was 7% in 2021, 6.5% in 2022, 3.4% in 2023, and was 2.7% last year. Given these figures, we can see how it was necessary to make some adjustments during years with higher inflation rates. With the most recent inflation rate at 2.7%, we believe our current offer for wage increases is appropriately aligned.

The FOP offer rejected by the Board includes wage increases ranging between 9.68% to 17.86%, and an increase of 220% in comp/holiday time. To put those percentages in perspective, we could see a rough increase of about \$250,000 to our budget. What do we cut to fit that? Is it 4 less cars? Do we cut services and employees in other areas? Is it less equipment? Or, do we go to the taxpayers for more?

Our offer today includes wage increases ranging from 5.88% to 8.82%, which is more than double the cost of inflation.

While we continue to value our law enforcement and their work, we believe the current system is flawed. When one firm represents such a significant number of the employees in counties comparable to ours, the representation becomes monopolistic, leading to artificially inflated outcomes of the true cost of living circumstances. It puts employers, counties, and taxpayers in nearly impossible budgeting situations.

After posting our agenda letting the FOP know of our intention to continue to bargain in good faith, we have heard the FOP filed a wage case in Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR). The FOP was informed prior to the agenda that we would be voting to extend a final offer. This action suggests that the County’s negotiation efforts were disregarded, which is not only unproductive, but also disappointing.

In good faith, the County’s final offer includes several provisions that increase overall compensation and benefits.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the final offer for the FOP contract with Gage County. Motion carried 6-1 with Tiemann voting nay.

Tiemann recognized Dave Swavely and Don Schuller as this was their last meeting as Gage County Supervisors. Plaques were presented to each of them in appreciation of all of their work. Tiemann said he has appreciated getting to know both, and the time you’ve put in, bringing a different slice of the community’s voice to the board. He said it’s been wonderful having both of you on the board, and we’ll miss you both. Thank you for your time on the board.

Swavely spoke saying, This is the second opportunity to serve on the board. The first board was a little different, but did the same things. “I think this board gets along real well, even though we don’t agree sometimes. Sometimes we call each other out, but we still get along with each other. That’s the important thing to do.” It is important that a board like this does not have someone that comes in with an agenda, if someone comes up with something it needs to be good for the whole county. Tiemann agreed saying, “We get along really well. That’s a unique situation in any board. There’s a lot more work that gets done that way than if we’re just arguing.”

Schuller stated “That’s what the board is about, bringing ideas together and tossing them around, brainstorming and coming up with a compromise or a good solution to the problems we have. I felt very comfortable here in the discussions we have, and I’ve enjoyed working with all the other board members, and it’s been a very good experience that I’ll never forget.”

Jurgens thanked and congratulated both Swavely and Schuller.

Lytle said he’s known Swavely since he was a kid and really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know him on a different level. He also stated that he’s known Schuller for several years, having good conversations even before he was on the board, and even though they didn’t always agree, he enjoyed the viewpoint and being willing to speak differently.

A cake and punch reception was held following the board meeting in honor of the outgoing members.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. until January 22, 2025.

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

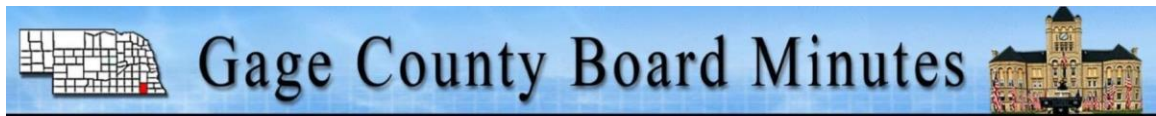
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Witness my hand and official seal this 8th day of January, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 22, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on January 9, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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.

Chairman Tiemann declared 2024 session formally closed – SINE DIE

Tiemann turned the meeting over to County Clerk Dawn Hill for elections.

Hill asked for nomination for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Equalization. Jurgens nominated Erich Tiemann for Chairman.

No other nominations were made.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Erich Tiemann. Motion carried 7-0.

Hill turned the meeting back over to Chairman Tiemann.

Tiemann thanked the board for their support.

Tiemann asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Jurgens nominated Emily Haxby for Vice Chairman for Board of Equalization and Board of Supervisors. Jurgens said that Haxby has done an excellent job.

No other nominations were made.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Emily Haxby for Vice Chairman. Motion carried 7-0.

Tiemann asked all of the members to review their copy of the standing rules before the vote to approve or disapprove them at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$881,616.14 which does not include claim #25010196 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$6,885.95, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve Bank balances, Securities & 6-month Board Settlement reports for Gage County Funds ending December 31, 2024; 6. approve Specs and call for bids on County Rock & Gravel. Bids to be opened on February 19, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.; 7. approve cancelling check # 25010031 to Otoe County Detention Center in the amount of \$260.00; 8. approve Utility Permit #1320 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be replacing a communications line along Cherry Road just west of SW 100th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 544RJ at the Northwest intersection of Cherry and SW 100th, plow along Cherry Road in the North grader ditch ROW West for 150' at a depth of 48", then excavate and expose existing line and splice with new line. Located South of Section 9, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp.; 9. approve Utility Permit #1321 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be replacing a communications line along 120th Road, approximately 1,250' north of Hwy 41 in the West grader ditch. Windstream will start 150' North of water way, excavate and expose existing line, then bore a 2" diameter by 48" deep line south for 300',

excavate and expose existing line, splice both ends of new lines with existing lines and place new pedestals at splice locations. Located East of section 19, T-6-N, R-8-E Adams Twp.; 10. approve sending a letter in support of a tourism grant for the Cattleman's Ball to the Tourism Committee.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	173,758.64
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products	Copier leases, overages	898.61
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	12,006.13
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	651.52
AutoZone	Antifreeze	19.99
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Annl fee	31,297.50
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5638.16
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv Justice	3386.62
Cardinal Assessment Group	Contract appraisal work	8062.50
CASA of Gage County	Child advocacy	2652.16
City of Beatrice	Utilities	16,102.20
Clearly Communications	Phones	2828.07
Column Software PBC	Publications	1580.40
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	215.00
CVSOAN	Vets annl dues	100.00
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl 6507	Data proc.	196.00
Dawgs Sports Specialties	Recognition items	598.00
Diode Technologies	Cths/Vets monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	424.60
Echo Group	Lights, ballasts	466.51
Gage Co. Court	Court costs	2150.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Shf veh title/tire tax	15.00
GBE, CPA	County audit	13,000.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob internet	160.85
HD Supply Facilities Maint.	Shf janitorial suppl.	243.28
Hometown Leasing	Copier leases	369.12
Husker Auto Group	Jail 2024 Chev Exprss van	45,364.00
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin fees	144.50
Ken's Pest Control	Ext spraying	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, trng, pstg	2525.74
Lammel Plumbing	Repairs	129.20
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor oper. expns	5138.49
Marriott Hotels & Resorts	Lodging	363.00
Mead Lumber	Lumber	98.73
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Court scanning equip rent	457.00
Mid-States Org. Crime Info Center	Mbrshp	150.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	250.20
MIPS, Inc.	Forms	514.20
NE Assn of Co. Assessors	Dues	100.00
NE Assn of Co. Treasurers	Dues	75.00
NE Title Co.	Title report	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NIRMA	Claim deductible	10,000.00
Noakes	Repair parts, labor	906.41
Norris Public Power	Utilities	87.32
O'Reilly Auto	Parts	53.96
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	116.50
Philippi Electric	Run power & install lights	522.56
Pierce Co. Shf.	Ct. costs	43.20
Priority Printing	Treas env.	234.52
Quill – Ext.	Offc suppl.	95.14
Quill – Prob.	Offc suppl.	102.70
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	741.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail Fuel	4881.29
SE Dist. Assr. Assn.	Dues	75.00
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	109.54
Sec. of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring alarms	70.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	15.75
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.53

Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	6952.50
Staples	Offc suppl.	145.40
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	8868.57
T.O. Haas Tire	Veh/tire repairs, oil	1795.40
Thomson Reuters	Law Library software	3619.54
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elev. maint.	265.63
Twin Rivers	Shf veh repair	1114.15
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Travel, fuel, meals, etc.	4404.55
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	ROD PO Box, Ext. stamps	553.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	328.16
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	394.16
Washington Co. Shf.	Board inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	203.13
Windstream – Wilber Prob	Phones	54.84
Zoellner Ford	Oil chg, Shf veh repair	1166.95
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.76

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	47,341.48
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts	163,181.00
All Copy Products	Copy overage	24.72
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	4732.80
Beatrice Area Solid Waste	Trash disposal	40.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	742.15
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Twp gravel	21,879.85
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	627.76
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	166.47
Column Software	Publications	568.52
Echo Group	Light fixtures	576.93
Gage Co. Equipment	Parts	533.46
Hard Rock Quarries	Twp rock	6885.95
Inland Truck Parts	Parts, labor	10,460.39
Lampton Welding Supply	Welding supplies	75.15
Landmark Implement	Parts	874.55
Larry's Tire & Service	Tire dismounts/mounts	384.00
Light & Siren	Strobe lights	1353.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Fracture Critical Bridge inspections	1550.00
Mead Lumber	Light fixtures/ bulbs	35.97
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair fuel pumps	2282.95
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	877.61
Newman Signs	Signs	3645.58
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	2752.12
Pickrell Lumber	Nails	210.00
PowerPlan	Parts	1083.68
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	722.79
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	2590.27
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	11,417.54
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	359.84
Truck Center Companies	Parts	143.52
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Battery, supplies	106.59
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	390.55
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Winter Equip. Co., Inc.	Parts	1063.98

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	9394.79
Mutual of Omaha	Employee elective policy premiums	533.71

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion Program	4385.00
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Community/Economic Development Fund

NGAGE	Co. share funding	28,524.53
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc fee	60,288.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,632.83
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,620.11
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26

Road Fund

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Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #25010196 to Hard Rock Quarry LLC in the amount of \$6,885.95, bringing the total amount of claims paid through January 22, 2025 to \$888,502.09. 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 Building & Grounds/Winter Lights; Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance; Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enf/Emg Mgmt.; Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed included furnace at the sheriff’s office, fire alarm testing; removal of snow piles; broken door; Historical Society changed out the display case and winter lights meeting.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve Interlocal Agreement between University of Nebraska and Gage County for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services. Motion carried 7-0.

Short break at 9:27 a.m. - Back in session at 9:38 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to go into closed session at 9:38 a.m. for Personnel & Litigation update. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens out at 10:16 a.m.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to come out of closed session at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried 5-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. until February 5, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

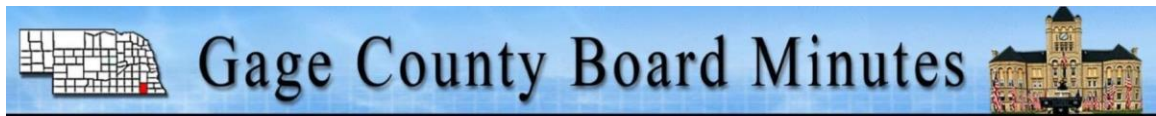
I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 22nd Day of January, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

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

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

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

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

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

Road Fund

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

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	2792.67
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Insurance Fund

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

Transportation Development Grant Fund

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

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

Road Fund

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

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

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25020090 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$723.72, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 5, 2025 to \$547,240.40. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn and Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Jurgens on Equalization and Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included winter lights removed from tree; motor on circulating pump went out; proposal on engraving names on cannon; referee system for valuation protests; need to replace siren in Wymore; update on Raise Grant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion on the 2025 Board of Supervisors Standing Rules.

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

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

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

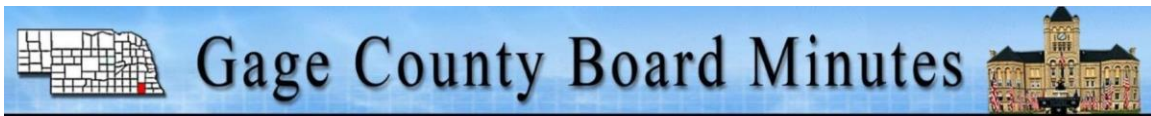
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of February, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 19, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on February 6, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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 \$1,026,869.29 which does not include claim #25020187 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$600.00 and claim #25020194 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$28,221.35, to be voted on separately ; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Sheriff’s Office Collection of Distress Warrants for January 2025; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1324 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line along S. 96th Road approximately ½ mile north of Aspen Road. Windstream will plow the new line starting at Pedestal S515OC in the East grader ditch of Gage County ROW and continue plowing east on Deer Lane (Private Property) to pedestal S511OG. Located IN Section 14, T-6-N, R-7-E, Nemaha Township; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1325 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line on Scott Road approximately ½ mile west of Hwy 77 in the South grader ditch. Windstream will start at pedestal 40DG and plow 36” deep for approximately 200’ then transition to bore a 2” diameter by 48” deep line under the bridge structure to pedestal 43DI. Located North of section 6, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Township. Windstream will also need a City Permit and approval for this project. 8. Approve Caretakers for the Pioneer cemeteries for 2025 season.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	178,279.51
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	5308.51
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Services	Co Ct supplies	46.17
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs., supplies, maint.	11,977.05
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	646.64
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6384.04
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile Justice grant	2879.24
Benchmark Govt. Solutions	Dpty meals at trng.	376.40
Capital Business Systems	ROD copy overage	8.72
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Prob. internet	209.97
City Motor Supply	Battery	53.56
City of Beatrice	Utilities	1692.61
Clearly Communications	Phones	2842.97
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	538.63
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
DAS St. Accntng. Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Datashield Corp.	Doc shredding	24.00
Diode Technologies	Cths & Vets monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Ext Offc copier	9909.00
Echo Group	Ballast	35.34
Election Systems & Software	Special Elec. Freeman Sch Bond	894.30
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – misc gen to Rd	400,000.00
Gage County Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	1191.09
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob internet	81.90
Holiday Inn, Kearney	Lodging	279.90
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41

ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA admin fees	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1211.25
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	2444.04
Lammel Plumbing	Water htr repair	64.18
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	1064.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Lumber, knobs, vent supplies	164.94
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rental	457.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions	Software	900.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	211.80
MIPS, Inc.	Forms, Computer suppt, prog.	29,107.49
Murray Law	Atty fees	1520.00
NACEB	Ext Offc annl dues	100.00
NACO	Conf dues	200.00
NAEM	EM dues, conf. regis.	185.00
NE Assn of Co Clks, ROD	Dues	100.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Cont. ed.	175.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Trng regis.	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Horvath Twr elec.	50.36
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Notary Public Underwriters, Inc.	Notary renewal	83.95
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed chemicals	155.00
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qtrly EMS	1500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	115.00
Pinpoint Communications	Cths/Hwy internet	250.17
Priority Printing	Assr env. & door hangers	488.09
Quadient, Inc.	Opener maint.	1004.26
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	448.25
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	313.50
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4798.18
Secretary of State	Atty cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Shf/Ext Offc monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	403.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Appraisal maint.	5062.50
Staples	Shf offc supplies	563.23
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc	5614.47
T.O. Haas Tire	Grease, oil. repairs	661.89
The Voice News	Publications	64.88
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library subscr.	3940.54
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, dues, etc.	2130.03
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	328.16
Verizon Wireless VSAT	VSAT	85.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	14,000.19
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	209.65
Windstream – Fillmore Co.	Prob. phones	418.22
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	472.76
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,021.99
B's Enterprises, Inc.	Bridge planks	12,335.36
Baum Hydraulics Corp.	Parts	69.82
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1018.43
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	14,165.38
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	996.25
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	186.52
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing easements	88.00
Paul J. Hajek	Easements	447.29
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Bungees	363.00
Johnny's Welding Inc.	Install cylinder	600.00
Landmark Implement	Parts	873.76
Mead Lumber Co.	Supplies	60.56
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg.	192.32
Newman Signs, Inc.	Barricade sheeting	4345.60
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	494.94
PowerPlan	Parts	51.35

R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	28,221.35
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	8291.38
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	3636.07
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	30,840.02
TC Industries of Canada Co. West	Grader blades	32,083.20
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	302.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w numerical indexes	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims pd	82,851.97
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins premiums	547.82

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile diversion	2180.00
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Inheritance Fund

Velora M Wieters Estate PR24-15	Inheritance tax overpayment	3341.29
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,954.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,966.25
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,971.45
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,227.10
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #25020187 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$600.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25020194 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$28,221.35, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 19, 2025 to \$1,055,690.64. 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, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle and Lisa W. on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included fire alarm testing; woodwork proposal; Storm Spotters Training April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Homestead National Monument.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley and Event Coordinator Patty Goes presented a Visitor's Improvement Grant application for the 2025 Nebraska Cattleman's Ball in the amount of \$18,000. The event will be held on June 6th and 7th, 2025. They will be ordering additional visitor's guides and the grant would be used to bus event goers from Beatrice to the event site near Blue Springs, then deliver them back, saying that safety is their #1 thought.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve a Visitor's Improvement Grant for the 2025 Nebraska Cattleman's Ball in the amount of \$18,000 for bus transportation from Beatrice to the Cattleman's Ball near Blue Springs. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve appointing Tony Ausilio to the Tourism Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by previous member KJ Patel. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:14 a.m. Back in session at 9:16 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:16 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for rock and gravel. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Beatrice Sand & Gravel, Rock On, Inc., R.L. Tiemann Construction, and Hard Rock Quarries for rock and gravel, and from Gana Trucking for hauling only.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve accepting all bids, using each one contingent on lowest bid price and availability. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented the quarterly Tourism Report.

Jurgens left meeting at 9:39 a.m.

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

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner presented the Extension Annual Report and gave an Extension update. She reported that the Yard & Garden radio program would be starting on April 11th, and that the office is wanting to purchase a new binder.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to approve receiving the Extension Report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:55 a.m. Back in session at 10:00 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Jurgens.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:00 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 10:24 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until March 5, 2025.

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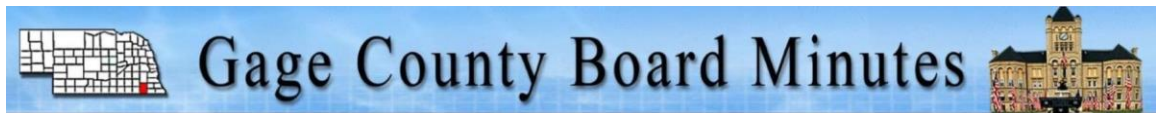
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/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 19th day of February, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

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

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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 \$517,757.66; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Receive and place of file Gage Co. balance of liability report as of 2/21/2025; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of February, 2025; 7. Approve specs and call for bids for 2024 or newer 1-ton 4x4 Regular single cab pickup long box, rear wheel drive. Bids to be opened on April 2, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.; 8. Receive Humane Society 2024 Animal Report and place on file.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	178,628.87
Adams Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Advanced Auto Dealers, Inc.	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	102.27
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	1184.20
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf cell phone	70.00
Benchmark Govt. Solutions, LLC	Dpty meals at trng	398.65
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Jail utilities	410.25
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Ext. utilities	335.95
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Shf utilities	888.45
Blue to Gold, LLC	Dpty trng	990.00
Blue Valley Door, Inc.	Svc call	164.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	430.30
Charter Comm. Spctrm-2085	Jail cable TV	199.64
CIDNET	Data for jail commissary	999.90
Clerk of Dist. Court	Court costs	859.00
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	3 qrtrs EMS svc.	4500.00
DataShield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	24.32
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	512.34
Election Systems & Software	Election programming/media	1077.75
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	570.00
Farmers Cooperative	Shf fuel	224.58
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip rental	440.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Uniforms	133.95
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	293.11
Intoximeters, Inc.	Shf breath testers	373.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1448.75
Lammel Plumbing	Repair, supplies, labor	562.22
Lifeguard MC, Inc.	EM Defibrillators	3111.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	2407.33
Mosley Information Technology	Prob. computer svc	2000.00
NACO	SE Dist Mtg regis	40.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst. care	594.05
Nebr. IAI	Shf. Conf regis x 2	150.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf dpty trng	525.00
NE Notary Assn.	Shf notary renewal	153.99

NI Government Svcs., Inc.	EM Sat phone	604.66
Noakes Heating & A/C	Shf thermostat	798.04
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qrtrly EMS svc	1500.00
PIP Marketing Signs & Print	Elec ballot env.	515.14
Precision Auto Tune, Inc.	Shf veh repairs	437.79
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Monthly shipping charges	247.22
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	228.92
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	316.98
Quill – Co Ct.	Offc supplies	435.55
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	1071.11
SE Nebr. Communications	Falls City Prob phones	113.48
Sherwin-Williams Co.	Stain	25.28
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	38.50
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	2805.71
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob cell phones	385.44
Vlg of Clatonia/Clatonia Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Windstream Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	418.22
Wolfcom Enterprises	Shf mobile client software & maint.	10,376.00
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	2378.40
3 & 33 Mutual Aid	2025 dues	25.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	46,169.43
Black Hills Energy HWY 6863	Utilities	161.73
Black Hills Energy HWY 8861	Utilities	465.26
Bomgaars	Supplies	362.48
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div	Utilities	554.96
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Supplies, tools	74.26
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	1464.05
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	598.15
Truck Center Companies	Part	23.73
Westlake Ace Hardware	Part	15.29

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	11,009.04
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Ins.	Employee hlth ins claims paid	82,643.96
Lucent Health Solutions	Premiums, admin fees	38,408.04

Transportation Development Grant Fund

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Housing & Urban Dev Grant work	1670.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,030.16
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,972.60
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	49,037.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,116.42
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,391.38
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

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

Committee reports were given by Tiemann on Equalization and Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Dorn and Mark K. on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included 3 & 33 Mutual Aid went to help with fire; Jail discussion; roadside shredding, calling vs sending letter; and trucks out today for snow/ice.

Rachel Kreikemeier, Ngage Executive Director, will present Quarterly Report at the next meeting on March 19th.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve all Rock and Gravel bids that were received at the February 19th meeting, utilizing each according to lowest price and availability. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve Needs Assessment for Detention Center from Prochaska & Associates. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve Keil Mick as the Gage County Veteran’s Service Officer. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve service agreement between Maximus US Services and Gage County for services for Cost Allocation Plan ending December 31, 2029. Motion carried 4-0.

Recess at 9:11 a.m. Back in session at 9:15 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve closing bids at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for Filley Southwest Overlay Project C-34(1181), Rockford blacktop. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were received from Pavers, Inc. of Waverly, NE in the amount of \$564,926.89; Constructors, Inc. of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$555,364.83; and Cather & Sons Construction of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$547,379.08. Bids were referred to Hwy Dept. for inspection and recommendation later in the meeting.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for Engineering Services of CPF Grant. Motion carried 4-0.

No action taken on agenda item to approve or disapprove a request for consultant proposals (RFP) for the purpose of engaging in the design, siting and construction administrative services for a proposed Multi-Custody Correctional Facility. This will be on the March 19, 2025 agenda.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke recommended accepting the lowest bid from Cather & Sons for the Filley SW Overlay Project in the amount of \$547,379.08, with a projected completion date of June 1, 2025, to mill off 2”, repair, and put back 2”.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve accepting the lowest bid from Cather & Sons for the Filley SW Overlay Project in the amount of \$547,379.08, projected completion date of June 1, 2025, to mill off 2”, repair, and put back 2”. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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

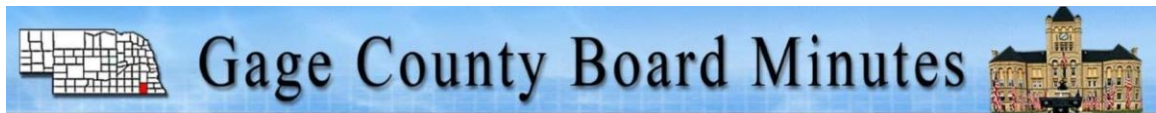
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of March, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 19, 2025, at 8:48 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on March 6, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle and Eddie Dorn present, Terry Jurgens 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 \$682,521.94 which does not include claim #25030195 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$371.91 and claim #25030203 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$25,485.09 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1326 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line along Chestnut Road approximately 1,300' West of SW 114th Road. Windstream will bore a 2" diameter line 96" deep in the South grader ditch. Windstream will also be placing 2 new BDO pedestals at each end of the splices. This is for Gage County Project C-34 (1240). Located North of Section 20, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp.; 6. Approve appointing Ashley Mason to a term on Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board. The new term began January 2025; 7. Approve signing letter of support to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	173,002.66
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products	Shf copy overage, Treas & EM copier leases	378.92
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	12,096.39
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Shf taser battery pack	682.50
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5678.14
Beatrice Community Hospital	Shf empl CPR classes	350.00
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Shf cooler repair, labor	158.20
Beatrice Public Library	Subscr., Polk dir., Legisl books, etc.	6760.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile Justice Grant	3751.01
Benchmark Govt. Solutions, LLC	Shf meals at trng	142.40
Blue Valley Door Co.	Shf svc call	200.25
City of Beatrice	Qrtrly EMS svc, gbg svc	45,339.20
Clearly Communications	Courthouse phones	2833.14
Countryside Event Center	Recog. dinner	500.00
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	154.95
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	185.00
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc	196.00
Dept of Revenue, Prop Assmt.	Assr trng	600.00
Diode Technologies	Monitor cths & Vets	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies/equip.	4518.44
Echo Group	Ballast, bulbs	328.74
Electronic Contracting	Annl fire alarm inspec.	454.65
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Frye, Frazey & Assoc., LLC	Security for inmate at hosp.	16,152.50
Gage County Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	216.26
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob. internet	81.90
Griffiths Hovendiek Chapel	2 county cremations	2400.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Restroom supplies	695.02
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	408.40
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	Flex Benefit admin. fees	144.50

Joyce A Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Shf. pest control	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	2 mos. Child Suppt. Enf Atty, pstg	4823.11
Lancaster Co. Sheriff	Ct costs	39.65
McKesson Medical Surgical, Inc.	Inmate medical	172.45
Mead Lumber	Lumber	171.25
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Ext gbg svc	23.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	634.80
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing, programming	28,699.49
MobileXUSA	Inmate medical	185.00
Monroe Systems for Business	Treas ribbons	72.00
NE Assn of Co. Treasurers	Conf. regis.	175.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	2 mos. Public Defender	12,692.30
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities – Horvath tower	52.47
Noakes Htng & A/C	Svc calls, repairs, supplies, labor	5362.78
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	95.15
Theodore Paben	Ext. Offc snow removal	50.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	105.25
Pinpoint Communications	Co. internet svcs	270.17
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	9158.00
Priority Printing	Prob., BOS, Clerk supplies	1064.97
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Qtrly pstg meter lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	56.69
Quill – Co Ct.	Offc supplies	158.80
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	115.79
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	636.41
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4387.12
Security Services	Shf/Ext monitor fire alarms	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM Cable TV	11.51
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Appraisal maint.	7560.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	5896.99
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, repairs, oil chgs	3001.34
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library prog	3619.54
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Top Notch Painting	Supplies	1500.00
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, travel, etc.	3528.03
US Post Service – Postmaster	Prob stamps	1100.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Co EMS 6384-1	EM hotspots	328.16
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	12,600.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, plmbg., drywall compound, etc.	182.57
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.84
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	472.76
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,655.45
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy coverage	60.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	972.15
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	9312.17
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, supplies	619.33
Capital One, NA	Supplies	43.39
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	219.21
Concrete Industries	Sealant	8316.00
Dakota Fluid Power, Inc.	Part	513.88
Diamond T Truck & Trailer	Parts	59.01
Dultmeier Sales, LLC	Parts	296.61
Farmers Cooperative	Tire repairs	208.00
Fastenal Co.	Supplies	144.44
Huls Body Shop	Tow	190.00
Interstate Powersystems	Parts, labor	1215.92
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	260.50
Johnny's Welding	Parts	371.91
Landmark Implement	Blades, window, parts	1002.47
Mead Lumber	Supplies	5.99

Midwest Unlimited	Supplies	603.86
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy prog.	192.32
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed killer	155.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	721.53
Powerplan	Parts, labor	3343.05
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	25,485.09
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	1017.86
Road Builders Mach & Supply	Parts	45.70
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Fuel, oil, anti-freeze	17,797.10
Sunrise Bakery	Twp mtg supplies	166.32
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	117.98
Truck Equipment Service	Supplies	142.05
Verizon Connect Fleet	Veh GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	61.39
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Part	349.50

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Applied Connective Tech.	Doc scanner	691.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	91,960.70
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins premiums	553.82

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Juv. diversion prog.	920.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,527.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,542.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	49,037.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,946.72
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,199.06
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #25030195 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$371.91. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #25030203 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$25,485.09, bringing the total amount of claims approved through March 19, 2025 to \$708,378.94. 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 Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Lisa Wiegand on Emer. Mgmt. & Dorn on Road & Bridge. Topics included electrical outage, and sewer line damaged at Extension office.

Rachel Kreikemeier, NGage Executive Director, presented their Quarterly report.

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

Dakota Hurley, Tourism Coordinator, and Shirley Martin presented the Visitors Improvement Grant for One Property at a Time for Blue Springs Tourism Enhancement Project in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Visitor Improvement Grant for One Property at a Time in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Adams abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Monte Murkle was present and spoke about World Down Syndrome Day, which is March 21, 2025.

Discussion on the request for consultant proposals (RFP) for the purpose of engaging in the design, siting and construction administrative services for a proposed Multi-Custody County Jail.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve RFP for the purpose of a Multi-Custody County Jail, due April 16, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve recommendation on Special Designated Liquor License for Red Barn Farm for St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation wine/ale/spirit tasting fundraiser on April 25, 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion took place on agreement with City of Beatrice for Emergency Dispatch Services.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve giving the City of Beatrice notice on the Emergency Dispatch Services contract in order to begin discussions. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion took place on ending or increasing roadside shredding.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve ending road side shredding of any vegetation by the county forces other than around county structures. Motion carried 5-1 with Dorn voting nay.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to approve removing C-34 (1262) (Clatonia box culvert) from the contract with Vogtsapes. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. until April 2, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

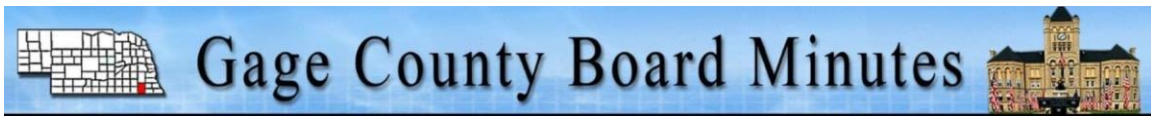
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 19th day of March, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 2, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on March 20, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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 \$567,907.73 which does not include claim #25040114 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00, claim #25040117 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$33.11 and claim #25040121 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$52,091.98 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Gage County Disaster Declaration for damage from March 19, 2025 storm; 6. Receive and place on file 2024 Annual report for Clatonia Rescue Squad.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	174,361.61
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	188.25
All Copy Products	Assr copy overage	75.63
Amazon.com, LLC	Treas tower fan	59.49
American AED, LLC	13 replacement batteries	3825.90
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf cell phones	646.64
AutoZone	Supplies	27.14
Beatrice Lawn Care	Snow removal, ice melt	3420.00
Beatrice Public Library	Amer. Sign Language	500.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv. Justice grant	3474.26
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	287.21
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	79.00
Capital City Transfer Svcs.	Autopsy expns	329.40
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Review bldg. permits, acreages	10,275.00
CASA of Gage County	Child advocacy expns	1137.39
Charter Communications Spctrm2019	Prob. internet	210.00
Clearly Communications	Phones/IT	2833.14
Column Software PBC	Daily Sun publications	868.13
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	7214.47
Critical Hire	Shf pre-empl exam	25.00
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl Hlth hrng	110.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Twr rental	440.00
Griffiths Hovendick Chapel	Transport	425.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint.	Shf clng supplies	351.96
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	738.47
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	593.75
Johnson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	130.00
Jurors	Jury fees	3878.70
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing	Det. shwr supplies	53.20
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc of papers	8.19
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expense	9089.10
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	2105.00

Murray Law, PC	Atty fees	3173.00
NACO	Conf. fees	175.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	336.00
NE Machinery Co.	Generator maint., battery	4002.83
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender, seminar fee	6596.15
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Pinnacle Bank	ROD deposit books	149.80
Pinpoint Communications	Cths internet	270.17
Priority Printing	Treas printed materials	55.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping chgs	386.82
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	40.99
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	531.31
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	32.55
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	110.00
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	110.03
Secretary of State	Atty cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Shf/Det fire alarm inspec.	200.00
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Painting supplies	34.62
Staples Business Credit	Shf offc supplies	27.68
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc.	6064.37
T-Mobile USA, Inc.	Shf twr dump	50.00
Top Notch Painting	Supplies, labor	6500.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	VetraSpec renewal	898.00
UNL Nebraska Extension	Annl Ext Offc internet connectivity	1200.00
US Postal Svc #8062070	Pstg for meter	25,000.00
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Phones	354.18
Windstream – Wlbr Prob	Phones	55.33
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof lgl svcs	1768.00
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Veh svc/rpr	892.40

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,329.93
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	35,331.98
Black Hills Energy 6863	Utilities	147.87
Black Hills Energy 8861	Utilities	402.28
Bomgaars	Battery chgr, supplies	224.64
Capital One, NA	Shelving	88.00
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	489.93
Diversified Drug Testing	Alcohol testing	185.00
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Grader blades	5212.50
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Johnny's Welding	Iron	33.11
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	21,675.70
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Repair gas pump	571.97
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	545.70
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	52,091.98
Rock On, Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	3861.67
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts, labor	2196.05

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	31,827.60
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3055.03
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	26,884.14
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Transportation Development Grant Fund

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Co. Rd. S 26 housing & urban dev.	5157.50
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,633.24
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,646.17
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	49,037.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,924.73
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Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,174.17
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25040114 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Clabaugh abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25040117 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$33.11. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25040121 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$52,091.98, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 2, 2025 to \$620,217.82. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Jason Hartig introduced new Veterans Service Officer Keil Mick to the board. Mick graduated from Wymore High School and served six years in the U.S. Air Force which included two tours overseas in the Middle East. Veterans Service Committee members Donald Junker and Robert Theye were also present.

Angela Johnson, Public Health Solutions Program Manager, spoke to the board about the Healthy Families America Program which is an evidence-based home visitation program. She wanted to share that they are seeing an increase of almost double the referrals in Gage County from last year. Examples of what they see are families living in hotels (some with insect and bedbug infestations), substance use, domestic violence, and even deaths from overdose and suicide. She said it's hard when they're having to be in intervention mode instead of the prevention mode that they are intended for. She said there is also good happening such as teen mothers who stay in the program and go on to graduate from high school and break the generational cycle. Johnson said her main purpose today is to bring awareness to the board about what is happening in the county.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to approve recommendation on Special Designated Liquor License for BLT Investments, LLC dba 402 Sports Bar & Grill for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball to be held on June 7 & 8, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on time reduction on the culvert project awarded to Vogtscapes. Tiemann explained there was a request for an extension of completion date from Nov. 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025 due to rain, then C-34(1262) was removed from the total project reducing the project by 45 days, then there was a 30-day hold-up waiting for Windstream to move lines, taking the date back to mid-April. Tim Vogt, owner, and Keith Sunderman, Project Manager, questioned if 1262 was pulled before the extension was granted as that would have affected the days also. Mark Kuhnke said he listened to the audio from the meeting when the extension was discussed and the motion was worded *with project 1262 on hold*. Vogt said with the delays of Windstream, the non-refundable dollars lost on the bond for the pulled 1262 project, and some snow days, they feel they should be allowed a few days. He said if it could be settled on the date of June 1st, they could probably get it done. Pause in discussion for timed bid opening.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve closing bids at 9:15 a.m. on RFQ for Congressional Project Funding (CPF) through HUD (Housing and Urban Development). Motion carried 7-0.

Back to Vogtscapes discussion. Vogt said if they could have until June 1st, they would do what it takes to get it done by then. Clabaugh said the board just wants it finished and wants to know when that will be. Jurgens said the longer it goes on, the more prices for products go up that Vogtscapes will have to deal with, so he suggested to give them until June 1st and they get it done. Adams agreed. Tiemann pointed out that it's been 14 months since the project was bid out. Jurgens reminded the board that Vogtscapes has done excellent work for Gage County in the past. Haxby said since the project is in her district, she's been getting a lot of the calls asking when it's going to be finished and why there aren't people out there working on it. Lytle stated that, as contractors, some delay considerations should be figured into the bid and the county was more than generous in moving the date out to May 1st. He's concerned that they're setting a precedent by continuing to move the date back. Lytle asked Co. Atty Harris if the May 1st date could be left out there with the understanding that if it's completed by June 1st then we work something out on the liquidated damages and maybe we're agreeable that as long as it gets done by June 1st we're OK. Harris said you could have another meeting close to June 1 to get progress report and make a decision that day. Pause in discussion for timed agenda item for bid opening. Tiemann asked for motion to close bidding on Hwy Dept. pickup.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve closing bidding at 9:30 a.m. for a 2024 or newer regular cab pickup for the Hwy Dept. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to Vogtscapes discussion. Motion made by Jurgens, to extend the culvert projects until June 1, 2025, seconded by Dorn. Haxby said she opposes, stating that even with the adjustments to days with removing 1262, adding days for Windstream delay, it would bring ending date to April 15th so she feels that May 1st is a good compromise. We had a Nov. 1 deadline for a reason and that was not met, and we were gracious to extend that deadline out 6 months to May 1st due to rain. She has to answer to the people in the area. Adams questioned how much further it will push it out if we do call up the bond and have to find someone else to finish it. Vogt said he has no problem working to get it done and coming back again at the beginning of May to plead their case and prove they are a reputable company. Kuhnke said permits have been submitted by Windstream on the remaining sites but there's only one or two crews doing these so there are delays everywhere. Vogt said he doesn't want to open the project and close the road, then be delayed again by Windstream. Lytle said he won't vote for June 1 – he thinks leaving it May 1 is a good opportunity for Vogtscapes to prove themselves, get it in a spot where it can be done by June 1, and we'll have a conversation on April 30th when you can show yourself out well. Clabaugh agreed. Vogt said he is fine with leaving it at May 1 as long as we have a discussion about Windstream slowing them down. He said they're willing to come back to the April 30th meeting to discuss. Tiemann stated there is a motion to extend the finish date for culvert projects to June 1, 2025, and if the motion does not pass, the intent is to keep this open for discussion at the April 30, 2025 meeting. Tiemann called for the vote. Motion carried 4-3 with Adams, Tiemann, Dorn and Jurgens voting Yea, Clabaugh, Haxby and Lytle voting Nay. Haxby reiterated that she doesn't like the precedent being set by this. Lytle asked Vogt to come back with a progress update on April 30th, Vogt agreed to come back.

Back to bids on RFQ for Congressional Project Funding (CPF) through HUD. Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to accept all bids. Bids were given to Haxby to open. Bids were received from Miller and Associates, JEO Consulting, and Mainelli Wagner & Associates. Tiemann asked Haxby to pause for a moment.

Tiemann asked Bev Acton and Sarah Behrends to come forward to talk about the Cattlemen's Ball. Acton and her husband Terry are hosting the Ball this year and Behrends is with 402 Sports Bar & Grill who will hold the liquor license for the event. Acton gave an update on where things are at with the Ball. She stated her name and address for the record as Beverly Acton, 31250 S 94th Rd., Holmesville, NE. Acton said she wanted to take time to thank the Board for all of the support they've given to her and her husband Terry and the Ball. They've worked with Lisa in Emergency Management coordinating all the firefighters, culverts have been made available by the county and trees in ditches have been removed, a tourism grant was approved by the county for transportation of guests, the Sheriff's Office working with them on the liquor license recommendation, and the overall support of the community has been appreciated. Starting May 15th, the first of 9 tents will arrive and be put up with others to follow. There will be a Ranch Rodeo on Saturday afternoon which will have twelve 4-man teams. The main entertainer will be singer Gabby Barrett then Nebraska native Jordan Schoch will perform in the Saloon Tent. There will also be a tent from Buffet coming where you can get multiple free medical tests done and there have been some amazing donations for the live auction. Acton gave kudos to the Chairman of the event and the 40-50 subcommittees, all working to make this event all come together. She hopes everyone can make it out and they're really looking forward to it.

Back to RFQ bids. Miller and Associates, and JEO Consulting both declined to submit proposals. Mainelli Wagner & Associates submitted a letter of qualifications of their design team and a list of their capabilities. Haxby said since we only received one response with qualifications for this project, she would move to accept using Mainelli Wagner & Associates as the engineer for our CPF Project. Since there was already a motion made to accept bids that had not been voted on, Tiemann asked Dorn and Clabaugh if they would like to amend their motion and second to include accepting and awarding the bid to Mainelli Wagner & Associates. Jurgens asked if there was an amount. Haxby explained that before taking bids, the Request for Qualifications and selection of a qualified engineer have to be done in order to get reimbursed for funding through the grant process. Prices will come at a later date when we ask for proposals. Dorn and Clabaugh both agreed to amend their motion and second. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to bids on Hwy pickup. One bid was received from Twin Rivers for a 2024 Dodge Ram 3500 regular cab, 140" wheel base, 6.4-liter gas engine, gear ratio 3.73, will add running boards, price of \$45,609.00, delivery by April 30, 2025. Kuhnke said with the addition of the running boards the bid meets all specs.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve accepting and awarding bid on 2024 Dodge Ram pickup to Twin Rivers in the amount of \$45,609.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Law Enf./ Emer. Mgmt., Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Equalization, Jurgens & Tiemann on Finance/Insurance, and Haxby and Mark K. on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion included 2nd floor slow sink drains solution, work on entrance doors, removing bricks from windows in upper attic for air circulation, replacing burnt out LED lights on courthouse exterior & looking at lenses, Applied Connective progress on board room project, reassessment of county property – rural then Beatrice, working on Fall 2024 gravel allotments, an update on Rockford Road and culvert projects, and an update from Co Atty Harris on litigation cases. Taylor McHenry, Barneston Fire Chief and 3 & 33 Mutual Aid Association Chairman for 2025, was asked by Lisa Wiegand to speak to the board about what it means to be an active participant for deployment on the 3 & 33 Task Force. He said that the Task Force is a valuable asset as they are the only one on this side of the state. All of the emergency response teams in the area are under-staffed and under-funded so it’s invaluable to have a team ready to deploy for extended incidents where local jurisdictions and their mutual aid partners get burnt out. You can’t monitor a wild fire for 24 hours a day with a small number of volunteers for an extended time when they’re leaving jobs and families to be there. We can provide a break for them to rest, reset and regroup until they’re ready to come back and take over. Same goes for floods, tornadoes, and any other catastrophic incidents that need emergency services. McHenry said they often get asked what they gain from the Task Force. He reflected that *if you’re asking yourself that question then you’re probably in the wrong line of work*. He values the relationships they’ve formed with the local agencies, agencies across the state, and at the NEMA level, forming a trust that they will all be there for each other when needed. If members are deployed and there is a local incident, other local districts step in to cover. Lytle thanked McHenry and all of the Task Force members for their efforts saying it’s a big deal and important to have people willing to volunteer to be on the force, ready to go out and learn new techniques and skills as you travel to different areas. Tiemann also commended the Task Force members for putting their lives on the line when they go out, in spite of the fact that they’re taking time away from family and jobs and not getting paid to do it. It’s actually costing you time and money but you still do it, so we want to thank you very, very much for all you do.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to move into closed session at 10:23 a.m. for litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens left meeting at the end of closed session.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to come out of closed session at 11:16 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve allowing Jeff Kirkpatrick to file an appeal in Case #CI24-148, between Pinpoint Communications and Gage County. Discussion. Motion failed 3-3 with Haxby, Tiemann and Dorn voting yea, Adams, Clabaugh and Lytle voting nay.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve setting a Special Meeting to discuss possible litigation, allowing time to gather and present further information. Tiemann asked for date and time of proposed meeting, Haxby set it for Friday, April 11, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried 4-2 with Adams, Clabaugh, Haxby and Tiemann voting yea, Lytle and Dorn voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. until the Special Meeting on April 11, 2025.

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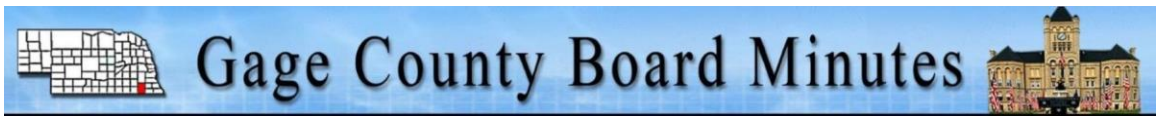
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/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 2nd day of April, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

 Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 11, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on April 8, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken during the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to go into closed session @ 9:12 a.m. for Litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed @ 9:36 a.m. Motion carried 6-1 with Jurgens voting nay.

Discussion took place on allowing NIRMA to file an appeal in the Pinpoint Communications vs Gage County case. It was brought out that the Pinpoint representative stated that they would go to the PSC and request to change their documents, they just needed Gage County to approve their updated utility permit. The County approved their utility permit, however, the next day they filed a lawsuit. Lytle felt that the decisions of the PSC weren’t our business it was for the State Legislature to take care of. He is ready to move on from the lawsuit. Clabaugh said that the overbuild adds or potentially adds a lot of money to the project, that could be used in a better way. Haxby felt it was their duty to protect the constituents and their hard-earned tax dollars no matter where they are spent. It is our job to watch out for these things. Harris, Co. Atty., said there were a lot of complications in the case. Adams felt there were a lot of issues with the Public Service Commission.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve allowing NIRMA to file an appeal. Motion carried 6-1 with Lytle voting nay.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until April 16, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

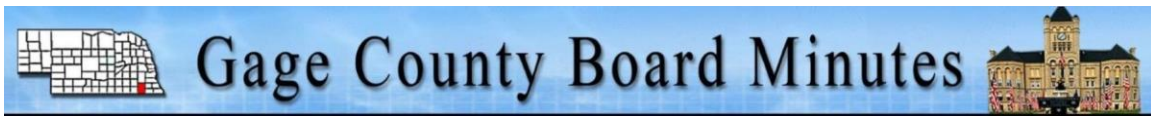
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 April, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 16, 2025, at 8:52 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on April 3, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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 \$683,354.47 which does not include claim #25040259 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$74,132.92 to be voted on below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Support letters for Nextlink for BEAD funding; 6. Approve RFP for Grant Writer and opening proposals on May 14, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.; 7. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of March 2025; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1327 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. -Windstream will be placing a fiber line along S.23rd Road approximately 2,215’ South of the Intersection of Sage and S.23rd Road. Phase 1, Windstream will locate and expose existing lines and splice in a temp line around the project. Phase 2, Windstream will bore a 2” diameter line by 60” deep line in the West grader ditch after new cmp is installed. Windstream will also be placing 2 new pedestals at each end of the splices. This is for a Gage County Project C-34(1209). Located East of Section 1, T-1-N, R-6-E, Paddock Twp.; 9. Receive and place on file 2024 Annual report for Odell Volunteer Fire & Rescue; 10. Receive and place on file SE 911 Communications Center report; 11. Approve support letter for Ag Society for CPF grant.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	174,158.17
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	8429.56
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	154.00
Applied Concepts, Inc.	Radar mini-grant app	4582.50
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	12,300.83
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4582.56
Benchmark Government Solutions	Meals at trng	607.35
Black Hills Energy - Shf	Utilities	412.53
Black Hills Energy – Jail	Utilities	718.93
Bragg Animal Control	Animal Control	120.00
Bryan Health	Inv. expns	429.30
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Jail supplies	1600.50
Charter Communications	Jail cable TV	199.64
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Victim’s Assistance, gbg svc.	7354.00
Clearly	Co. phones	2833.58
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	689.64
Column	Daily Sun publications	1097.30
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
County Veteran’s Svc. Officers. Assn.	Dues	100.00
Des Moines Stamp Mfg.	ROD rubber stamps	284.75
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1469.34
Farmer’s Cooperative	Fuel, tire repairs	587.68
First Wireless	3 mo. twr maint., radio batteries	2822.13
Gage County Court	Court costs	1614.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	296.36
GBE	Perform county audit	12,500.00

GCSO Drug Investigation Account	Reimb. petty cash acct.	250.00
Glenwood Telephone	Prob. phones	81.90
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
Isolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin. svcs.	144.50
Jones Automotive	Upfit Shf vehicles	14,071.35
Kravec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, pstg	2431.25
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc fee/mlg	18.00
Matthew Kosmicki, Atty at Law	Atty fees	1358.51
Mead Lumber	Supplies	74.61
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Ext Offc gbg svc	24.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	1872.66
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc., programs	28,699.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2308.50
NACO	Bd wkshp regist.	375.00
National Public Safety Info. Bureau	Shf 2025 Natl Directory	159.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	New unit in attic, svc calls, parts	8087.71
Norfolk Lodge & Suites	Lodging	250.00
Norris Public Power	Horvath twr utilities	47.48
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	111.25
Pickrell Lumber	2 Granite table tops	1889.00
Priority Printing	Prob. business cards	55.00
Quadient, Inc.	Pstg meter supplies	65.55
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	170.47
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	301.96
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	5.46
Sack Lumber	Router bit	32.99
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	4680.51
Secretary of State, Elec. Div.	Voter cards	110.00
Secretary of State, Rules & Regs	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Alarm monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	54.25
Software Unlimited Corp.	Attys offc software maint.	820.37
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	7695.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	6167.17
T.O. Haas Tire	Oil chngs, tire repairs, parts, labor	2204.94
The Voice News	Publications	95.84
Thomas & Thomas	Depo transcript	1063.30
Thomson Reuters	Law Library subscr.	3619.54
TKE Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Verizon	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon 6384-1	EM cell & hot spots	328.16
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	306.62
Windstream Fillmore Co.	Prob phones	1.38
Zultys	Beatrice Prob phones	472.85
911 Custom	Shf uniforms	416.94
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,302.90
All Copy Products	Copy overage	113.96
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	667.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	575.44
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	57,922.75
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co.	Parts, supplies, jack	1249.30
Blackburn Mfg. Co.	Flags	119.74
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	132.37
Column	Daily Sun publications	296.12
Commercial Industrial Supply	Parts	61.44
Crete Lumber & Farm Supply	Ice	122.50
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	41.47
Farmer's Cooperative	Fuel	365.70
Inland Truck Parts	Parts, labor	4336.61
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts, supplies	409.26

Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	233.32
Larry's Tire & Service	Tire repairs	180.00
Matheson Tri-Gas	Welding supplies	545.87
Medical Enterprises	Drug/alcohol testing	113.00
Miller Seed	Geogrid	3102.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1141.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	300.79
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	74,132.92
RDO Truck Center	Parts	205.10
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling road material	9252.36
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	13,276.91
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	1461.94
Twin Rivers	Oil	267.12
U.S. AutoForce	Tires	834.44
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	378.70
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Zoellner Ford	Parts	12.18

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
Southwest Solutions Group	Deed storage book	3006.20

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	44,991.78
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin fees	39,005.36

STOP Fund

Applied Concepts, Inc.	Shf radar equip	4470.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,635.47
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,608.16
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	49,037.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,922.91
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,172.11
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda except to strike #6 and place it on the April 30, 2025 agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25040259 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$74,132.92, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 16, 2025 to \$757,487.39. 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/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby, Tiemann and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve amended Special Designated Liquor License for BLT Investments, LLC, dba 402 Sports Bar and Grill for the Nebraska Cattlemen's Ball to be held on June 6 & 7, 2025, not June 7 & 8 as previously approved. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to close and accept, reject or award RFP at 9:15 a.m. for the purpose of engaging design, siting and construction administrative services for a proposed Multi-Custody County Jail. Motion carried 7-0.

Proposals were received from Shive-Hattery Architecture/Engineering of Lincoln NE, Goldberg Group Architects of Kansas City MO, Prochaska & Associates of Omaha NE, and David Design of Lincoln NE.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to receive all bids and refer to the Law Enforcement Committee for review and recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to move into closed session at 9:25 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:42 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to disapprove the FOP's final offer. Motion carried 6-0.

Haxby led discussion on changes to the Region V bylaws and the board having a seat on the Region V Executive Board.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to adjourn Board of Supervisors Meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. until April 30, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

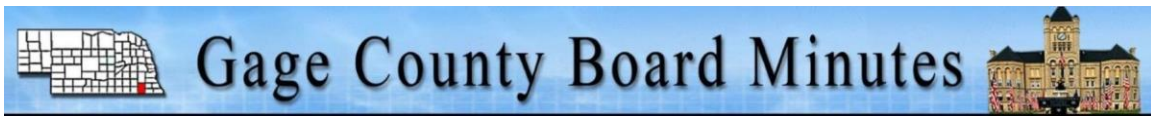
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 April, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

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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 \$1,507,665.28, which does not include claim #25040353 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$190.45 and claim #25040359 to R.L. Tiemann Construction Inc. in the amount of \$125,549.64, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Premier Bank as an approved Bank Depository; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1328 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line under Locust Road just West of 94th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal S474YH, bore a 2” by 36” deep line under Locust to the North grader ditch and then transition to plow the line the remainder of the way on private property. Located North of Section 23, T-3-N, R-7-E, Rockford Twp.; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1329 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line along 190th Road starting at the Northwest corner of Sage and 190th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 434OE, plow North in the West grader ditch ROW to pedestal 454OE. The new fiber will be at the back of the 33’ ROW. Located East of Section 36, T-2-N, R-8-E, Island Grove Twp.; 8. Approve and place on file the Noxious Weed Evaluation and authorizing chairman to sign; 9. Approve cancelling check #25040005 to American AED LLC in the amount of \$3,825.90; 10. Approve specs for 2024 or newer 1-ton 4x4 Regular cab pickup long box. Bids to be opened on May 28, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	170,272.54
American Legion Emblem Sales	Amer. flags, Vets grave flags	359.94
Applied Connective Technologies	Comp./setup, 2 batt. backups, security, IT svcs	14,230.02
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf cell phones	646.64
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	213.11
Black Hills Energy – Ext 5089	Utilities	160.00
Capital City Transfer Services, Inc.	Autopsy expns.	393.55
Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Vet’s flag pole	578.98
CenTec Cast Metal Products	Vet’s metal grave plates, stakes	712.54
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Prob. internet	210.00
Cidnet	Data purchased for jail	999.90
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svcs.	10,000.00
Community Physicians Clinic RHC	Pre-empl. exam	121.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	1540.69
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Copier, copier lease, supplies	10,797.23
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower rental	440.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to Road	400,000.00
Hamm Glass	Tabletop glass	98.25
HD Supply Facilities Maint. Ltd.	Cths/Shf restroom supplies	1057.60
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kravec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Kearney	EM lodging	249.90
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	6277.65

Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	2123.25
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	3087.50
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St Inst care	372.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Priority Printing	Vets bus. cards	70.00
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping costs	390.44
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	219.39
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	31.25
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	6076.54
The Sherwin-Williams Co., Inc.	Floor strip, stain, paint	558.39
The Voice News	Publications	47.24
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, fuel, travel, etc.	6588.71
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	2288.00
911 Custom, LLC	Shf uniforms	88.99

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,327.01
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	61,353.83
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	83.05
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	146.88
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	494.74
Cather & Sons Construction	Asphalt	5856.77
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	190.45
Light & Siren	Strobe lights	380.48
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	4178.99
Newman Signs	Numbers for signs	517.63
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	412.69
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt	298.93
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	125,549.64
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	10,926.18
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	68.50

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscares, Inc.	2024 CBC's Proj., Pay quantities #2	472,400.30
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	6245.66
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	44,905.11
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins premiums, admin fees	78,010.72
Mutual of Omaha	Empl elective ins premiums	553.82

Community/Economic Development Fund

NGage	Co. share of expenses	34,296.82
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,300.23
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,326.12
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	48,492.94

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,924.53
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,173.95
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. It was explained that Twin Rivers is not able to supply the vehicle at the price of the bid they were previously awarded, so there is a need to rebid the pickup (item #10), and Twin Rivers is forfeiting their bid bond check to the county. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #25040353 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$190.45 and claim #25040359 to R.L. Tiemann Construction Inc. in the amount of

\$125,549.64, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 30, 2025 to \$1,633,405.37. Motion carried 7-0.

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 Human Resources/Employee Relations, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Haxby and Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Mgmt./P&Z, and Jurgens and Tim Vogt on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included carpet for Board Room, RFP's for jail facility, Vogtsapes culvert project progress, Rockford Rd. completed & shouldered Monday, working on Spring 2025 gravel allotment, update on grants and event center for Ag Society at the fairgrounds, burn permit suspension by Governor Pillen, flood plain mapping, and kick-off meeting.

NGage Executive Director Rachel Kreikemeier presented the NGage Quarterly Report.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to receive the NGage Report and place it on file. Motion carried 7-0.

MIPS (Multi-County Information & Programming Svcs.) Executive Director Derrick Niederklein and Assessment Lead Alice Lauer appeared before the board to discuss their revaluation process for homes in Gage County. Mr. Niederklein stated that he was going to give an update on the things that they were working on along with the assessor. He stated as you know, the assessor switched to the MIPS CAMA system, the computer assisted mass appraisal software, about two years ago, and as part of that effort, we've been assisting with reviewing properties and really calibrating her system so that it can be used for mass appraisal. There's a lot of counties, in my experience, I've been doing this in my whole life, practically, and there's a lot of counties that really get caught into valuing individual properties at a time, instead of really getting things classified and listed consistently so that they can value groups of properties using a mass appraisal concept, and mass appraisals what county assessors do and so we as part of that effort, we've been reviewing, all the properties in the small towns our team, and we've worked with the assessor's office, and so we physically inspected about 2000 properties in the last several months in the small towns. And that involves going to the property, knocking on the door, visiting with the homeowner if they're not home we put a door tag that has the assessor's phone number. It also has a QR code and a website where the property owners, if they come back and see the tag, can enter information about their property. We do most of the review from the exterior of the property, unless someone invites us in to review the inspection. But generally, what we see on the outside is what exists on the inside, and so we've collected that information, worked with the county to import that into the system. So that's different than any other software company or appraisers. It's different than they're doing now. We collect everything on the iPad with no need to go into the office. We've got the information. We collect it, we take photos, usually four or five photos, of the property as we review it. We input it in, we import it into the system. Patti and her team go through and review, and we visit about those things further. And then what we did a few months ago was then use the information in the system. We use the sales to calibrate valuations for all property and so about 5 or 6 percent of properties sell each year, and we use that group of what properties are selling for, to create valuation structure for all properties. And that's the way it's been since the beginning of time, is that market value controls the assessed value and so really the important part is, is having a consistent description of properties, so that a house on this side of town and a house on this side of town, if they're built the same year, in their same condition, they have the same amenities. Are described the same. And generally, if you know the economics of this side of a town and that side of the town (opposite side) are the same, they should come up with the same value. Equalization is a very important concept, as you know through your roles and by having the properties listed correctly and having them valued based on the recent sale information, as the law requires, it's generally a process that is never popular, but is more equitable. Alice Lauer and her team through that technology as they grab information. It's collected in real time, and she reviews what our staff is collecting out in the field to make sure that it's consistent. So, it's been a pretty big job. There's, I think, more to do in the future likely, but yeah, everything has gone well, it's been pretty standard, and we're sort of using Gage County as an example. We're doing a very similar thing in Saline County right now, and we've done some things out west, but our next year is growing with demand from other assessors with this line of work.

Niederklein: He would be happy to answer any questions that they have about the process, the software, the structure, or just assessments in general.

Adams: Rick and I are new, so we were wondering, what does it cost? What is the total project cost for the county, for the reassessment?

Niederklein: That part of it is the software part of going out and doing the thing. I think the cost figures to be between \$50 and \$60 a parcel. We did about 2000 parcels.

Tiemann: How often do you recommend a reassessment? So, we've had this conversation. Rex and I had this talk multiple times over the last couple of years. How often should we do an additional mass appraisal or a reassessment of the county?

Niederklein: The law requires that properties are inspected no less frequently than once every six years. And so that means that the property must be actually viewed once every six years. The reason for that law is, you know, properties deteriorate. The market always changes. Right? The market changes every year, but properties deteriorate over a six-year period. Sometimes people make improvements, and they don't always file a building permit for that. And so, the six-year cycle that's required in the law is intended for county assessors and counties just to keep up with the changes. Now they're required to revalue every year, so to speak, if the market, if the assessed values are not keeping up with the market every year this state, the tax equalization Review Commission reviews the county's work. They reviewed it just a few weeks ago and said that everything in Gage met acceptable standards. But if there's ever a time where the assessed values aren't keeping up with the market, then the assessor needs to revalue. So, reappraise, actually step foot on the property at least once every six years. As far as revalue, it would be, you know, when the market either goes up or goes down if the market stays the same. Good valuation structures can last for several years. And that's really the, probably the hallmark of what we're doing, is we're putting together a structure that when we leave, you know, we don't want to come back. You know, we're on to other things, since we put together a structure that then as the market moves, she has the software system that she's using, she can modify the valuation structure to move values according to the market. What we're doing right now is we're doing a lot of restructuring to get things consistent.

Tiemann: I guess that was the point of my question was, I guess the way you're explaining it, it is the structure. Because we've had question from the public and from the board and others that wonder, are we actually equal? I guess if that structure is what we're changing, what you're telling me is we, we may be a decade or more before we have to reevaluate that structure again, or longer than a decade, right?

Niederklein: Yeah, what we're doing is putting together the structure and the values. And I would say if, if we did it right, and I'm confident we're doing it right, that in six years, within six years, but probably in six years, the county, by law, will have to go through and review things, but it won't be to restructure it if they've kept the structure in place. The single biggest reason the structures get out of whack, so to speak, is because of protests is because of individual situations, new people involved, etc.

Niederklein stated that he is presenting at a County Board of Equalization workshop in Kearney. I encourage all of you to attend, or any of you to attend, but we'll talk about that when the structure is put in place. If someone comes in and protests, and they say, protests are a healthy part of the process, right? But they come in and they say, "I think you've got my house overvalued". And the first question is, why? Why do you think that? Is there any sale information? And they say, well, my property, I've got mold in my basement, it floods frequently, my foundation is shifting. Those are things that you know that you don't see from the outside, right? And so that's a perfect example, where, during that protest, you say, That's great information. I'm glad you brought that to our attention. We're going to send somebody out there to take a look at it. At a time that works for you go out and look at it, you say, yeah, the foundation is shifting, there's cracks, the condition of the property is inferior to what we thought. So, within the structure, you change the condition rating from, say, average to a fair or a fair plus, based on the standards that are in place. What that does is it keeps the property within the structure, and then it values it according to similar fair condition homes. A lot of counties will go in and make changes, they'll go in and change the depreciation. They'll change the value more as like an arbitrary, I think this is the right answer, and they'll go in and put that in there. What that did is it disconnected it from the structure, and that value then lives forever. It doesn't get back on track next year. Once it's disconnected from the structure, it's always disconnected. And so it's obviously something that we emphasize strongly. There are anomalies, there are things that don't quite fit, and those will always happen, but it's a very small percentage.

Haxby: This sounds like it's a better system to keep everything equal. Comment/Question is I do like that we're going around having one person evaluating everything, because then we know it's fair and equal. I know that we get a lot of complaints that my values went up, and then they say my taxes are going up. Well, that doesn't necessarily always mean that, that's based on the levy that each board sets. But what my question is, when you're reevaluating this, did you see, I know we discussed this a little bit, but did you see any big changes in like percentages, like increased,

up, down, staying the same when you did that. And what should we look for, for possible protests, I guess, coming in?

Niederklein: you know averages are hard, what you're absolutely going to hear, because you'll hear it every year is, well, my property went up 5% or my property went up 20% and my neighbors went up 5% you know, that's not fair. And you know, we looked at value this year, and whether, you know, whether it was equalized last year, is not really part of the equation. Unfortunately, for this year, the response to those types of concerns, where one went up at a larger percentage is, is the result equalized? Right? That's what we're really focused on. And so, within communities, you're going to see different percentage change, I'll say most of them are increases because of the market and the sale activity, in even some of the smallest towns, was pretty obvious. It might change in the future with interest rates and economic things, but we're looking at the sales over the past few years to establish value today, we didn't find any communities that really stuck out as being, you know, extremely undervalued. We found just different. We found a similar theme of things that needed to be listed consistently and as a result of that, some were listed favorably inconsistent for one end of the scale, and they were pretty close on the other. And so, one end you're going to see a huge increase, and at the other property, you might not see as much of a change. But the result, we feel, is defensible and equalized.

Haxby: When you were talking about your communities and basing it off of sales to establish those values, did you stick within those communities to find those sales? Because, like, say, Cortland is going to have different kinds of sales than Clatonia?

Niederklein: Yeah, yeah, we did so, and that's a great question, so we stayed within those groups. But there are, you know, Clatonia doesn't have a lot of sales, right? Cortland had a few more. Adams had a few more of that. We are also cautious to make sure that we don't overreact to a small group of sales. And so, while we use sales from the local area, we also looked over time at what the relationship was between one community and another. And so, when we established valuations for, say, Clatonia, we could also see that over time, even though they don't have a lot of sales, they would generally sell predictably lower than Cortland, which has a closer driving distance to Lincoln than Adams, which has a little different economic draw with that community. And so yes, we use sales from that area, but we also compared it with the broader region, just enough to make sure that those relationships, those consistent relationships, were maintained.

Adams: okay, you're gonna have to explain this, maybe multiple times to where I can understand it. I have never understood a house selling for \$200, that is a market price, but it's turned around and assessed back at \$150, how does sale price on an open market not reflect market value?

Niederklein: Yeah, that's a great question. That's one that I get a lot and the and there's, there's really a subtle difference, and that assessors are required to determine the assessed value should reflect market and market value is defined by law as a price that a willing but it's the most probable price that a willing buyer and a willing seller will pay in the ordinary course of trade, neither one of them being forced to sell or under any undue influences. The key, the key word in there that really makes that different is the most probable purchase price as of January 1. And so I have farm property, I have rental property. I'd be a farmer instead of being an assessor any day of the week, but I bought property, and I've sold property. I've bought property where I got a good deal. I bought property where I quickly found out that I paid too much and I was just a little too quick on the draw, but I got it. And so, in the assessment realm, we're looking at the most probable price. And so, if a property sold for 200,000, we're not going to take only that sale. We're going to take that sale, the sell the property over here that was similar. The property over here that was similar. And one sold for 200 sold for 181 sold for, you know, maybe 145 all for their different reasons. But there's generally, you know, and as you're familiar with the real estate market, you know, there's generally a range in which properties will sell with a buyer and a seller. We take all those individual sales and put them together to find, really, the most probable selling price of those properties within the range. So, if a property is assessed, if it sold for \$200,000 and it's assessed at, say, \$180,000 that's within the range of the most probable price. saying it a little different way, is that if that property sold for \$200,000 on one day with that buyer and that seller, and then two months later, and we're moving out of town, is it going to bring exactly \$200,000 No, it'll bring somewhere between \$180,000 and \$220,000 and so really that range is what assessed value represents, and that's because we have two reasons. The market's not precise. And the other thing is, the assessor has the unpopular job of valuing every property in the county every year using mass appraisal techniques. And so, the effort is really to get them within a reasonable range that that property could sell for.

Adams: so probable is relative to which side you look at it.

Niederklein: yeah it is, yeah, I agree with you 100%.

Haxby: Those numbers that you just that he just talked about. I mean, they were at least close, but we had one two years ago. The ground and the household sold for what, \$445,000? and they wanted it valued at \$200,000. I mean, we're talking 100 some thousand dollars difference.

Tiemann: Yeah, you know the argument was, well, it's not worth that, even though you just paid that.

Niederklein: You'll hear that, right the markets and again, this is probably a dangerous number, but there's been studies that have said that the market is a variable by 10% that 10% cannot be predicted with the economic models or the statistical models that we use, simply because the motivation of a particular buyer and a particular seller at that very specific point in time is taking into accounts that don't represent what another buyer, you know? So, if we were all going to bid on the same property, we would be within a range. If we had, we would be within a reasonable range. That's the range that we're trying to establish with our values. And again, I probably will be quoted with this number but in our experience, if we can put together a model that hits 80 to 90% of the properties within that reasonable range in a mass appraisal environment, that's pretty darn good. The protest process is for those outlier properties, those situations that don't conform to, you know, the market around here, and that sort of thing, and those have to be dealt with, you know, with interior inspections and that sort of thing.

Haxby: Does that \$50 to \$60 a parcel cover, because we're going to redo these valuations. Valuations go out, and we're going to have protests, obviously. Are you going to be a part of the process with that?

Niederklein: Yeah, we've talked to Patti, we can help, that's outside of this process, and that is billable at an hourly rate.

Break at 10:00 a.m. Back in session at 10:06 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve recommendation of a Special Designated Liquor License for Tall Tree Tastings for the Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska on June 7, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:07 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:17 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve reappointing James Lenner to the Planning & Zoning Commission for another 3-year term, going through January 2028. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve reappointing Jeff Argo to the Planning & Zoning Commission for another 3-year term, going through July 2027. Motion carried 4-3 with Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn and Jurgens voting aye, Adams, Clabaugh and Haxby voting nay.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve \$6,744.00 in additional funding to Region V Systems, over and above the Statutorily Required County Match amount of \$43,329.00, bringing the total funding amount to \$50,073.00 for FY 25-26. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 10:39 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens left the meeting at 10:40 a.m., Adams left the meeting at 12:05 p.m., and Clabaugh left the meeting at 12:23 p.m. during closed session.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to come out of closed session at 12:27 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m. until May 14, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

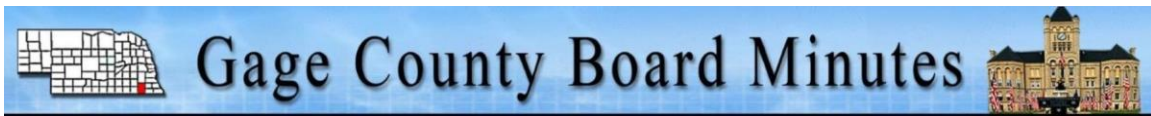
Witness my hand and official seal this 30th day of April 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 14, 2025, at 9:24 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 1, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle and Eddie Dorn present, Rick Clabaugh and Terry Jurgens 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 \$3,885,380.42 which does not include claim #25050059 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$230.00, claim #25050096 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$362.40 & claim #25050103 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$62,488.52 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 April 2025; 6. Approve receiving and place on file the 2024 Annual Report for Beatrice Fire & Rescue, Cortland Volunteer Fire & Rescue and Pickrell Fire & Rescue; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1330 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern will be replacing electrical equipment and setting up temporary workspaces in Gage County ROW. The 1st location is along Hickroy Road between S. 36th Road and S. 51st Road in the South grade ditch. Located North of Section 17, T-4-N, R-7-E, Logan Twp. The 2nd location is North of intersection 120th and Ash Road, Northern will be working in the East grader ditch of Gage County just outside of BNSF Railroad ROW. Northern will continue to work in BNSF Property. Located East of Section 7, T-6-N, R-8-E, Adams Twp.; 8. Approve Specs and call for bids on six Gage County 2025 Culvert Projects. Bids to be opened on June 11, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

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Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.	Workbooks	319.74
All Copy Products, Inc.	EM copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Dist Ct offc supplies	109.83
Applied Connective Technologies	IT supplies/maint. agrmnt	19,453.27
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf mobile phones	646.64
Benchmark Gov. Solutions, LLC	Shf dpty meals at training	376.85
Best Point Web Design	Shf website design & development fnl pmt	4600.00
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	243.88
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	251.85
Capital Business Systems	ROD copy overage	16.64
Capital One, NA	Prob supplies	64.87
Charter Comm., Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	235.26
Clearly Communications	Co. phones after credit	3.79
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	652.52
Column Software, PBC	Publications	1152.95
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	107.43
Critical Hire	Empl reports	25.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler, water	185.00
Diode Technologies	Cths & Vets monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth bd mtg	110.00
Eaks Office Solutions	Offc supplies	617.64
Echo Group, Inc.	Ballasts, bulbs	761.85
Fairfield Inn & Suites, Kearney	Shf/Jail lodging	779.70
Farmers Cooperative	Supplies, tires, etc.	1141.06
Fox Funeral Home	Body bag	100.00

Gage County	Fnd trnsfr – Rd, Rd/Brdg snk, ins., Co bldg.	2,609,135.15
Great Plains Reporting	Deposition transcript	488.3
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing, fertil.	995.00
gWorks	Annl subscr. Assr, Clk, Emer Mgmt	26,379.67
Hometown Leasing	Prob. 4 offcs copier leases	515.79
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin. svcs	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2915.00
Ken's Pest Control	Shf pest control	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Lawn	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, postage	2415.42
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Plbg supplies, labor	423.38
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrng	110.00
Mead Lumber	4" screws	44.99
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Courts' scanning	457.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	388.76
MIPS, Inc.	Programming, data proc.	28,699.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2549.00
NACO	Co offcl directories	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender, juv ct cost	7144.15
NIRMA	Lgl svcs above deductible	5360.30
Norris Public Power	Utilities – Horvath Twr	46.07
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	146.50
Philippi Electric, Inc.	Det Cntr repair	125.00
Pickrell Lumber	Stain	37.00
Pinpoint Communications	Courthouse internet	270.17
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	217.98
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	369.37
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	309.43
R&B Arms	Shf firearms	500.00
Reagan Law Offcs., PC LLO	Atty fees	541.50
Rewound Power Motors	EM generator repair	226.53
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	110.00
Sack Lumber	Plywood	51.98
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	5146.75
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob. phones	115.40
Security Services	Shf/Ext monitoring	70.00
Smith, Schaefer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	105.00
SMPC, LLC	Assr cloud hosted server	5749.19
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint., TERC review	9450.00
Nicole Stoner	April mlg	190.68
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc	6221.69
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Cntr.	Law Library subscr.	3619.54
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Tru by Hilton, Lincoln	Assr lodging	440.00
UN of NE Medical Center	Investigative expns	62.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, dues, etc.	3784.92
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	328.16
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob. cell phones	337.34
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. volunteer ins policy	30.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	650.87
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.90
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.49
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,303.33
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	28.04
Barnhart Crane & Rigging	Crane rental	2255.00
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	1113.50
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Concrete	238.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	20,458.15
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	1434.25
Cather & Sons Const., Inc.	Asphalt, armor coating C-34(1181)	565,232.29
City of Wymore	Utilities	118.50
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	370.75
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	230.00
Echo Group, Inc.	Light fixtures	135.18
Farmers Cooperative	Tire repair, propane	201.98

Fastenal Co.	Supplies	56.40
Gage Co. Equipment, Inc.	Parts	53.30
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	6820.50
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	95.00
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Parts	362.40
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts, tool	317.25
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	52,232.80
Menards Lincoln South	Door	115.94
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy prog.	192.32
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	599.60
Powerplan	Parts	400.54
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	62,488.52
RDO Truck Center	Parts	425.16
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	13,191.31
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel	20,146.30
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	310.94
Truck Equipment Service Co.	Parts	468.22
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Sand bags	192.08
Verizon Connect Fleet	Veh. GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting C-34(1236, 1237, 1238)	5860.80
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems, Inc.	Reg of Deeds copier lease, overage	302.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims pd.	99,408.49
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,156.57
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,134.74
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	49,037.27

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,922.94
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,172.12
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25050059 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$230.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25050096 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$362.40. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #25050103 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$62,488.52, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 14, 2025, to \$3,948,461.34. Motion carried 4-0-1 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, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emer. Mgmt., and Dorn & Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included IT work by Applied Connective; flags will be on Thursday and taken down after the Memorial Day holiday; replacing concrete on ramp; Shf Dept. sponsoring coffee at Park Lodge.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner presented an Extension Office update and thanked the board for their support for an additional office position.

Tiemann stated that Darrel Stanard talked to Walmart and they accepted the valuation offer presented to them of \$58.00 per square foot, which would change their valuation to \$8,972,600.00. Tiemann asked for motion. Motion made by Adams, seconded by Dorn to change Walmart valuation to \$3,972,600.00. Tiemann added that this means there will be one

less case going to TERC. Tiemann asked for any further discussion, having none, he called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0.

Patrick Kreifels, Regional Administrator at Region V Systems, and Matt Kasik, Director at Apace, presented annual reports to the board. Kreifels thanked Haxby for sitting on the board and for her commitment to behavioral health. He stated that their mission is to support the wellness and recovery of people through the ongoing development and coordination of the behavioral health system of care and they envision that people experiencing, are affected by, or are at risk of mental health issues or substance use challenges, receive care and enhance their personal well-being. He walked the Supervisors through the number of participants in Gage County and the services offered such as Emergency Protective Custody.

Short break at 10:20 a.m. Back in session at 10:24 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Matt Kasik, CEO of Apace, presented their annual report and also thanked Haxby for her work on the board, saying he knows he can always count on her support. Kasik said they are one of 160 providers for those with developmental disabilities in the state of Nebraska, and the fact that they have elected officials sitting on their board makes them a public entity which provides transparency and accountability to the public. They are the largest provider of developmental disability services in Nebraska. They serve 710 individuals, have 770 employees (700 of which are "hands on"), and have 140 shared living providers where people with disabilities are brought into a family's home much like a foster family situation. Kasik said they support 50 people in Gage County (24 of which are competitively employed which is almost half), have 63 employees, and have 10 shared living providers. He said he wants to recognize and highlight participating employers for taking the chance on employing someone with a disability. Kasik stated that since Cami Erb has taken over operations as the Area Director for Beatrice they have seen many improvements to the program and she's doing a great job. Apace will not be requesting funding this year as they are currently primarily funded by Medicaid. Tiemann asked about the possibility of expanding group homes – Kasik said there are 7 in Beatrice and that the drawback of a group home setting is that they have to have full staff whether there is one resident or it's full, therefore, they are moving more towards the shared living providers. Tiemann also suggested utilizing some of the empty buildings on the State Home campus, Kasik said he would look into it. Adams expressed his appreciation for the employees of Apace and others like it, saying they are people who have a certain skill set and who possess characteristics of compassion and patience that not everyone has.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving and placing the Region V Systems and Apace reports on file. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Interlocal Agreements with Region V Systems and Apace. Haxby stated the agreements are what she and Co. Atty. Harris had been working on to update and reach terms that they and the county could agree on. Tiemann thanked Haxby and Harris for the time and work they both did on these agreements.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve Interlocal Agreements with Region V Systems and Apace. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve receiving all RFP's for jail consultant that were turned in at the April 16, 2025, board meeting, with the intent to proceed with Davis Design of Lincoln, NE, pending contract negotiation. Motion carried 5-0. Lytle and Haxby thanked all those who took the time to put together an RFP for this project, there were a lot of good candidates.

Tiemann opened discussion on the Tourism Agreement saying this leads into giving a 90-day notice to the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce as specified in the agreement, to open contract discussions for updates or changes. Adams questioned whether, after Tourism Coordinator Rachel Kreikemeier was appointed to the State Tourism Board, that Tourism should be under NGage/Economic Development. Discussion included whether that would change the Tourism Coordinator's position, a lot of duplication between Tourism and the Chamber, what percentages of tourism funding goes to the Chamber, what percentage of Tourism Coordinator's time is spent on tourism and what percent on Chamber work, what percent of budget comes from the Chamber and what percent from Tourism, if there is any interest in having a tourism position under the county, concern about responsibility to the people of where dollars are spent and being intertwined with a private business (the Chamber), and discussions in the past between Main Street, the Chamber of Commerce, and NGage about combining. Angie Bruna, Executive Director of the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce, shed light on some of the questions from the board with these points: Tourism and the Chamber each have their own budget, which she

provided a copy of, the Tourism Coordinator position is staffed at the equivalent of one full-time position so 75% of Coordinator's salary and 25% of Executive Director's salary are paid by Tourism, have a strong presence in SE Nebraska and are affiliated with the NE Tourism Commission, the SE NE Tourism Council, NE Travel Association, and the Byway 136 Association, have obtained grants for marketing done through social media, NE Travel Guide, and ads in travel magazines, the Chamber side is the bulk of the budget while the Tourism side is based on lodging tax dollars that come in so it's a smaller portion, and clarifying that the Chamber is nonprofit. Tiemann and Adams reiterated that the 90-day Notice is just a required formality according to language in the current agreement in order to enter into discussion on making any changes to the current agreement.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve giving 90-day notice to the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce to open discussions on the Agreement with Gage County Tourism. Motion carried 5-0. County Attorney Roger Harris will send a letter to the Chamber. Tiemann appointed Lytle, Haxby and Adams to a sub-committee with Adams as Chair, to look at current operations and set up some meetings to start discussions on any possible changes to the current agreement. Tiemann stated the intent is to continue to work under the existing agreement with no end cap date, until discussions and negotiations end and there is a decision whether to renew the existing agreement or to present a new agreement.

Discussion on 911 Agreement with the City of Beatrice. Tiemann said we've always had a good working relationship with the City and have had very good luck with them. Last year we proposed a 4-year agreement with no increase, but they denied the proposal because we did not give a 90-day notice, therefore, we had to go with the existing agreement which included a 2% increase, which, at the time, we decided was a pretty good rate, so we didn't pursue it. We did give them a 90-day notice this year that we would like to open negotiations on this agreement. Offers were talked about back & forth. The city wants to find a way to have an a la carte type tier plan where you can choose different layers of services to attract more communities to their services. Tiemann said he prefers to have a renewal option at a set rate instead of what they're proposing, which is a 1-year agreement at 2% increase over our last year's cost and offers no renewal option. Tiemann said what he would propose is to approve the 911 agreement as presented by the city with adding in the old 2% auto-renewal language to the ending. Adams pointed out that other things like towers, repeaters, etc., that the county is responsible for paying for, are in addition to the amount we pay for 911 Dispatch. Tiemann agreed that all those things are separate but that 911 does provide dispatch to all of our rural fire departments, the Sheriff's Department, anyone like that. There are a lot of different pieces that are involved in the services provided. Adams also asked if the 911 Surcharges are being collected on cell phones as they just show 223 and 228 prefixes. Tiemann also brought up that the numerical amount in the agreement and the written amount had a discrepancy, so we would request it be corrected to the written amount of Two Hundred Forty-five, Nine Hundred Seventy-seven dollars and 06/100 (\$245,977.06). Atty Harris said he realizes this is an offer from the city, but there are still a lot of unknowns. Tiemann asked for a motion to go into closed session for further discussion.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 11:16 a.m. for contract negotiations and personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Tiemann to come out of closed session at 11:59 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Tiemann asked for a motion to approve the 911 agreement as presented by the City with inserting old language for 2-year contract, correction to item #8, county fee to be as alpha-numeric listed as \$245,977.06 to correct typo in agreement, and use wording as in former agreement paragraph #1 – the term of the agreement shall be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027, this agreement shall automatically renew for an additional 2-year term with annual fee to increase in the amount of 2% each year, unless and until either party to this agreement gives the other party 90 calendar days written notice prior to the end of the term of their intent not to renew this agreement for an additional term. Adams asked about the surcharge on cell phones. Tiemann said they would also look into item #7 on service surcharge. Haxby expressed concern about voting on an agreement when there are still things that needed looked into, and she's disappointed that what originally was intended to be a regional center to lower costs, now has counties pulling out for some reason. Without having it in writing, she's not ready to vote on a contract, therefore, if a vote is taken, she will be voting no. Adams brought out that item #12 states that *an item may be amended at any time with the written authority of both governing bodies, City and County*. So, we can look into it and if we question it then we can put in writing that we want to question it. Tiemann also reminded the board that conversations with the City's Mayor and Administrator leaned towards them, agreeing with the terms we are suggesting. They are trying to find some ways to lessen our costs, but we need something in place until that can be done so I'm thankful they're trying to find options for us. Haxby asked about trying to bring more people in, possibly changing the structure

of who handles things. Tiemann said he was told that is part of the a la carte solution so that if someone comes in with a better rate for certain services it helps everyone not get such large increases in fees. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Adams left meeting at 12:39 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 12:41 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m. until May 28, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

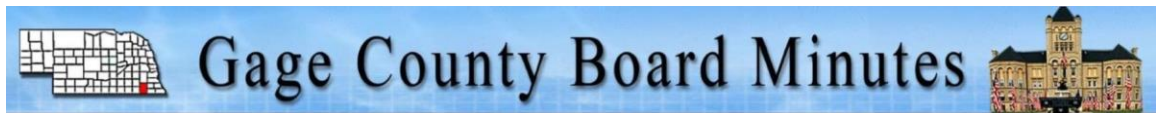
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 14th day of May, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 28, 2025, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 15, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present, Gary Lytle 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 \$775,180.17, which does not include claim #25050213 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,798.82, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check #24090223 to Windstream in the amount of \$4,023.37; 6. Receive and place on file 2024 Adams Rescue report; 7. Approve Specs and call for bids on Courthouse Lighting project. Bids to be opened on June 25, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	172,536.21
Adams Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs.	4500.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Computer equip., programming, etc.	4497.73
Auto Zone	Shf veh repair	191.99
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Shf taser holster	98.25
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4734.90
Beatrice Daily Sun	Vets Offc Subscription	309.00
Beatrice Fire Protection	Fire ext inspections	1672.75
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Repair	103.28
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm-based juv justice grant	3192.89
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	77.52
Blackburn Technologies	Prob. equip., supplies	539.88
Blue Valley Public Safety	Siren repairs	1487.42
Bragg Animal Control	Labor	60.00
Bryan West Medical Center	Inmate medical	28.00
Charm-Tex	Inmate provisions	1090.30
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob internet	210.00
Cidnet	Data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	378.00
Comm. Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl. exam	123.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	1224.30
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Atty lodging	930.65
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	565.83
Glenwood Telecomm.	Prob phones	81.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Atty fees	1015.60
HD Supply Facilities Maint.	Shf restroom suppl.	284.20
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
Justice Data Solutions	Jail mgmt software	3800.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Maximus US Svcs	Cost alloc. plan prep	2600.00
McKessen Medical Surgical	Inmate medical	33.20
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	1162.50
NE Air Filter, Inc.	Filters	813.60

NE St. Fire Marshal – Elev. Div.	Annl. elevator inspection	120.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Quadient, Inc.	Equip. lease	1004.26
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	90.17
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	84.87
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	575.00
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	331.72
Reagan Law Offcs.	Atty fees	370.50
RR Donnelley	Shf citation forms	670.53
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	17.50
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	6062.46
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Supplies	59.62
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Depo. transcript	210.10
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	845.00
Washington Co. KS Shf	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	6924.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,270.34
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	369.18
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	201,503.07
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	74.11
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	65.50
Blackburn Mfg.	Flags	402.28
Bomgaars	Tools, bolts, supplies	472.29
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	12,160.45
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div	Utilities	75.41
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Skidsteer rental ovrg	10,045.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	149.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	313.63
Priority Printing	3-pt purchase order forms	227.67
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	33,798.82
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	17,849.33
Straight-Line Striping	Road striping	37,785.60
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	3195.12

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Blue Springs Ball Diamond Assn.	Grant for signage proj.	4000.00
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	99,188.80
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. vol. ins policy premiums	553.82

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Mar/Apr diversion fees	4300.00
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc fee	60,288.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,539.59
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,198.96

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,920.72
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,310.21

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.
 Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25050213 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,798.82, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 28, 2025 to \$808,978.99. 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/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Jurgens and Mark K. on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were: taking down flags around courthouse, bid specs for LED lighting grant, cleaning the attic, equalization notices, closed session for personnel, Gage Co. not included in President’s disaster declaration, and Clatonia project update.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve recommendation for a Special Designated Liquor License for Native 32 Winery, LLC, West Point, NE, for the 2025 Cattleman’s Ball event being held on June 7, 2025, near Blue Springs, NE. Ann Dohmen was present for Native 32 Winery to discuss the SDL. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on 2024 or newer 1-ton, 4x4, regular cab pickup, long box, for the Hwy Dept. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Zoellner Ford of Beatrice, Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$44,999.00, Twin Rivers Chry, Jeep, Dodge, Ram, Inc. of Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$47,000.00, Premier Chevrolet, GMC of Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$48,300.00, and Valor Auto Group of Junction City KS, in the amount of \$46,111.98. Bids were referred to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Agreement with Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court and Gage County. The agreement includes a budget requested amount of \$11,235.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave his recommendation of awarding the pickup bid for the Hwy Dept. to Zoellner Ford of Beatrice in the amount of \$44,999.00. It meets the specs and is in stock. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid for a 2024 pickup for the Hwy Dept. to Zoellner Ford of Beatrice in the amount of \$44,999.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Short recess at 9:27 a.m. Back in session at 9:33 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to move into closed session at 9:33 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session at 10:21 a.m.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to come out of closed session at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until June 11, 2025.

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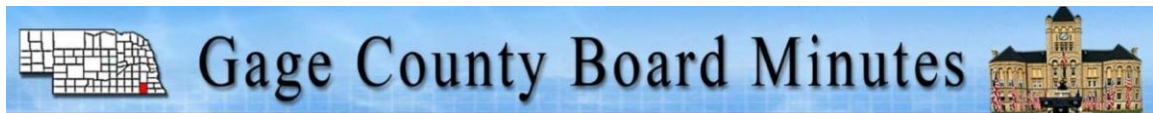
/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

/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 28th day of May, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on June 11, 2025, at 9:07 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 29, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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 \$1,856,328.57 which does not include claim #25060089 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,549.29, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check # 25050204 to Blackburn Manufacturing Co. in the amount of \$402.28; 6. Approve cancelling bids for the Lighting project due to needing to obtain additional information; 7. Approve receiving and place on file the 2024 Annual Report for Wymore Emergency Medical Services; 8. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of May 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	181,666.72
All Copy Products	Treas copier lease	90.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Dist Ct supplies	113.46
Applied Connective Technologies	Computer equip., data proc.	11,432.74
AutoZone	Shf supplies	54.50
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Law Enf supplies	2970.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm. Based Juvenile Justice Grant	3308.21
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	216.95
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	85.04
Capital Business Systems	Co Ct copier lease	571.65
CASA of Gage County	Remaining FY 24/25 funding	576.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate supplies	1021.78
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail subscr.	235.26
City of Beatrice	Prob Offc utilities	1684.61
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2859.45
Clerk of Dist. Ct.	Court costs	598.05
CLIA Laboratory Program	Lab use	248.00
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	11,083.28
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire Dist.	Qrtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
Dawgs Sports Specialties	Empl. supplies	418.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies, equip., etc.	19,214.64
Farmer's Cooperative	Shf oil change	60.01
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	440.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to Road	400,000.00
Gage Co. Court	Court costs	934.00
Gage Co. Sheriff's Office	Shf fees/mlg	331.54
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Prob. phones	79.90
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	RR supplies	844.04
Hometown Leasing	Prob. offcs copier leases	515.79
Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc fees	19.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3310.00
Kravec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2432.53

Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	32.19
Land Survey Tech	County Surveyor operating expns	5076.83
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Ct scanning equip rent	265.00
Murray Law	Atty fees	2543.34
NE Air Filter, Inc.	Filters	439.75
NE Co. Atty. Assn.	Seminar regis.	2200.00
NE Notary Assn.	Shf notary renewal	160.80
NE Prep Equip.	Jail refrig.	1962.44
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Atty fees, Public Defender	6555.15
NIRMA	NIRMA & NIRMA II liab. ins.	336,603.00
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Pell Reporting	Bill of Excep.	276.90
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Internet svcs	270.17
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	3391.50
Priority Printing	Treas bus cds, title env.	674.33
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	175.90
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	464.96
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	49.61
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	865.38
Region V Systems	EPC billing	6420.00
Rixstine Recog. & Gld & Satin	Empl. recog.	450.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4603.21
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	112.19
Security Services	Monitor fire alarms	70.00
Stanard Appraisal Services	Appraisal maint.	7425.00
Nicole Stoner	Mlg	145.60
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	6134.68
The Radar Shop, Inc.	Svc call	47.50
The Voice News	Publications	24.96
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
University of NE System NVDC	Investigative expns	457.80
U.S. Postal Service – Postmaster	Clk & Treas PO Boxes, pstg stmps	923.00
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob cell phones	340.45
Vlg of Clatonia/Clatonia Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware, Inc.	Supplies, etc.	719.52
Windstream – Wilber Prob	Phones	54.74
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	255.50
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.49

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,307.04
All Copy Products	Copy overage	30.44
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	124,570.29
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts	361.40
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	7426.78
City of Wymore	Utilities	87.98
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	442.19
Farmer's Cooperative	Propane, tire repair	245.82
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	367.11
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	413.28
Lampton Welding Supply Co.	Welding supplies	364.34
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Tire repairs, changeovers	550.00
Matheson Tri Gas	Oxygen, acetylene	165.90
Mead Lumber	Supplies	161.30
PowerPlan	Parts	473.34
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Rock & gravel	28,549.29
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts	1984.52
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	15,084.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, grease	23,331.64
Tractor Supply Co.	Weed killer	349.96
Tredz Central, LLC	Trailer, labor on truck	4850.00
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	380.60
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	2024 Ford F350 PU	44,999.00

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscares, Inc.	Culvert Projects (6), pay cert. #3	382,149.51
<u>Visitor's Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,812.38
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage Co. Health Ins.	Empl. hlth ins claims pd	49,056.96
<u>Diversion Program Fund</u>		
Beatrice Public Schools	May diversion fees	1040.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,165.80
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,193.78
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	48,492.94
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,923.19
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,172.41
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25060089 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,549.29, bringing the total amount of claims paid through June 11, 2025 to \$1,884,877.86. 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, and Jurgens and Tiemann on Finance/Insurance. Items discussed included canceling bid letting on courthouse interior LED lighting until correct lights for courtroom are found, and possible agenda item for an explanation on how the equalization process works. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278). Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Contech Engineered Solutions of Lincoln, NE, in the total amount of \$287,780.00, Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney, NE, in the amount of \$256,815.15, and Metal Culverts, Inc., of Jefferson City, MO, in the amount of \$308,870.40. Bids were referred to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Short recess at 9:24 a.m. Back in session at 9:29 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Committee reports continued with Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke gave his recommendation of awarding the bid on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278) to the low bidder, Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$256,815.15.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278) to Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$256,815.15. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney Laura Maurstad with Kraviec Maurstad Law spoke to the board regarding the Child Support Enforcement Contract that their office has been handling since 2004 and is up for renewal at the end of June. She stated that they currently have over a thousand active cases in Gage County that they are working with.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Child Support Enforcement Contract between Kraviec Maurstad Law and Gage County for term beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Motion carried 6-0.

Christina Lyons, Director of Gage County Diversion, spoke to the Board about the State Grant Award for Community Based Juvenile Justice Services. She said in the past it has been through Beatrice Public Schools, but it really should be a county program because it goes through the courts. She also stated that in the 25 years or more she’s been doing this grant, this is the first year they did not come back and give us contingencies for the grant. Tiemann explained that the diversion program is funded by the county and paid to the school, who then pays it back out. County Attorney Harris added that they are looking at funding as some of the requirements have changed through the Crime Commission, and they will possibly be bringing this on as part of the budget for this year.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve State Grant Award for Community Based Juvenile Justice Services Grant in amount of \$54,405.00 and authorizing Chairman to sign grant. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on Agreement between County of Gage and City of Beatrice for Enhanced 911 Dispatch Services. Tiemann said the County and City have been going back and forth with different offers as far as the term of the agreement, the amount of funding, and percent of yearly increase, and this agreement seems to be a good compromise from both sides. He added that it’s a good service at a good price. Haxby said she thought the County had already approved something – Tiemann went over the offers that went back & forth with the County wanting a longer term but the City wanting a one-year agreement because they were working on a more a la cart system for the future. Tiemann said he thinks we got the longevity we wanted with this offer and the yearly percent of increase was fair, and it still includes the 90-day out if either party wants to terminate at any time. Haxby said the county can move forward with this offer, but did question the yearly increase percentage, saying the longer the agreement is, the lower the percentage should be, and also why there is a lack of interest in bringing more entities in because in the end that is what will save the county more money. Clabaugh agreed. Haxby also brought up the 90-day deadline to discuss the agreement before automatic renewal for another 5-year term. She wants the board to have the option to look at the agreement and not knowing who will be on the Board in 5 years, there needs to be something in place now to stipulate it needs to be discussed before automatic renewal so that it’s not overlooked and we miss the deadline.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Agreement between County of Gage and City of Beatrice for Enhanced 911 Dispatch Services, with the Agreement effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 in the amount of \$245,977.06 with 2.5% increase each year. After further discussion, Jurgens and Dorn amended motion to include sending a written 90-day notice that the Board does not intend to automatically renew the agreement without having a discussion first. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 10:22 a.m. for personnel and contract negotiations. Dorn temporarily stepped out. Motion carried 4-0.

Dorn left meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until June 25, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

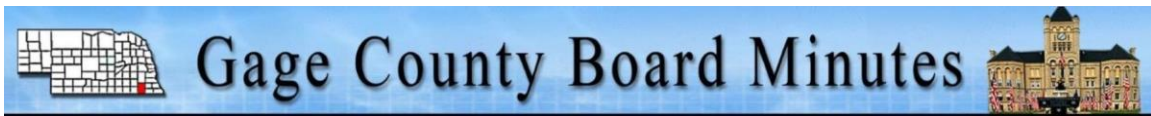
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 11th day of June, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on June 25, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on June 12, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present, Gary Lytle 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 \$1,173,429.75 except claim #25060234 to R.L. Tiemann, Const. Inc. in the amount of \$77,973.38 to be voted on below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check #25040003 to All Copy Products in the amount of \$75.63 & check #23110053 to Valvoline Instant Oil in the amount of \$142.63.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	180,266.07
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	8278.56
Antelope Co. Shf.	Boarding inmate	90.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	3050.95
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	1293.28
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	30.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5002.23
Beatrice Humane Society	FY 23-24 funding	8500.00
Benchmark Gov. Solutions, LLC	Trng meals	392.60
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	203.40
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	54.07
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	56.48
Bragg Animal Control	Animal Control	90.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copier lease	79.00
Capital City Transfer Svcs.	Autopsy svcs.	393.55
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	210.00
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Utilities	47,062.61
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc.	10,000.00
Column Software PBC	Publications	1525.12
Comfort Inn Kearney	Lodging	404.85
Critical Hire	Exams	225.00
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	579.80
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc	196.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	5900.81
Echo Group	Supplies	53.20
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	641.25
Farmer’s Cooperative	Supplies	272.71
Federal Signal Corp.	Sirens	22,418.55
First Wireless, Inc.	Radio equip rental	656.25
Jamie Fugate	Mlg reimb.	65.80
Gage County	Fund trnsfr to Road, Prob suppl & rent	419,460.00
Gage Co. Reg. of Deeds	Recording fees	10.00
Govt. Forms & Supplies	Treas. stamp	37.14
Governmental Law, LLC	Legal svcs	101.00
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Shf uniforms	207.78
Green Way Lawn Svcs.	Mowing	580.00

Harman Wright Mortuary, Inc.	Autopsy expns	570.00
Holmesville Welding & Farm Repair	Svc EM generator & trlr	957.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
Horwath Laundry Equip.	Svc call on washer	964.00
IAPE	Shf mbrshp	130.00
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA admin fees	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1732.50
Jim's Carpet & Supplies	Flooring, stair edging	2299.40
Ken's Pest Control	Ext Offc spray	130.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	799.33
McKesson Medical Surgical	Inmate medical	72.38
Midwest Process Services	Civil proc fees	137.86
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc., progr.	28,699.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	3977.85
NACO	Dues	3252.81
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	372.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Conf dues	150.00
NE St. Treas., Unclaimed Prop Div	Checks	1234.35
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NIRMA	Legal fees	1652.05
Norris Public Power	Utilities – Horvath twr	39.08
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	1650.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	EM supplies	24.99
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc	1500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	140.00
Physicians Lab	Autopsy svcs	300.00
Professional Forms & Supplies	Shf forms	237.62
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	Shipping costs	11.10
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	Pstg mtr lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	6.36
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	3061.73
R&B Arms	Shf ammo	1349.95
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	1415.50
Kristine Riekenberg	Depositions, transcripts	484.00
Secretary of State	Atty cert copies	40.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop, rag cleaning	33.25
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	9218.92
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library subscr.	3619.54
U-Line, Inc.	Furniture	1067.12
UNL Extension	Summer intern.	2700.00
US Bank Purchase Cards	Fuel, supplies, meals, etc.	14,787.45
US Post Svc. Postmaster	Weed stamps	146.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.16
Washington Co., NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	2730.00
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Windstream Ext	Internet, phones	2315.84
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	1486.00
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh svc	67.95
911 Custom, LLC	Law Enf supplies	88.99
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,531.27
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	180.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	350.59
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	53,539.12
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	71.33
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	46.73
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	4065.75
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Column Software	Publications	202.72
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	37.77
Landmark Implement, Inc., Kearney	Parts	1170.47
Landmark Implement, Inc., Beatrice	Skidsteer rental	7250.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy progr.	192.32
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	2369.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	257.88

O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	236.39
R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	77,973.38
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	11,238.35
Truck Center Companies	Parts	150.16
US Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, tool boxes, flags	1768.27
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Winter Equip. Co., Inc.	Blades	1211.27

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

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

Dept. of Treasury PCORI	Fees per person to IRS	520.50
Gage Co. Health Ins.	Employee hlth ins fees paid	67,546.20
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	38,733.46
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. vol. ins policy premium	543.91
NE St. Treasurer Unclaimed Prop Div	Checks	79.23

Inheritance Fund

Lenhart Fritzen Estate	Refund of inher. tax	713.06
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,969.45
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,086.60
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	48,492.94

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,938.33
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,189.56
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Tiemann paused the meeting to present a Certificate of Appreciation to a long-time member of the Press.

Tiemann stated “I'm going to insert an item right here. The locally famous Doug Kennedy is going to be retiring. Doug's been serving our community for 45 years. You've known his familiar voice in every situation, from storms to celebrations to disasters. You've helped keep our local radio station actually local through innumerable good times and bad times. We know when we tune in, we'll hear you telling us what's going on. You've been trusted over the years by countless officials as well as the folks that you report to. That's an incredible dance being able to be respected by the folks you report on, as well as the folks you report to. You've done that and earned that trust over those 45 years, reporting on news, sports and weather, instead of spinning those stories or sensationalizing them, you've earned our trust and the trust of the public again and again through honesty and integrity, removing your own feelings from stories and reporting on the facts.

I'd love to see that type of integrity at the national level again. Of course, we all got our biases over the years. Doug and I will spar back and forth on commercial breaks or as we're talking the fantastic thing is, irregardless of what the issue is, Doug and I sit on different ends of the spectrum on some issues, but more so we sit on the same like most of us do, as we talk back and forth, it's always in a atmosphere of mutual respect, and even when we're throwing verbal jabs playfully, you can tell that there is that back and forth conversation that that I'm going to really miss on Thursday mornings. Your commitment to the news and, more importantly, your commitment to our community over the past 45 years has been noticed and it's been appreciated. On behalf of the Gage County Board and the people in KWBEland, I personally want to thank you for your years of committed service to our community, for the unseen hours, the time away from home and the dedication to your craft. People that work hard don't have to tell people that they work hard, they're good at what they do, it shows every day. Doug, it shows every day.”

Doug Kennedy spoke “I just want to say thank you. You don't always like to see a reporter show up and ask you questions and things, but I've gotten a lot of cooperation over the years from everybody I've worked with and trying to remember all the board members that I worked with, And it's useless because I can't, I can't remember back that far for one thing, but, I appreciate all the help and all the cooperation. And one thing that's been really easy about this community over the years is that, you know, people are willing to share their story on important things, and that's not always the case in everything. I come from a hometown in Iowa where they struggle a little

bit with that they don't have the media presence they used to have and so I appreciate all the help, and I'll drop up every once in a while, just to visit or whatever, but it's gonna be good to take a little break, but I'm gonna miss it too so. But thanks.”

Tiemann “Thank you, Doug”.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25060234 to R.L. Tiemann, Const. Inc. in the amount of \$77,973.38, bringing the total amount of claims paid through June 25, 2025, to \$1,251,403.13. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Haxby on Rd. & Bridge. Topics included display cabinet being changed out by Historical Society next week, courthouse lights, ramp and East door project; fall gravel allocation to begin.

Discussed the Advanced Correction Healthcare agreement for 7/1/25 – 6/30/26. There was some question to the language of additional pay when the nurse receives the RN license. Some members felt we should approve now and then check into what other options may be available next time.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Advanced Correction Healthcare agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion took place on having the Co. Attorney send a letter to Vogtsapes Bond Company due to the lack of the projects being completed by the deadline.

After discussion it was thought best to have the Co. Attorney call their attorney over their lack of performance and the County's displeasure with the lack of performance.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve calling their attorney and explain concerns over their lack of performance and the County's displeasure with their lack of performance. Motion carried 5-1 with Dorn voting nay.

Discussion was held on FY. 25-26 County Budget.

Tiemann asked the members how they wanted to handle the process this year on agency requests. There have been a couple of requests to appear before the board. After some discussion, it was determined to have them appear and to allow 5 minutes for speaking.

Sheriff Gustafson discussed his budget needs for new fiscal year.

A lengthy discussion took place on the property valuation process vs. property taxes. The discussion is presented below in full to avoid confusion.

Tiemann - This will be a discussion and will not address individual property questions. One of the things we wanted to go over was how taxation versus valuation works. Valuations have been going up everywhere at a fairly... other than on ag land. Years ago, it was ag land was climbing at an astronomical rate. The Ag prices just kept climbing & climbing, and now they've been more stabilized. Now as the assessor's office is going through the residential, residential commercial those are climbing at a very rapid pace right now, with folks not being happy with valuations. Last few years, we hired an outside source to take the assessor's office and move them back a little bit, bring someone from the outside for objectivity, which the assessor's office is also objective, but as those are coming through, those values are going up even more. And we're being told with the sales that are happening next year there will be an additional increase.

The tax asking has nothing to do with that valuation. If the taxing bodies are looking at their budgets responsibly, we don't look at our valuation and then decide what we can ask for. We look at what we need, and then we put that together, and then once the valuation comes in, then we apply our tax asking to that valuation, and we get that mill levy. The mill levy could go up dramatically, by the rules. That's not the way that we do it. Hopefully no taxing body does that. Patti do you want to touch on how you guys have, you and MIPS have gone through and begun the reevaluation because we asked you to do a reassessment, because people weren't happy that we weren't equalized. We don't get to set values. Your office is supposed to be equalizing out what valuations are across the county. You've hired MIPS to do that, along with your staff, you've done all the outside villages in Gage County, other than Beatrice. You started in the North, working down on some of the acreages as well. You'll cover the rest of the county hopefully this year, as well as Beatrice, commercial and residential. Maybe just let us know how that's working,

how the valuation process works. Senator Dorn is on his way down to also visit, he's in town now and will explain how this is working at the legislature, what they're working on. I'll hand it over to you (Patti).

Patti - Okay, so basically, my office is responsible for the valuations, and what we do is we look at all the sales that have taken place over the course of the years. So, when we're talking about residential we go back two years, commercials three and agricultural three, and so those are the things that we look at. Basically what Donna (Register of Deeds) does is she gets a transfer in, tells us of the sale. The sale comes up to me, and then basically my girls put the name on it, look at what it sold for and get a ratio. Ideally, if a residential property comes into us at \$100,000 value, with the state of Nebraska that should be between 92, and 100,000. If it comes in at 80, that puts the ratio too low. One sale doesn't make a market, but several sales do. So, throughout the county, we have Beatrice, of course, is our biggest one with a lot of sales. I mean, that's a good you know, measurement of sales when we get into small towns, that becomes very difficult from South to North, we have sales influence of North but we do have about, I think we manage about 40-50, sales of acreages per year. Those are very, you know, very top, top sales as far as the land and people getting out of town on five acres or whatever. So, we have groupings, then the groupings are like our towns, like Adams, Barneston, Blue Springs, all those groupings come down the pike, and tell me what type of value we're going to put on those, whether we need to even adjust them, because you don't have very many sales in a small town like that. And so, we kind of look at the South a little bit all together, like the Liberty's, the Barnestons, the Blue Springs. All along, we've had appraisers like Darrell have been with me. Josh is a new add on that came about two years ago, and he was with Darrell at one time. Now he's with me. There are other people that look at those that have been looking at those for years. Darrell has been here for years, and so basically, we have to hit a margin of what those percentages are every year with Terc, and that's the Tax Equalization Review Commission out of Lincoln. If I don't do my due diligence and get those values up to where we need to be, then TERC will call us in for a show cause hearing and so say I'm at 80% on Beatrice, they would immediately call me in and just raise me up to probably about a 96% maybe even more and that wouldn't be a local level job. I feel like that's something the local assessor needs to do to get those in place, because we know our counties a little bit better, and you know my people have for years and so those are the first things that we do. The ag land is the same way. But the ag land has a percentage of 69 to 75 and most of the time we're on about a 71%. The previous assessor, Bob Thoma, has been with me for a long time, and he sets those values. He is a county employee. He did have his appraiser's license, but at his age now, he's let that go, but he does all the Ag land for me. The commercial sets between 92 and 100% and one thing that's very hard about commercial is that we have different, what I want to call occupancy codes. So, you have a gas station, you have a hotel, you have an apartment building, all those things are various types of properties that are somewhat hard to really know exactly what they're renting out for. You know, every year that changes the income approach, those types of things can go into the commercial. So, we have three basically categories that we have to hit on those percentages. And that's been going on for years. Some people say, well, that's not the right way to do it. You know, that's not, but that's the rules that we've been given, and that's what we go by. So, we have liaisons from Lincoln that look over those things. However, there is a population of retiring people out there. So, we're getting more and more new liaisons, the new tax commissioner. It's kind of a complex process. The bad thing is this is all gray. There's no, this is the price.

Tiemann - Senator Dorn is down to go over some additional information on this with us. We're just talking about how valuations work versus tax asking valuation. I've read on Facebook that your valuation goes up 50%, your taxes are going to go up 50%. If that's the case, every single person that you elected should be fired. I mean, that's not the way that that works, and the fear is in not knowing how it works. I think a lot of the time we do have some groups that are not as frugal as other groups that do raise taxes based on what they're allowed to. There are some new caps in place now that the legislature passed this last session. And I don't know if you want to touch on those, Senator,

Sen. Myron Dorn - I will touch on whatever you want to first, (Sen. Dorn identified himself for the record) Myron Dorn, 15717, East Aspen Road, Adams, Nebraska, we did put some caps in place. We did last year during our special session last summer; LB 34 was passed. We did increase some amount that the state is now contributing to property taxes, but we did put a 3% cap on the budget process, on the budget, not the tax asking, but the budget process, we put a 3% cap, except there are some I call it exemptions for that, or whatever. For instance, any city or county, the safety aspect can be outside of that. Or it's kind of, it's it doesn't fall under the 3% cap. So, it does and it doesn't. I've had some conversations with Dawn a little bit and stuff, schools, they also they are under the 3% cap now too, except they have are allowed for growth. In other words, if they have 10% growth in students, there's some leeway's and stuff in there for growth for that, or some I call it extra things that occur that don't normally occur, like if they had a building issue, a big building issue that cost a bunch of money. There are certain things for schools that'll fall outside that cap. This is the first time, though, that we've had that 3% cap in as

you guys know, in counties, they've been limited the tax asking or the tax collection by two and a half percent, or a super majority vote of the board three and a half percent. So, they've always had that and stuff. So, you're somewhat limited the way it is. But now schools and some of these others have never had this cap, this 3% cap on like I said, there are exceptions to those, or exemptions to those, or whatever. So that I had a few people visit with me, and they are definitely aware of that. Yes, as valuations have gone up in Gage County, approximately 25% ag land, Johnson County, that similar area 22 to 25% Lancaster County went up 42% in ag, land and stuff. So don't know exactly why, but that does not correlate 100% to an increase in property taxes of that same amount. It's still up to the local entities, the cities, the counties. I think there's nine on the tax roll, or something on the tax thing, NRD's and all those. It's up to them now to lower their levy so that that budget process can't theoretically go beyond the 3% cap. So, they'll lower it. There was just an article yesterday in the Lincoln paper, Lincoln public schools, which has been for years, when valuations went up, they stayed at the dollar and a nickel. That's what they were at. Stayed there all the time. So, their taxes went up by what the valuations went up. Article in the paper in the last couple days, I read they're lowering their levy by seven cents from down to 93 cents. That's what they're lowering their levy by. Were they required to, part of it is the 3% cap. Part of it is they're just holding spending there. I'm just reading the article and quoting the article in the paper or whatever. So, they part of it all and schools are a little bit different because of I call it equalization aid that the state gives through to or whatever, because Lincoln has when I started up there seven years ago, Lincoln was at 140 million in equalization aid. This last year, I believe they were down under 30 million, or in that neighborhood of 30 million. They will increase that by 10 million next year. Again, equalization aid used to be that, well, I mean, still is your needs minus your resources, and then the state will pick up the equalization aid or whatever to help you balance that budget. So, Lincoln Public Schools have been going down for years because they're becoming a little bit more valuable or more property valuable. So, they haven't had that same balancing issue. So, they've gone down. But according to the article in the paper, they will pick up 10 million additional dollars from the state this year in equalization aid. So that's a little bit how they got to lower it. But also, their valuations went up enough in their district that yes, to hold the budget in that 3% and with some other things, that's what they're lowering it by most schools, especially in the counties that have had higher valuation increases. They should be lowering their levies.

Tiemann - Now this is popular always, I know, but the way to keep our Lincoln as an example, as their tax base is expanded. They have more people paying, you know, a reduced amount versus it might not be a huge reduction, but they've spread that tax base. That's how our costs are going to go up in the county and everywhere else every year, I guarantee it, what we can do to keep our tax asking down, manage it responsibly, but also, as projects come in, we need to get behind these projects that bring in hundreds of millions of dollars or billions of dollars, those offset the taxes that everyone else pays Adams is a good example the E Energy Adams just came off a TIF. I believe they got \$230,000 additional. \$230,000 additional dollars into the village from the E Energy Adams last year, year before, here, those projects help offset our taxes. So, I know people don't like trains, windmills, gas lines, all these, all these things. They're not exactly bad. They do help us overall. That was my one jab quickly.

Sen. Dorn - But one quick comment on that, statewide, statewide, AG land, went up a little over 14, almost 15% that's statewide. On an average. Statewide, we went up a little bit over 9% in valuation statewide without any new growth. That's not counting any new buildings or whatever. Statewide 9% a little bit over 9% new valuation growth, not new, excuse me, phrased that wrong. 9% increase in valuations without any new growth figured in on that, any new buildings was not figured out on that, then we're up a little bit over 10 – 10.5 somewhere in there, if you figure in the new construction or whatever. But that's statewide, so that's every parcel

Tiemann - Patti why are we so high compared to the statewide average?

Patti - It would be whatever comes in, in every county as to what the valuations are, I mean, what the sales are, the market. I mean, so basically, what we figured out we have to meet those criteria at every level.

Senator Dorn - So yeah, I'll jump in there too. This morning, I had a phone conversation with Sarah Scott, who is our property tax administrator now, and three or four times in that conversation, she mentioned the part about market value. That's what it is all trying to, in other words, if you have a 1990 house in Beatrice with so many square feet, that market value is for Beatrice, not for I call it Kearney, because that might have a different market value, but you should be able to go across the state and say, This is what that house is bringing here. This is what that house is bringing there and everybody is on the market value. She used that several times this morning when I had conversations with her.

Tiemann - We are also below other areas, Dorn – pardon? Tiemann - but we're well below other areas here. I was just talking to a realtor in Seward who was marketing something here in Beatrice. And he goes, Yeah, you guys are lucky. Your prices are low here. And I said, Well, I think that would be a contentious topic. If you brought it up. I said, Why don't you go down to Sunrise and say that? But he said, Yeah, we just can't get the dollars down here in Beatrice like we can in some of the other towns, and we've had prices going through the roof down here.

Sen. Dorn - And part of what Sarah and I visited about it this morning is you take a house in Beatrice, and now you take a house up in Adams, right where I live. We live closer to Lincoln, and the Lincoln I call it the Lincoln valuations on Lincoln properties affect Adams more than they affect Beatrice. But at the same time, over the years, I've heard people that, oh, they sometimes will come and they will purchase a property in Beatrice because it's that much cheaper than Lincoln. So that that all plays into it, whether, I'll get a little bit later, I'll get into what the state's done, or whatever. But I think Emily or somebody had a question.

Haxby - With that, Derek Neiderklien when they're doing those values, just as you said, there's different percent or percent less in different communities. So, for example, he said that Clatonia is valued at about 18% less than what Adams is, and that's because of location. We were talking about taxing authorities and how, like your values increase. You know, say the value increased 25%, every one of those taxing entities should have a lower levy at that point, because to maintain a, as Eric said, a minimal or a conservative budget. I mean, you're going to have a little bit of an increase, but it should be nowhere near 25% and so that's what those levies, changing those levies are for. And then just my question for you, Myron, when you said it, I learned in the legislation, and you know, you're basing it off the spice formula, which is based on your economic impacts for that cap, and one of the questions I had for you is, okay, so let's say a bridge goes out, and that slice for me, you said it is an average of, I think, 4%. What size formula your cap on our budgets when you're capping it's based on a certain percent and so you said that it's an average of 4% over 10 years, right?

Sen. Dorn - There are certain entities that have some of that. What I call the exceptions, or whatever, and the school districts are one. But it's not over 10% of the school districts, if they don't use all of their I call it previous cap, they can carry that forward for the next three years, or maybe five years. It is, I don't remember the exact details, they can carry sometimes carry that forward so that they don't just lose that in other words, the thought process behind that was, if you are limited to 3% cap every year, and you only use 2% of that now that 1% cap is basically gone. It can't be picked up in future years. We put that, I know schools, and I'm not sure about the cities and the counties, they can carry it forward. Now, in other words, they get to carry it forward. But for so long, it's not 10 years. I know it's not 10 years.

Haxby - It was more. I think we were talking about, like, the slice formula for figuring out our cap, the county cap. Okay, you said over a 10-year average, that was a 4% cap.

Sen Dorn - Oh, what you're talking about, originally when that bill was proposed, we were going to use the CPI. CPI is a federal, is a national. I call it formula or whatever. And there were Senators that were not going to vote for the bill if we kept CPI in there, because in the state of Nebraska, we're affected a little bit different than the CPI by the houses and stuff, and that's why slice is what we use now, which is a more local or just generic, to the state of Nebraska, and that's how we came up with that 3% of slice. It's using the slice number or whatever, whatever that would come up. But that's looked back over, that's looked back over a number of years, but that is in the last year, then how there were increases, or how the cost of living, or all those things are calculated in that slice formula.

Discussion continued with Senator Dorn on MFO money for Fire Departments and other entities that do not fall under the 3% cap.

Speaking was Max Quattromani, 1301 S. 5th, Beatrice, NE. He spoke to the Board about his struggles with obtaining comparable information. He is concerned that the current information is not on the gworks site and affecting residents' ability to verify and protest property values. He highlighted discrepancies in data availability, while Patti Milligan, Assessor explained that changes are tracked and updated in the system. Tiemann and Haxby received calls with questions on the website. The program that the assessor used in the past was no longer being supported and required a new program with a new provider. This change created errors and coding changes different than they used in the past. They have been working through that, and all information should now be accurate. The board emphasized the importance of visiting the assessor's office for accurate information and discussing any issues they might have with the Assessor.

As a reminder, protest forms need to be received in the Clerk's Office by June 30th @ 5:00 p.m.

Short Break at 11:15 a.m.
Back in meeting at 11:26 a.m.

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

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to go into closed session at 11:27 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 5-0.

Haxby out of the meeting during closed session.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 11:54 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. until July 9, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

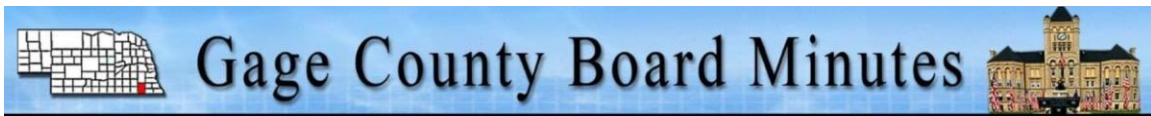
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 25th Day of June 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 9, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on June 26, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$1,130,902.75; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve designating MIPS as the Printing service for the Joint Public Hearing postcards; 6. approve Specs and call for bids on Courthouse lighting project. Bids to be opened on August 6, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.; 7. approve Specs and call for bids on the Courthouse East ramp project. Bids to be opened August 6, 2025, at 9:20 a.m.; 8. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June 2025; 9. approve declaring 2003 Dodge Durango 4x4 1D8HS4N53F517897, 2011 Dodge Nitro 4x4 1D4PU4GXXBW607586, 2014 Dodge Charger 2C3CDXAT1EH344849, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban 3GNGK26U0YG183316 and Husqvarna Snowblower as surplus and selling on Purple Wave; 10. approve Utility Permit #1331 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern will be occupying Gage County ROW and has requested to close Gage Road between 120th to 134th for 2 weeks for maintenance on a section of pipeline. Located North of Section 5, T-6-N, R-8-E, Adams Twp.; 11. approve Utility Permit #1332 to UNL Conservation and Survey Division (UNL-CSD). UNL-CSD will be occupying Gage County ROW for boring exploration at 8 different locations in Gage County. UNL wants to establish bedrock depth at these locations by boring a 4.5” diameter hole with depths between 100’ to 300’ deep. Sites 1 through 3 are not in Gage County, Site 4: Approximately 100’ North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Ash Road – E-7 Nemaha Site 5: Approximately 100’ South of SW intersection of S. 38th and Buckeye Road – E-6 Hanover Site 6: Approximately 1,700’ North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Cherry Road – E-7 Hanover Site 7: Approximately 200’ North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Pickrell Road – E-19 Hanover Site 8: Approximately 750’ West of NW intersection of S. 12th and Cherry Road – N-14 Holt Site 9: Approximately at the NW Intersection of SW 42nd and Cherry Road – E-7 Holt Site 10: Approximately 200’ North of NW intersection of SW 72nd and Cherry Road –E-11 Grant Site 11: Approximately 150’ South of SE intersection of SW 100th and Cherry Road – E-16 Grant.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	175,224.97
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svcs	11,012.96
Amazon Capital Services	Dist Ct supplies	48.65
Antelope Co. Shf.	Boarding inmate	180.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT supplies, svc	13,328.19
AutoZone	Shf supplies	42.64
Bear Graphics, Inc.	Permanent record books, pages	3611.24
Beatrice Public Schools	2 mos. Juv Justice grant	6690.21
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Removal of old siren	1195.00
Capital City Transfer Svcs., Inc.	Coroner/autopsy svcs	355.45
Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal work	2962.50
Clearly Communications	Phone svcs	2840.45
Collision Forensic Solutions	Shf software	1201.75
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate mdcl	3462.37
Datashield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	55.60
Dept. of Health & Human Services	Certification	100.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	824.33
Election Systems & Software	Special elec costs	454.50

Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Farmers Cooperative	Parts, supplies, labor	1618.23
Federal Sign Corp.	Siren removal	9175.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Radio equip repairs, rptr/twr rent	1522.49
Jamie Fugate	Mlg	32.30
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Prob. internet	79.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Legal svcs	53.00
Great Plains Reporting	Transcripts	359.60
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	760.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob & Atty copier leases	610.97
James River Chry Dodge	2 Shf 2024 Dodge Durangos	85,000.00
Jefferson Co. Shf	Svc fee	7.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3472.50
Jones Automotive	Shf veh supplies, repairs	37,248.36
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kravec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc.	28,867.85
Nelson, Clark & Timan PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Nestor & Mercure, Attys	Atty fees	1301.50
Northeast Auto	Leased veh repairs	298.00
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess mdl ins	12,647.25
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	40.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Co. internet	270.17
Priority Printing	Bd env.	150.95
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	33.40
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	406.78
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob phones	118.11
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Shew Towing	Shf veh repair	60.00
Software Unlimited	Atty software maint.	5608.37
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Nicole Stoner	Mlg	145.60
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5947.25
The Voice News	Publication	24.91
TK Elevator Corp.	Elev. maint.	274.79
Tracker Products	Shf cloud-based CAL lic.	6251.18
U-Line, Inc.	EM supplies	77.10
US Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext stamps	365.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	218.87
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	340.45
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.99
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Oil chg	67.95
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.38
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,301.03
Bauer Built Tire	Tires, svc call	3070.90
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	61,602.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, supplies, tools	606.27
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	374.11
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	3357.55
City of Wymore	Utilities	85.84
Eakes Office Solutions	Towels, tissue	132.77
Echo Group	Fixtures, switch	689.86
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	28.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Inland Truck Parts	Parts, labor	5838.09
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	414.72
Johnny's Welding	Tubing	43.20
Lampton Welding Supply	Cyl rental	84.95
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2445.00
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	56,807.21
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	8332.92
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscares, Inc.	Culvert proj., pay cert #4	346,450.19
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3145.04
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Visitor's Improvement Fund

The NE Cattlemen's Ball	Vis. Impr. Grant	17,500.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	98,723.84
NE St. Treas. Unclaimed Prprty Div	Unclaimed property	72.11

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	1400.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,704.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,659.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	47,948.61

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,922.79
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,167.01
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #25070075 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$43.20. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #25070079 to R.L. Tiemann, Const. Inc. in the amount of \$56,807.21, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 9, 2025, to \$1,187,753.16. 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 Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Lytle & Lisa W. on Law Enf. & Emergency Mgmt; Haxby on Rd. & Bridge. Items mentioned were lighting inside courthouse, handicap ramp update, boiler, Applied Connective projects, valuation protests, FOP negotiations, Lisa spoke at mtg. held at library on nuclear site, and mitigation funding.

Laureen Riedesel spoke on the Carnegie Center and the need for new flooring.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Visitors Improvement Fund Grant request from Carnegie Center Inc. for wood floor replacement in the amount of \$7,764.00. Motion carried 7-0.

The board thanked Harriet VanEngen for her 12+ years of service on the Tourism Advisory Committee as she resigned effective June 30, 2025.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve appointing Jeannette Dorn to replace Harriet VanEngen on the Tourism Advisory Committee. Her term is effective 7/1/2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Esau spoke to the board regarding the upcoming Gage County Fair.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn 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 23-26, 2025, one for the Bull Riding Rodeo at the Horse Arena, July 23, 2025, and one for the track area for the Concert in the Grandstand on July 25, 2025. 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 23rd or the Concert on July 25th. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS

Gage County
Resolution No. 25-02

Whereas: Gage County and State entered into an agreement “Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads” (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2317 executed on October 2, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Gage County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Gage County:

- 1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2025 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The County Board of Gage County

<u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u>	<u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u>
<u>/s/ Richard Clabaugh</u>	<u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u>
<u>/s/ Rex Adams</u>	<u>/s/ Terry Jurgens</u>
<u>/s/ Erich Tiemann</u>	

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

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-02 for Certificate of Completion – Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Rural Roads. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve Radio Maintenance Contract for EM Management between FirstWireless Inc. and Gage County effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on whether they should charge Vogtsapes liquidated damages on incomplete culvert project.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve charging Vogtscapes liquidated damages on final completion (seeding, striping etc.). Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby spoke about the process and what has taken place with the funding on the BEAD grant.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve sending a letter to our representatives about the BEAD funding. Motion carried 7-0.

No action on the RFP for a Grant Writer. Will be on next agenda.

No action taken on Agreement between Gage County and Davis Design Inc. for Detention Center Design. Will be on next agenda.

Discussion took place on the FY 25-26 County Budget.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. until July 23, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th Day of July 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 23, 2025, at 8:49 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on July 10, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle & Eddie Dorn present. Terry Jurgens 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 \$861,087.84 except claim #25070219 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$80.00 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Bank Balances and 6-month Board Settlement reports for Gage Co funds ending June 30, 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	176,297.19
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf phones	651.10
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6208.50
Beatrice Daily Sun	Subscr.	294.00
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	210.00
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc, Prob. util.	18,454.77
Civic Research Institute	Jail subscr.	179.95
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	630.48
Column Software	Publications	1377.81
Credit Information Systems	Shf empl. scrn	47.25
Wendy Cutting	Transcript	144.00
CVSOAN	Conf regis.	120.00
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	196.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Echo Group	Ballasts	69.21
Election Systems & Software	Elec. setup, progr.	1139.23
Farmers Cooperative	EM gen. fuel	13.82
First Wireless, Inc.	Twr, rptr rental	1179.38
Gage Co. Treasurer	Shf veh title, tire tax	15.00
Great Plains Reporting	Depositions	150.45
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mow, fert.	995.00
Helmick Homes	Property damage	914.00
Jurors	Jury fees	1526.70
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty, pstg	2425.08
Lammel Plbg.	Supplies	7.62
Lincoln Journal Star	Weed notice	451.95
Marshall & Swift Boeckh	Cost books	688.20
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning	192.00
Midwest Process Svcs.	Civil process fees	122.12
Mosley Information Technology	Laptop reimaging	1150.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst.	360.00
NE St. Fire Marshal	Jail boiler insp.	72.00
Nelson Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Gov. Svcs.	EM Sat. phone, 4 mos	356.08
Noakes Htng. & Air	Rooftop unit, filters	1396.99
Nodaway Co. Shf.	Board inmate	225.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	40.29
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shred	254.25
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns	6150.00
Precision Auto Tune	Repairs	188.16
Quill – Ext	Offc suppl	545.48
Region V Systems	EPC bill	1070.00

Saline Co Treasurer	Drug Ct. budget	11,235.00
Sapp Bros	Shf/jail fuel	4510.46
Sec. of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Equip.	670.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	21.00
Spectrum Charter	EM cable TV	11.51
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appr. maint.	18,864.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	6121.02
The Voice News	Publication	125.09
Thomson Reuters West	Law Library subscr.	3619.54
US Bank Purchase Cards	Fuel, suppl., meals, etc.	361.28
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.83
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones, hot spots	328.16
Westlake Hardware	Supplies, tools, etc.	612.31
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof lgl svcs	3102.50
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh, 2024 Ford F150	46,007.05

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,436.64
Beatrice Bd. of Public Works	Utilities	396.83
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	89,369.12
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	46.68
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	1745.15
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Extreme Motorsports	Decals	45.00
First Wireless	Rptr rent	350.00
Gage Co. Equipment	Part	10.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Title, tire tax	14.00
Johnny's Welding	Parts	80.00
Landmark Imp.	Parts	796.96
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Changeovers, repairs	360.03
Mianelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering Consulting	101,291.40
Newman Signs	Signs	3143.66
Norris Public Power	Utilities	258.12
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, suppl.	577.40
Pavers, Inc.	Hot mix asphalt	3238.40
RDO Truck Center	Parts, labor	1606.05
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling	9366.19
Rose Equip., LLC	Parts	735.00
Sapp Bros.	Fuel, oil, grease	21,208.42
Truck Center Companies	Parts	327.97
US Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies	88.17
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Hardware	Parts	6.83

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Eng. consulting	43,510.95
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems, Inc.	Bond paper	140.10
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	73,695.30
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. vol. ins. premiums	541.82

Community/Economic Development Fund

NGAGE	Econ Dev	39,181.13
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Inheritance Fund

Donna Sander Trustee	Inher. tax refund	78.83
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,769.55
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,741.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	48,492.94

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,999.48
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,253.92
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #25070219 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$80.00. This brings the total amount of claims paid through July 23, 2025, to \$861,167.84. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn on Bldg & Grds & Rd & Bdg; Tiemann on Equalization and Finance/Insurance; Lytle, Millard & Officer Chavez on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt; Haxby on P&Z. Items discussed were review on P&Z regs, bodycam & car cam purchase.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve going into closed session at 9:13 a.m. for safety and security. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve coming out of closed session at 9:39 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Jerad Reimers was ill and will attend a later meeting.

Candace Meredith, NACO Deputy Director presented NACO updates. She spoke about current legislative bills in place; the legislative conference being held in Beatrice this year; SE District will be on 9-11-25. In 2029 Nebraska will be going to a single license plate. There is no guarantee at this time that individuals will receive the same plate number as they currently have.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve recommendation on Special Designated Liquor License to Tall Tree Tastings, LLC for Linden Fields Sip and Snip (flowers) on August 9, 2025, and August 10, 2025 (Rain Date) and for September 13, 2025, and September 14, 2025 (Rain Date). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve Agreement for EPC Services between Region 5 and Gage County effective 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve Agreement with the amended changes by the Co. Attorney with Davis Designs for consulting fees. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve the County Health Insurance plan for 2025-2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion took place on 25-26 County Budget.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve going into closed session at 10:13 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. until August 6, 2025.

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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 23rd day of July 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 1, 2025, at 9:11 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on July 22, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby and Gary Lytle present.

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Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 9:12 a.m. for FOP negotiations. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to come out of closed session at 5:21 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until August 6, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

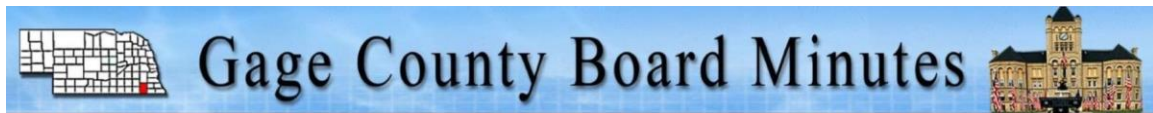
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 1st day of August, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 6, 2025, at 8:48 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on July 22, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle and Terry Jurgens present, Eddie Dorn 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 \$510,459.50; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1333 to Mid-America Pipeline Company, Mid-America will be occupying Gage County ROW for a pipeline repair on 68th Road between Cedar to Buckeye. Located East of Section 4, T-5-N, R-7-E, Hanover Twp.; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1334 to Waterborne Environmental Inc, Waterborne will be removing water monitoring equipment and occupying Gage County ROW at structure C340000530 along SW 117th approximately 1,385' South of Elm Road. Located East of Section 5, T-4-N, R-5-E, Blakey Twp.; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1335 to Windstream Nebraska LLC, Windstream will be installing a new communications line along SW 72nd Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 1019/752VA in the East grader ditch, bore a line under SW 72nd to the West grader ditch, then transition to plow North in the West grader ditch for 380' to the South side of resident's driveway. Located East of Section 2, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1336 to Windstream Nebraska LLC, Windstream will be installing a new communications line along Linden Road, West of S. 10th Road. Windstream will bore under Linden Road starting at pedestal 1156/S618PD located in the North grader ditch, bore under Linden Road to the South grader ditch for 90' and end the bore on private property. Located North of Section 26, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 9. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of July, 2025; 10. Approve declaring 2015 Chevrolet Express 3500 Passenger Van, VIN# 1GAZGXFF3F1110253 as surplus and advertising on Purple Wave.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	172,933.81
All Copy Products	Copier lease/copies	154.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Repairs & svc.	961.00
Beatrice Daily Sun	Newspaper renewal-jail	294.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile Services Grant	3,317.43
Black Hills Energy	Utilities-ext. office	54.28
Cardinal Assessment Group	Valuation hearings, inspections, etc.	9,850.00
Charm-Tex Inc.	Inmate provisions	239.60
Clerk of District Court	Court related cost	329.73
Cornhusker State Industries	Office supplies	4,090.00
Critical Hire	Inmate Medical	25.00
Lloyd Dickinson	Farm protest expense	1,850.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office equipment, supplies, etc.	1,297.12
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. Retirement	12.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	2,598.25
Great Plains Reporting	Court related cost	394.75
Harman Wright Mortuary	County Burial	950.00
HD Supply	Janitorial supplies	1,201.70
Heartland Precision Rifle	Shf. Continuing education	325.00
Hometown Leasing	Probation Copier Lease	57.23
Isolved Benefit Services	Admin. Fees	144.50
Joyce Kassing	Prior Svc. Retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Pest control	400.00

Kraviec Maurstad Law, P.C.	Atty fees-child support	3,076.92
Land Survey Tech	Co surveyor operating expense	4,511.73
Murray Law P.C.	Atty fees	513.00
NACO	Registration fees	345.00
Nebraska Public Health Env. Lab	Shf. drug/alcohol expense	105.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan P.C.	Public Defender	6,346.15
Norris Public Power	Utilities-emerg. Mgmt.	40.17
Priority Printing	Office supplies	1,177.14
Quadient Finance	Postage funding	151.76
Quill – Ext.	Office supplies	450.72
Quill – Co. Court	Office supplies	340.52
Quill – Prob.	Office supplies	161.51
Region V Systems	EPC billing	2,140.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Terc review	5,332.5
Nicole Stoner	Travel/fuel exp.	109.20
Summit Food Service	Jail Meals	3,120.96
UNMC	Investigative expense	202.00
Verizon Wireless	Dist. 1 prob. Phones	312.83
Windstream	Extension Office phones	40.84

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,589.41
All Copy Products Inc	Office supplies	44.32
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & Gravel	19,091.78
Beatrice Daily Sun	Newspaper renewal	314.40
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	71.82
Bomgaars	Parts, supplies	79.74
Cather and Son's Construction, Inc.	Asphalt	12,624.01
Constellation New Energy	Utilities	31.13
Gage County Register of Deeds	Eased Gerdes	22.00
Dennis Gerdes	Payment for Easements on Tract 2	51.78
William Gerdes	Payment for Easements on Tract 2	51.79
Pamela Gerdes	Payment for Easements on Tract 2	51.78
Interstate Power Systems	Parts, labor	1,448.58
Mid-American Signal, Inc.	Parts	1,273.00
Pavers Inc.	Cold Mix Asphalt	332.33
Rock On Inc.	Township gravel hauling only	8,034.49
Tractor Supply Co.	Weed spray	599.95

Visitor Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Monthly lodging payment	12,605.24
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health insurance claims paid	46,415.32
Lucent Health Solutions LLC	Administration Fees	38,189.66

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,496.01
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,483.92
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	47,948.61

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,009.78
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,265.54
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Jurgens to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

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 and Human Resources/Employee Relations, Shf. Gustafson and John Chavez on Law Enforcement, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve revised contract between Davis Design and Gage County. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Courthouse LED lighting project. Motion carried 6-0.

Bidders had the option of bidding two ways, in compliance with BABA (Build America Buy America Act) Guidelines, or not compliant with BABA Guidelines. Those that were bid in compliance with BABA Guidelines will be labeled as such in the list of bids received. Bids were received by: AP Electrical Solutions of Lincoln NE – BABA in the amount of \$146,400.00, and Non BABA in the amount of \$73,650; IKIO LED Lighting of Indianapolis IN – Non BABA in the amount of \$115,435.51; Plymouth Electric, Inc. of Plymouth NE – BABA in the amount of \$75,414.00, and Non BABA in the amount of \$56,918.00; HACO Electric Co., Inc. of Lincoln NE – BABA in the amount of \$95,875.00, and Non BABA in the amount of \$74,600.00; Superior Lighting of Omaha NE – BABA in the amount of \$142,915.00, no Non BABA bid; and Philippi Electric of Beatrice NE – no BABA bid, Non BABA in the amount of \$74,345.88.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to approve accepting all bids and referring them to Bldg. & Grounds Supt. Dave Jones for review and recommendation at the August 20th meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with Adams temporarily out.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to close bidding at 9:20 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Courthouse East Entrance Ramp Project. Motion carried 6-0.

One bid was received from Lammel Plumbing of Beatrice NE in the amount of \$16,300.00. Dave Jones told the board he had contacted four companies to submit bids.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve awarding the bid on the Courthouse East Entrance Ramp Project to Lammel Plumbing in the amount of \$16,300.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Representatives from the Gage County Historical Society and Hope Crisis Center spoke to the board about their programs and presented their budget requests for FY 25-26. Speaking for the Historical Society were Dave Norton and Director Cassandra Dean, and for Hope Crisis Center were Board of Directors member Tyler Weishahn and Executive Director Carmen Hinman.

Laureen Riedesel, 721 Grant St., Beatrice NE, presented a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant to the board for the Historical Society for a Cottage Hill Farm Outdoor Classroom. Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant to the Historical Society for Cottage Hill Farm Outdoor Classroom in the amount of \$26,032.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve contract between Mainelli Wagner & Associates and Gage County for Engineering work for the CPF grant project (Christ Lutheran and Odell South). Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:54 a.m. Back in session at 10:05 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Adams who was temporarily out.

Discussion on Livestock Regulation draft intended to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Adams rejoined meeting.

Tiemann explained that back in 2023 a letter was sent from the Board of Supervisors to P&Z asking them to review zoning regulations. P&Z reviewed and recommended no changes be made at that time as they wanted to have community outreach on all regulations as they were reviewed. A board subcommittee was formed consisting of members Emily Haxby, Eddie Dorn and Dave Swavely, who gathered public input and drafted a letter with suggested changes from the information they received. Tiemann said that up for discussion today is to approve or disapprove sending the draft Livestock regulations to P&Z. Haxby said they got input from phone calls and public comments at Board meetings, took the suggestions and made a draft letter. They then utilized legal guidance from the County Attorney's Office to make some minor changes, took a couple pieces out that were hard to clarify and put into language for regulations, removed one section that should be in another section, and just kind of cleaned it up. Co. Atty Harris reiterated that the agenda today is just to approve or disapprove sending the draft letter to P&Z, no changes to regulations are involved. P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand stated that there is no specific timeline as to, when possible, changes would take place as P&Z and the BOS would each need to have meetings and public hearings so it could be several months before any actual changes would be made. Her concern is producers needing to know if there will be a provision to grandfather existing structures if the setbacks are changed later and could possibly put some in a different classification. Jurgens added that the whole thing is about setbacks, saying that with wind

energy, we expanded parameters so far that wind turbines are basically excluded from Gage County now and I don't want to do the same thing here. Adams said that with the board just getting the revised draft today, he's concerned that the Army is being rounded up before anything has taken place as far as the board is concerned. Harris stated that the reason for the short timing was simply a scheduling situation, not an attempt to hide anything. He said even though we're not ready to take action on making changes, we should still hear the concerns of those who took the time to come in after seeing the agenda item. Lytle added that we need to look at the draft as a conversation starting place that the Board committee who sat down to research it is bringing forward. It was also brought up that some of the changes may be able to be made in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan which would start being reviewed in 2026, as the current Comp Plan is up in 2028. Tiemann stressed again that no regs are being changed. He opened the floor to anyone who wished to speak. Those speaking included: Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE; Nathan Dorn, 4388 S 68th Rd., Firth NE; Dean Otto, 633 St. Hwy 43, Adams NE; Jim Ensz, 26802 SW 142nd Rd., Beatrice NE; Hayden Otto, 255 St. Hwy 43, Adams NE; Roy Mulder, 6005 E Gage Rd., Firth NE; and Steve Martin, 25255 S 54th St., Firth NE.

Braden Dvorak with the County Attorney's Office addressed the concerns from the Board of Supervisors of how people got copies of the draft, which may not have the correct information if they were copies of the draft before the most recent draft that was finalized. He stated that the original version had been sent out by the P&Z Administrator to the P&Z Commission members, but they don't know if any of those members passed it on to others. Lytle asked Lisa to touch on a timeline and the Comp Plan process. She said that they would start looking at the Comp Plan process in 2026, then a full review of regulations, the current plan is up in 2028. The cost for a full Comp Plan review would be between \$60-\$65,000. She added that the county did their own plan revision in 2019 so it would be advantageous to go through the process with a consultant again. Tiemann said if there is no further discussion, we need a motion to approve or disapprove advancement of Livestock regulations draft to P&Z for the reason of timing and process. Discussion on whether or not it would be worth spending the money on using a consultant for the Comp Plan to get a broader perspective. Tiemann specified that a vote of yea would disapprove sending the draft, and a vote of nay would take the issue back to where it is right now. Tiemann called for vote, motion carried 5-1 with Haxby voting nay.

Discussion on where the FY 25-26 County Budget proposal is at.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. until August 20, 2025.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

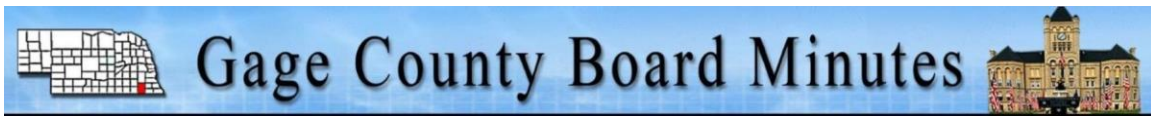
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 August, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
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Gage County Clerk



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 20, 2025, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on August 7, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$735,719.85; except claim #2508000083 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00 & claim #2408000086 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$50.98 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; Approve receiving County Offices Inventory Statements and place on file; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1337 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern will be repairing a 3” pipeline that is shallow, Northern will excavate and cap the pipeline with concrete where line is shallow in the East grader ditch on SW 89th between Plum and Sage Road. Located East of Section 34, T-2-N, R-5-E, Elm Twp.; 7. Approve accepting bid from Lammel plumbing in the amount of \$16,300.00 for the county Ramp project; 8. Approve accepting bid from Plymouth Electric for the Lighting Project bid in the amount of \$56,918.00.

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

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

Road Fund

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

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

Visitor's Improvement Fund

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

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

Insurance Fund

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

General Fund

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

Road Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION #25-05

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attest: Gage County Board

/s/ Dawn Hill
County Clerk

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chair/Presiding Officer

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

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

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

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

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

Haxby left meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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

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

RESOLUTION #25-04, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

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

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

TOWNSHIPS

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

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk (SEAL)

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

Discussion on FY 25-26 County Budget.

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

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

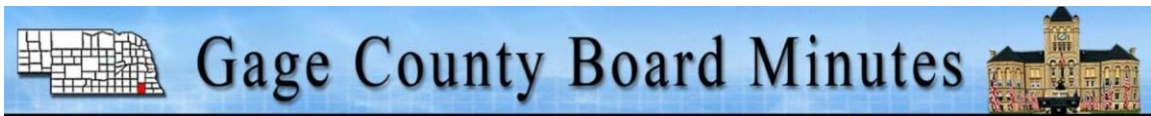
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Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries plus fringe	170,128.97
Advanced Digital Forensics Sol.	Cont. ed.	695.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile equip.	691.53
AutoZone	Shf/EM veh suppl., repairs	319.88
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Jail utilities	450.50
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Shf utilities	97.64
Capital One NA	Prob supplies	59.74
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Shf cable TV/phones; Prob internet	680.52
Cidnet	Jail data for inmate purch	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	220.00
Community Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl exam	123.00
Community Physicians Clinic	Pre-empl exam	121.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medcl procedures	1923.95
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	392.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Prob offc supplies	443.32
Electronic Contracting Co.	Semi-annl fire alarm inspec.	433.00
Extreme MotorSports	EM sign & decal	55.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower rental	440.00
Fox Funeral Home	Autopsy transport	283.50
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob. phones	79.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Prof legal svcs	3426.50
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	463.56
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	4783.75
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kravec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	3076.92
Kristine Riekenberg	Transcript	272.00
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	1089.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publication	231.36
MIPS, Inc.	Computer progr/IT svcs	5404.65
Murray Law PC LLO	Atty fees	693.50
NASASP (St Agency Surplus Prop.)	Dues	39.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	715.21
NE Title Co.	Title search	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Polaris Law Group	Juv. Ct. costs	931.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf. graphics	348.00

Quadiant, Inc.	Enf. opener lease	1004.25
Quadiant Leasing, USA	Shipping transactions	164.47
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	103.25
Ray’s Welding	Jail repair	185.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	125.28
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Juv Ct Atty fees	905.00
Turf Paradise	Backflow Shf evidence bldg. sprnklr system	180.00
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Prob. cell phones	312.83
Washington County KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.86
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	7740.00
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	473.47

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,756.05
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts – Proj. C-34(1243, 1253)	64,515.70
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Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	75.16
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Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	30.84
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Grainger	Supplies	92.37
Hard Rock Quarries	Twp rock	8680.72
Johnny’s Welding	Hose, fitting	204.54
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	108.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg.	192.32
Norris Public Power	Utilities	263.39
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	24,013.86

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtsapes, Inc.	2024 Culvert projects, pay cert. #5	275,000.00
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Visitor’s Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9359.43
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Cornhusker State Industries	Desk	4846.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27

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Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #2508000189 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$8,680.72. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #2508000190 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$204.54, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 3, 2025, to \$975,703.35. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE, spoke under public comments. She said that when she speaks at meetings, she’s not just speaking for herself but is also speaking for others who can’t attend. She asked for clarity on when people can speak and when they can’t.

Committee reports were given by Lytle and Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens, Tiemann, & Adams on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics brought up were Plymouth Electric began working on

Courthouse LED Lighting Project; door installation on Oct. 20th (no handicap ramp use during that time); getting quotes for removal of 5 trees; and storage space issues. Haxby asked about Clatonia support letter for CMBP Grant.

Don Vetrovsky and Greg Leach were present with Vetrovsky speaking about Big Give Gage Day in Gage County, which is a 24-hour timeframe where patrons can give back to their favorite local nonprofit organizations in the county who may have limited resources to obtain necessary funding. Over the past years, over \$2 million has been raised for agencies through BGG Day. There are 82 agencies on the list for this year’s event, and Vetrovsky encourages everyone to give to their favorite organization during the Big Give Gage Day event which is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Chairman Tiemann read a Proclamation of the Board, declaring September 11, 2025, as Big Give Gage Day in Gage County.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve putting a temporary hold on Visitor Improvement Grants. Discussion was to put a temporary hold on Grants until a new Tourism Director is hired, and an approved grant application and award process is in place. Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to table the issue until the next meeting for further review and discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on setting a meeting with the Beatrice City Council to discuss the proposed merger of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, Gage Area Growth Enterprise (NGage), and Main Street Beatrice. It was decided that a delegation of three county board members should be appointed to head the discussion with the city.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to approve setting a meeting between the City of Beatrice and three county board members as a delegation, to be selected by the Chairman, to discuss the merger of these organizations. Motion carried 7-0. Discussion followed that Erich Tiemann, Rex Adams, and Rick Clabaugh would be the 3-member delegation.

Break at 9:46 a.m. Back in session at 9:53 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Discussion on FY 25-26 County Budget. Discussion included where the budget request was at currently, also discussed to hold overtime to zero or to a minimum.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 10:28 a.m. for personnel and contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Haxby left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until September 17, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 3rd day of September, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The banner features a map of Gage County on the left, the text "Gage County Board Minutes" in a large, bold, serif font in the center, and a photograph of a large, multi-story building on the right.

Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 15, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. as per public notice given in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 11, 2025, for the purpose of the 25-26 Budget Hearing, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle & Eddie Dorn present, Rex Adams & 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.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to go into public hearing at 10:16 a.m. to hear support, opposition, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed FY. 25-26 County Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

No public present for public hearing.

Chairman Tiemann presented the various budget requests, levy amount, tax request from last year to this year, increase being proposed. Discussed the new process for counties in the budget process and how the budget amount was determined.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to come out of the public hearing @ 10:32 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman stated that the budget would be placed on the September 17, 2025, agenda for approval.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors Budget Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

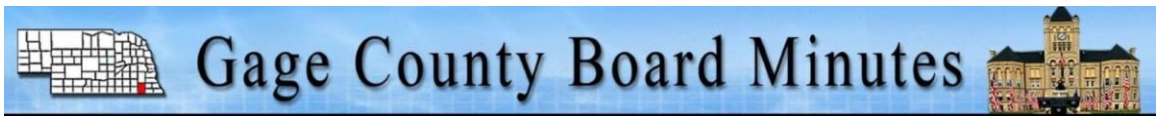
/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairman
Gage County Board of Supervisors

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 September, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 15, 2025, at 10:34 a.m. as per public notice given in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 11, 2025, for the purpose of the 25-26 Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office.

Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle & Eddie Dorn present, Rex Adams & 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.

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to go into public hearing at 10:34 a.m. to hear support, opposition or suggestions from taxpayers relating to the setting of the tax request at a different rate than the previous fiscal year. Motion carried 5-0.

No public present for public hearing.

Chairman Tiemann presented the tax rate requested for this fiscal year vs last fiscal year.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to come out of the public hearing @ 10:40 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman stated that the new tax request would be placed on the September 17, 2025, agenda for approval.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors Special Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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 September 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 17, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 4, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

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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 \$953,669.41 which does not include claim #2509000181 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$70.32, 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 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	172,756.47
911 Custom, LLC	Shf uniforms	239.97
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	8096.67
All Copy Products	Copier leases	598.20
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Svcs, data proc.	12,851.63
Beatrice Area Solid Waste BASWA	Brush disposal	30.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Metal, w/s replacement	470.44
Beatrice Postmaster/US Postal Svc.	EM box rent	126.00
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Ext Offc utilities	58.66
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	210.00
City of Beatrice	Utilities, Prob rent, Qtrly EMS svcs	48,366.50
Clearly Communications	Phones	2854.53
Column Software	Publications	496.07
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	17,534.77
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	2811.42
Echo Group, Inc.	Ballast, bulbs	89.90
Farmer's Cooperative	Shf oil changes, tire repairs	995.29
Gage County	Fund trnsfrs Gen to 911 Emer Mgmt	100,000.00
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	105.00
GBE, CPA	FY 2025 audit plan	450.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob phones	79.90
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing	580.00
Guardian RFID	Supplies	16.50
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	636.98
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA Admin fees	163.89
Jacie Milius	Mlg reimb.	453.60
Jamie Fugate	Mlg reimb.	534.10
Ken's Pest Control	Jail pest control	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty, pstg	3094.44
Kristine Riekenberg	Depo transcript	278.00
Lammel Plumbing	Water fountain w/ bottle refill	2582.06
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	67.46
Lincoln Journal Star	Jail subscr.	645.00
Marshall & Swift Boeckh, LLC	Valuation & Resid. cost handbooks	1082.15
Mattson, Ricketts Law Firm	Prof. legal svcs	2058.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts microfilming	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	104.12
MIPS, Inc.	Property protest referees	57,281.70
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	1845.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst.	93.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15

Noakes Heating & A/C	Vet's A/C repair	594.90
Norfolk Lodge & Ste., LLC	Lodging	250.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath Twr utilities	40.41
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	176.50
Pinpoint Communications	Internet svc.	270.17
Production Creek	Screen printing	440.00
Quadient Leasing USA	Pstg meter machine qrtrly lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	159.34
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	47.42
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	252.74
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	7.74
Region V Systems	Substance abuse & mntrl hlth svcs	12,518.28
Sack Lumber	Supplies	71.96
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf fuel	246.66
Saunders Co. Shf.	Svc fees	56.37
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	129.98
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	613.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	15.75
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2430.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	12,928.92
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library sftwr	3619.54
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator Maint.	274.79
Twin Rivers Chry, Jeep, Dodge	Brackets	50.56
UNL – Haskell Ag Lab	UNL Extension forum	115.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Travel, suppl., meals, equipment, etc.	4632.84
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones, hot spots	325.13
Veteran's Information Svc.	Annl book & newsletter	70.00
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Housing inmates	18,795.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, tools	543.87
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.79
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repairs	1634.18
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	473.47
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,598.41
All Copy Products	Copy overage	28.35
Beatrice Area Solid Waste BASWA	Rubbish disposal	60.00
Beatrice Concrete – Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	98,221.19
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	Parts, tools, supplies	540.72
Capital One, NA	Supplies	56.50
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	11,523.14
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	85.44
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	225.58
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	55.65
Fastenal Company, Inc.	Supplies	51.29
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	296.22
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	30.10
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts, hand cleaner	325.23
Johnny's Welding	Parts	70.32
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Mount/dismount	30.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Knob	33.99
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Alcohol test	5.00
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Fuel pump repair	1302.94
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	2059.27
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	608.72
RDO Truck Center	Parts	179.11
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	5768.06
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, filters	27,136.34
Tractor Supply Co.	Chemicals	299.98
Truck Equipment Svc.	Supplies	60.15
Verizon Connect Fleet	Veh GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	45.50

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Carnegie Bldg. Wood Flooring Rplc	Replace wood flooring in Carnegie Bldg.	7764.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

U.S. Bank Purchase Card	Bookcase	223.70
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	41,658.64
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	39,864.63
Mutual of Omaha	Volunteer ins premiums	535.51

911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc. dispatch, utilities, etc.	59,809.66
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,531.60
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,450.34
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.84

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,010.39
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,270.28

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #2509000181 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$70.32, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 17, 2025 to \$953,739.73. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Tiemann made a statement on the violence that has been happening. I've struggled with our current political discussions federally to make a statement here, and I don't think we need to touch on anyone personally necessarily, but we also need to make sure that we're all very aware people are upset about things on both sides, instead of engaging in open debate with respect to both sides and mutual respect for both sides. People are taking up violence, not just now, but in the past, also. Regardless of which side of the spectrum you're on, there's nothing more un-American than stifling something through violence. You have a point, and we've maintained this in this boardroom every time I've ever walked in, whether it's the popular point or not, you'll be heard. You'll be allowed to openly debate it. You'll be able to express your ideas without fear of violence to yourself or any retribution. I think it's really important that we all get back to that, not just in this room, but around the country, we aren't going to agree. Stop throwing a fit. Engage in debate. Get your point out there. Express yourself however you want to. Let's get away from the violence.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Items brought forward included snow removal bids today; quotes for tree removal; courthouse LED lights project going well; handicap ramp project to get underway; storage issues; BEAD grant statement; bridge match projects.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on snow removal for the 25-26 season around the Courthouse, Sheriff Dept., Veteran's Office, Evidence Bldg., and parking lots. Motion carried 7-0.

One bid was received from Beatrice Lawn Care.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve accepting and awarding bid to Beatrice Lawn Care for snow removal for the 25-26 season around the Courthouse, Sheriff Dept., Veteran's Office, Evidence Bldg., and parking lots. Motion carried 7-0.

Rachel Kreikemeier, NGage Executive Director, presented the NGage Quarterly Report. Paused report for timed public hearing agenda item.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2025-1 for the operation of a commercial kennel located on a tract of land located in the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 8-6-5 of Clatonia Township in Gage County, Nebraska.. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand spoke on the SUP. Alayna Kechley, 12154 W Ash Rd., Clatonia NE, spoke on the commercial kennel business. She stated that she has previous law enforcement and military experience.

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

Back to Rachel Kreikemeier for questions regarding NGage. Paused Q&A for timed public hearing agenda item.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:47 a.m. to hear support &/or opposition for the appointment of Ben Kidder, Robert Moran & Tammy Zarybnicky for a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2031. Motion carried 7-0.

No public present for public hearing. A petition supporting the appointments was presented and verified by the County Clerk’s Office.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to close public hearing at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the appointment of Ben Kidder, Robert Moran & Tammy Zarybnicky for a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2031, and to place the petition on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to Rachel Kreikemeier to answer questions regarding NGage.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve placing the NGage Quarterly Report on file. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION

**SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2025**

Resolution No. 25-06

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be It Resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Gage County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2025 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

County Board Members

/s/ Terry Jurgens
/s/ Gary Lytle
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Emily M. Haxby
/s/ Richard Clabaugh
/s/ Rex Adams

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

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #25-06 for the signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Bd. of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Bd. of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

GAGE COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS
#25-07

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17th day of September, 2025.

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, 2025, to June 30, 2026, 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

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 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

COUNTY BOARD

/s/ Terry Jurgens
/s/ Gary Lytle
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/Erich Tiemann

/s/ Emily M. Haxby
/s/ Rick Clabaugh
/s/ Rex Adams

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-07, adopting the County Budget for FY 2025-2026. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund	\$	11,495,347.50		
	0	\$	-	
	0	\$	-	
	0	\$	-	

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 16.3 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 0.229285 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. GAGE County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.234958 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 decrease last year’s budget by -3.93 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to adopt Resolution #25-08.

<u>Voting yes were:</u>	<u>Voting no were:</u>
<u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>/s/ Rick Clabaugh</u>	
<u>/s/ Rex Adams</u>	
<u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u>	
<u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u>	
<u>/s/ Terry Jurgens</u>	
<u>/s/ Erich Tiemann</u>	

Dated this 17th day of September, 2025.

Attest: /s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #25-08, setting the 2025-2026 tax request at a different rate than the 2024-2025 tax request. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Agreements. Haxby explained that the allocations for each provider were set in the past according to services provided. Haxby suggested an equal payment for those that have an ambulance might be more appropriate. A committee will be formed to review agreements and provide suggestions on moving forward.

Short recess at 10:30 a.m. Back in session at 10:38 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to move into closed session at 10:38 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0 (Haxby temporarily out).

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. until October 1, 2025.

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

<u>/s/ Dawn Hill</u> Dawn Hill Gage County Clerk	<u>/s/ Erich Tiemann</u> Erich Tiemann, Chairman Gage County Board of Supervisors
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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 September, 2025.

(SEAL)	<u>/s/ Dawn Hill</u> Dawn Hill Gage County Clerk
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The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 1, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 18, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, and Eddie Dorn present, Gary Lytle and Terry Jurgens 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 \$1,221,203.27 (Adams requested that claim #2510000059 to Johnny’s Welding be included in the audit amount since Jurgens was not in attendance to require a separate motion); 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve sheriff’s distress warrant report; 6. 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; 7. Utility Permit #1338 to Pinpoint Communications. Pinpoint will be installing new fiber lines along SW 32nd Road for new Land-Fill Office. Pinpoint will start at existing vault at the Northeast corner of SW 32nd and Locust Road, bore under SW 32nd Road to the West, turn South, bore South under Locust Road and continue with the bore South along the West grader ditch for approximately 1,150’ then turn West on to private property and continue bore. Located East of Section 17 & 20, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 8. approve sending a 1-year extension letter to the EMS contract to those EMS Providers.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	179,705.22
911 Custom, LLC	Shf uniforms	152.98
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile internet	686.68
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Dpty cont. ed.	895.00
Bear, Inc.	ROD plat map	317.55
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6843.63
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv svcs grant	3790.88
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	195.94
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	63.74
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	53.71
Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging	Budget request	34,860.00
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Adams siren maint.	1508.38
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	91.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	1566.54
Cidnet	Data purchased	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	723.92
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	342.72
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc	196.00
Dept. of Correctional Svcs. #460	Boarding inmate	2168.40
Diode Technologies	Vets alarm svc call	240.00
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	799.64
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	550.00
First Wireless	Equip. rental, svc agrmnt.	2561.26
Fox Funeral Home	Autopsy expns	630.25
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to Road	400,000.00
GBE, CPA	FY 24-25 audit	4050.00
Governmental Law, LLC	Prof. legal svcs.	2597.00
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Janit. & rstrm supplies	1108.09
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	2291.00
NACO	Conf. regis. x 3	480.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst.	827.93

General Fund cont.

Nicole Stoner	Mlg	72.80
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns	1239.00
Precision Auto Tune, Inc.	Shf veh repair	336.46
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping costs	123.53
Quill EMS	EM ofc supplies	511.75
Quill Co Ct	Ofc supplies	80.87
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	760.00
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3852.00
Secretary of State Elec. Div.	Trng.	60.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	20.00
Security Services	Annl fire alarm insp. jail/shf	200.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Ofc janitorial svcs	120.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	6428.17
UNL Nebraska Extension	Summer interns	6828.81
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	236.20

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,597.12
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts	43,951.50
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	428.74
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	140,563.02
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	78.84
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	51.25
Bomgaars	Supplies	191.07
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	7244.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	32.66
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Johnny's Welding	Hose, fitting	47.02
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	54,294.50
Norris Public Power	Utilities	263.63
Tractor Supply Co.	Weed killer	329.97

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	45,647.00
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging Tax	9828.94
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	61,218.17
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	40,150.00

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	2550.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,943.80
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,989.26
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.85

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,010.30
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,270.17

Lytle present in meeting at 8:47 a.m.

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

Deryl Janda, 5173 St. Hwy 43, Adams NE, stated a complaint about truck drivers coming down the road (Hwy 43) slow, making lots of noise. He was referred to the Highway Supt.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Keil Mick on Veterans Service, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included east entrance ramp and door replacement progress; record storage space; veterans accreditations obtained; motor vehicle tax, and retirement.

Break at 9:15 a.m. Back in session at 9:24 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Scott Prestidge and John Hladik were present to present an update on the Tallgrass Trailblazer CO2 project.

Discussion took place on the benefits and progress of the Trailblazer CO2 pipeline project. Key points included the grant received by Gage County for emergency notification systems. The project aims to advance Nebraska's agricultural products in global markets, with a focus on low-carbon fuels. The pipeline will connect 10 ethanol plants in Southeast Wyoming, with operations expected to start soon. Safety measures, including first responder training and community benefits, were highlighted. The project is expected to create 710 temporary jobs and generate significant economic benefits for Gage County and the state.

Lytle out of meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Also speaking on the project were Dawn Caldwell and Rachel Kreikenmeier.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to place the presentation on file. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve Advanced Correctional Healthcare Agreement for inmate medical services from Sept. 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2025-1 for the placement of a Commercial Kennel Business;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning & Zoning Commission has held a public hearing to consider this special use permit, the date of said public hearing being August 21, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors meeting room;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of this special use permit #2025-1; and,

WHEREAS, this special use permit is in an agricultural zoning district, located in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter, Section 8-6-5, at 12154 W Ash Road, Clatonia, NE of the Clatonia Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on September 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., held a public hearing to take input on this special use permit after proper notice and publication of said hearing for approving or disapproving Special Use Permit #2025-1; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public comments were heard in support of, as neutral to, and in opposition to the special use permit and were considered by the Gage County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2025-1 for the placement of a Commercial Kennel Business, shall be in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter, Section 8-6-5, at 12154 W Ash Road, Clatonia, NE of the Clatonia Township;

- 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 Dorn to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Adams, Clabaugh, Haxby, Tiemann, Dorn
Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, 2025.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-09 granting Special Use Permit 2025-1 for the operation of a commercial kennel located on a tract of land located in the SE corner of the SW ¼ of Section 8-6-5, Clatonia Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until October 15, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 1st day of October, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 15, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 30, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present, Gary Lytle 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 \$667,218.76 except claim #2510000172 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$2385.79 & claim # 2510000174 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$49.35 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and placed on file.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	178,199.89
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svc.	8096.67
All Copy Products	Toner, EM copier lease	388.32
Amazon Capital Svcs.	DC supplies	48.04
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	10,458.75
Beatrice Postmaster – Postal Svc.	Prob. stamps	780.00
Capital City Transfer Svcs.	Autopsy svcs	500.55
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	1282.80
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	210.00
City of Beatrice	Shf & cths gbg svc	354.00
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2849.42
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	431.19
Column Software	Publications	883.99
Critical Hire	Empl listing	25.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	223.27
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	843.78
Electronic Contracting Co.	Fire alarm monitoring	600.00
Elite Vehicle Outfitters	Upfit shf veh	12,504.82
Fairfield Inn & Suites	Lodging	269.90
Farmers Cooperative	Oil changes, repairs	682.28
First Wireless	EM svc contract	739.38
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob phones	79.90
Green Way Lawn Svc.	Mowing, fert.	1140.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	615.97
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FBA admin fees	157.82
James River Chry Dodge	Shf 2024 Dodge Durango	42,000.00
Jamie Fugate	MIg reimb.	468.15
Jesse Scheele	Mowing pioneer cemetery	1200.00
Jones Automotive	Transfer van pkg on shf veh	9536.24
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Kubat Healthcare	Inmate supplies	35.00
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, supplies	1082.08
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc fees	145.49
Maximus U.S. Svcs.	Preparation of 2024 Cost Alloc Plan	2600.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Co/Dst Ct imaging	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc	5404.65
MobileXUSA	Inmate mdcl	505.00
Murray Law	Atty fees	1496.50
NACO	Annl conf regis	480.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Mbrshp	125.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15

NI Govt. Svcs.	EM Sat phone	86.38
Nicole Stoner	Mlg reimb	84.00
NIRMA	Ded for prof lgl svcs	10,000.00
Noakes Htng & A/C	Repairs	650.76
Norris Public Power	Utilities – Horvath twr	40.76
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	112.45
Pinpoint Comm.	Internet	270.17
Polaris Law Group	Ct costs	503.50
Rebecca McCracken	Transcript	46.00
River View Pest Control	Prob pest control	285.00
Sack Lumber	Supplies	55.98
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf & Jail fuel	2306.77
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	134.03
Security First Bank	Dist Ct safe deposit box	50.00
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	9585.00
Summit Fire Protection	Semi-annl dry insp.	372.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	3032.76
The Voice News	Subscr., publication	94.48
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr.	Law Library subscr.	3658.05
TreviPay	Translator	381.44
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, travel, meals, fuel	1502.14
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob cell phones	312.90
Village of Clatonia – Clat. Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	283.86
Willet & Carothers	Atty fees	1458.50
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.47
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.92

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,553.47
Adam's Plumbing & Htng.	Repair	1048.98
All Copy Products	Copy overage	38.32
Bauer Built Tire	Svc call, repairs	1356.20
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	55,113.46
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Tools, parts, supplies	1893.98
Capital One, NA	Supplies	18.95
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	5291.75
City of Wymore	Utilities	90.17
Eakes Office Solutions	Towels	48.65
Farmers Cooperative	Repairs, changeovers	534.00
Hard Rock Quarries	Co. rock	2385.79
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	109.93
Johnny's Welding	Parts	49.35
Larry's Tire & Service	Repairs, changeovers	690.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Welding suppl.	302.29
Mead Lumber	Supplies	43.07
Midwest Svc. & Sales	Supplies	179.30
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2538.00
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	2604.60
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	1072.85
RDO Truck Center	Parts	404.03
Rewound Power Motors	Part	312.94
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	6972.22
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, grease	33,185.33
Truck Center Companies	Part	110.13
U.S. Bank	Svc plans, supplies	351.23
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	25.18

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w numerical indexes	228.27
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance Employee hlth ins claims paid 63,225.25

General Fund

Ameritas County share of Employees Retirement 12,784.12
Security First Bank Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare 12,874.14
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road 63,803.84

Road Fund

Ameritas County share of Employees Retirement 3,007.34
Security First Bank Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare 3,266.83

Diversion Fund

Diversion Employees Gross pay 596.00
Security First Bank Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare 45.59

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #2510000172 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$2385.79 & claim # 2510000174 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$49.35, bringing the total amount of claims paid through October 15, 2025, to \$669,653.90. Motion carried 4-0-2 with Jurgens and Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance; Haxby on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt & Rd & Bdg.

Jerry Enns, Norris Public Power introduced Aaron Brown with ISI Solar. Aaron Brown, Vice President of Engineering Development at ISI, discussed his background in utility work and ISI’s role in solar projects. ISI, based in Central City, Nebraska, has been involved in solar projects since 2014, including a 7 MW project in Kearney, the largest in the state at the time. They have also worked on projects in Colorado and other Midwestern states. The current project, a 999 kW central inverter system, uses racking material from Norris and Chint CPS inverters, maintaining the same MOU as with Today’s Power. The project aims to ensure transmission for the day’s needs.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve Harold Skip Mcpheron to the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging governing board. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support &/or opposition to a Class D Liquor License to Jet Stop Inc. Motion carried 6-0.

No public present.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to close public hearing at 9:18 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve recommendation of a Class D Liquor License to Jet Stop Inc. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to go into closed session at 9:19 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried 4-0 with Adams & Jurgens having left during closed session.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until October 29, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 15th day of October, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on October 29, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on October 16, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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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 \$680,497.45 which does not include claim #2510000278 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$385.32 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1339 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be installing new communications lines along SW 72nd Road between Apple to Ash. Windstream will be boring under driveways and structures where needed and plow the remainder in the outer edge of the ROW in the East grader ditch along SW 72nd Road. Located West of Section 12, T-6- N, R-5-E Clatonia Twp.; 6. Approve Specs and call for bids for Gage County 2025 Culverts Group 2. Bids to be opened on November 26, 2025, at 9:15 a.m. 7. Approve Receipt of grant money from HHS Program in sum of \$ 29,351.00.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	175,382.30
Arbor Ink, LLC	Dist Ct. env.	1702.37
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf veh wireless	686.68
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Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6096.46
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	236.41
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	63.73
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Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	767.69
Cidnet	Jail data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Ext offc gbg, Prob Offc utilities	2485.46
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	525.11
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	134.95
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	449.85
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc	196.00
DataShield Corp.	Data destruction	24.00
Davis Design, Inc.	Prof svcs	3427.50
Dept of Corr Svcs Interagency 460	Inmate boarding/medical	2337.67
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	7.04
Farmers Cooperative	Supplies, parts, labor	294.15
First Wireless	EM svc agrmnt, equip, tower rental	1621.46
GBE, CPA	Co. audit prep	4750.00
Governmental Law, LLC	Prof lgl svcs	52.00
Guardian RFID	Yearly renewal	4995.00
Hampton Inn, Kearney	Lodging	449.85
Huls Body Shop, Inc.	Towing	284.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, trng, postage	3630.69
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	946.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	650.34
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Nicole Stoner	Reim for supplies	33.30
NSA – NE Shfs. Assn.	Mbrshp	280.00
Philippi Electric	Supplies, labor	134.79
Physician's Laboratory PC	Autopsy expns	300.00

Plymouth Electric	Cths LED lighting project	40,365.00
Priority Printing	EM/P&Z supplies	70.87
Quadient Finance	Shipping costs	227.35
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	61.64
Region V Systems	Co contributions	12,518.28
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
SEND D	Mbrshp	7025.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	26.25
Soldiers & Sailors Account	Veteran’s Aid	2000.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	9475.23
The Haupt Shop	Towing	230.08
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Supplies	28.49
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	223.97
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	325.15
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	15,330.00

Road Fund

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Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	29,787.39
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	79.59
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	51.30
Bomgaars	Supplies	101.11
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Bolts, washers	60.24
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock	385.32
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Filters	578.35
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	2011.88
Norris Public Power	Utilities	264.99
Pavers, Inc.	Hot mix asphalt	17,616.00
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	2980.00
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75

Visitor’s Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,616.85
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Ins.	Employee hlth ins claims paid	84,228.19
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins premiums	533.42

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	1,822.79
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STOP Program Fund

City of Beatrice	Portion of Cellebrite	5383.34
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Inheritance Fund

Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Body cam & car cam licenses	75,466.80
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 dispatch svc	61,494.27
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,712.42
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,416.68

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,013.68
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,415.48

Diversion Program Fund

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	139.44
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #2510000278 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$385.32, bringing the total amount of claims paid through October 29, 2025, to \$680,882.77. 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 Law Enf/Emergency Mgmt. and Road & Bridge. Engineering Consultant Mark Mainelli (son of Mark Mainelli) was also present and will be attending meetings once a month.

Lytle joined meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Discussion took place on selecting members to represent the county to sit on the merger group board (NGage, Chamber, Main Street, Tourism)

There was concern expressed about an email that was received and the appearance of not caring what the county had to share with the group. Representatives including Samantha Thompson (NGage), Ryan Trauernicht (Chamber), Craig Zarybnicky (Main Street) and Brad Achtemeier (Chamber) were also present and spoke about the merger and what the intent was behind the emails.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve appointing Adams, Clabaugh and Haxby to sit on the merger group board (NGage, Beatrice Chamber & Main Street Beatrice) with Lytle as the Alternate and someone from the County Attorney’s Office as ex officio. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the 180-day notice. The intent was to give written notice to NGage to evaluate/review the section 8 clause.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve giving 180 calendar day written notice to NGage to evaluate the current agreement and review Section 8 clause. Motion failed 2-5 with Adams and Haxby voting yea, Clabaugh, Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn and Jurgens voting nay.

Short break at 10:16 a.m. Back in session at 10:22 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Jurgens.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve MOU between Gage County, Norris Public Power, and ISI Solar. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve amended contract between Mainelli Wagner & Associates and Gage County for Engineering work for the CPF Grant Project (Christ Lutheran and Odell North). Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2025

Resolution No. 25-11

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and,

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and,

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent’s appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and,

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Gage County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 29th day of October, 2025 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

County Board Members

<u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u>	<u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u>
<u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u>	<u>/s/ Richard Clabaugh</u>
<u>/s/ Erich Tiemann</u>	
<u>/s/ Rex Adams</u>	

County Board Member Haxby moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Lytle seconded the motion. Roll Call 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Signature of Clerk

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #25-11 for NDOT Signing of the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2025. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12

WHEREAS, the County of Gage is the owner and holder of several certificates of tax sale of several parcels of real estate, Certificate #11333, 11334, 11336, 11337, 11341, 11342, 11343 and 11344 issued to the County of Gage for all delinquent regular taxes thereon, and which have been regularly advertised and offered for sale at a tax sale, and remaining unsold for want of bidders, or having been sold to the County of Gage and certificates of tax sale issued thereon under provisions of Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 77-1809 (1943); and,

WHEREAS, as of October 1, 2025, more than Three (3) years and less than Three (3) years Nine (9) months have elapsed since the issuance of such respective certificates of tax sale and by reason thereof the right of redemption of the owners or claimants of such respective tracts has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Roger L. Harris, Gage County Attorney, by and through his Deputy County Attorneys, be and hereby is directed, as promptly under the circumstances as it is reasonably possible so to do, to institute action to foreclose the lien of all taxes delinquent, whether regular or special, on all real estate within Gage County, Nebraska, which having been heretofore advertised and offered for sale and remaining unsold for want of bidders were sold to the County of Gage, and Certificates of Tax Sale issued thereon, and that the costs of abstracting be paid from the General Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to issue Treasurer’s certificates of tax sale in favor of Gage County on all parcels of real estate offered for sale for less than Three (3) consecutive years that were not sold for want of bidders.

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

Yea: Clabaugh, Haxby, Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn
Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 2025.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve adopting Resolution #25-12 directing the Gage County Attorney to institute action to foreclose delinquent real estate taxes. Motion carried 5-0 with Adams temporarily out.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve setting the amount of liquidated damages at \$143,700.00 for Vogtscapes on the culvert project and sending letter to them. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve setting May 1, 2026, as the deadline for moving court records from the 4th floor of the courthouse. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:36 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle left meeting during closed session.

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

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. until November 12, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 29th day of October 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on November 12, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on October 30, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present, Gary Lytle 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 \$828,384.68 which does not include claim #2511000088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$6,884.46 & claim #2511000091 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$94.08 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve specs and call for bids on culvert project; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of September & October 2025; 7. Approve EMS Agreement extension letters and authorizing chairman to sign letter; 8. Approve receiving 2025 Distress Warrant Listing; 9. Approve 2024-2025 FY NBCS Report.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	169,987.85
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svc	19,601.31
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	169.40
Amazon Capital Svcs.	DC supplies	104.82
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Cons., data proc.	13,291.57
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv. comm. svc	7193.16
Boy Scout Troop 221	Mowing 11 pioneer cemeteries	11,000.00
Bryan Health	Court-related costs	24.60
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copy overage	16.64
Centec Cast Metal Products	Vets grave markers, flags	1298.10
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	705.78
Cidnet	Data for inmate purchase	999.90
City of Wymore	Qtrly EMS svc	10,000.00
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2848.36
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	700.70
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	354.95
Community Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl. exam	40.00
Community Physicians Clinic, RHC	Pre-empl. exam	121.00
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	518.90
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler rental	139.00
Datashield Corporation	Doc destruction	24.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	62.94
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc suppl, equip	2642.92
FAC – Forms Assoc. Co.	Elec. env.	5437.00
Farmers Cooperative	Tires, oil changes, etc.	563.98
First Wireless	EM equip. repair	4579.69
Gage County	Fund trnsfr to Econ Dev	50,000.00
Gage County Court	Court costs	3639.00
Gage County Petty Cash	Reim. for Diversion Fund	5000.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	780.00
Griffiths Hovendick Chapel	Transport fees	425.00
Hampton Inn, Kearney	Lodging	379.63
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Janitorial/restroom supplies	719.61
Health & Human Services, Xray Reg	Annl. renewal	200.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	463.56
Idemia Identity & Security USA	Svc maint agrmt	3257.00
Kiesler’s Police Supply	Firearms	2763.07

KMA Tree Service	Removing 5 trees & stumps	6900.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Kristine Riekenberg	Court Reporting, Mntl hlth hrng	834.00
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc fees	112.38
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrng	330.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	1689.84
Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home	Co. cremation	1000.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Co Ct scanning equip rent	265.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil Process Svr fees	313.32
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc.	5404.65
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2079.00
NACO	Co Assn mbrshp dues, conf registration	3412.81
Nelson, Clark & Timan PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Utilities	39.25
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	1100.00
NPZA	P&Z workshop	20.00
Petersen Reporting	Audio transcript	536.90
Pinpoint Communications	Co internet	270.17
Plymouth Electric & Auto	Lighting proj.	15,826.59
Priority Printing	Printed materials	352.12
Quill – Ext.	Ext. vacuum	86.02
Quill – EMS	Offc supp.	51.98
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supp.	319.19
Ray’s Welding	Window frames	990.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	2364.66
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob phones	110.47
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Rep. at TERC	540.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	3086.76
Thomson Reuters, West Pmt. Ctr.	Law Library subscr.	3763.97
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	274.79
TreviPay	Offc supplies	199.06
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, meals, fuel, etc.	1649.72
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	312.93
Village of Clatonia, Clat. Rescue	Qtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, equip.	580.74
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.83
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	9564.40

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,646.10
All Copy Products	Copy overage	50.74
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Traffic patch	155.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	99,458.53
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Suppl, materials, etc.	529.97
Capital One, NA	Vinyl fabric	8.22
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	12,900.61
City of Wymore	Utilities	94.70
Commercial Ind. Supply	Shop furnace repair	374.36
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	29.55
Farmer’s Cooperative	Propane, tire changeovers, svc call	700.60
Fastenal Co.	Bolts, nuts	364.99
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	6884.46
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	2492.90
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part	71.30
Johnny’s Welding, Inc.	Iron	94.08
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy data pkg.	192.32
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	146.75
O’Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	418.33
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt	132.80
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	3084.73
Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc.	Fuel, oil	20,970.96
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	1238.36
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Microwave, traps	127.88
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60
Westlake Ace Hardware	Hardware	29.60

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease	302.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	64,765.52
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin fees	40,150.00

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2273.01
Beatrice Public Schools	Sept Diversion fees	900.00

Community Economic Development Fund

NGage	Co share of Econ Dev	36,462.42
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,187.62
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,249.10
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.85

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,013.60
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,273.92

Diversion Program Fund

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	173.89
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #5 which was on in error. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #2511000088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$6,884.46. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #2511000091 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$94.08, bringing the total amount of claims paid through November 12, 2025, to \$835,363.22. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Roy Lauby, 8548 E Spruce Rd., Wymore NE, Organizer of the group of protestors speaking that they have met every Sunday since April 6th on the west side of the courthouse, saying that they are there to be a positive voice, not negative. They feel we are losing our democracy. Also speaking to the board were Coranne Moss, 415 S 12th St., Wymore NE; Don Schuller, 9415 E Sage Rd., Wymore NE; Teresa Burt, 1601 Elk St., Beatrice NE; Charles Riedesel, 721 Grant St., Beatrice NE; Chuck Bentjen, present as neighbor, Pastor and attorney for Mr. Lauby, 1007 N 10th St., Beatrice NE.

Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE spoke to let the individuals present saying that she attends the board meetings and that the county board is trying to be fair and create a policy not just for this group but for any group that might be here.

Lytle joined meeting during public comments at 9:16 a.m.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Deputy Chavez and Lytle on Law Enforcement; Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations; and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. East ramp door is installed, Jones thanked Clerk Dawn Hill for applying and receiving a grant to cover the cost of the new sliding door on ground floor, East side. Flags around courthouse will come down on Wed.

Haxby left meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Gage County to allow the County to Join on NDVA database "VetraSpec" in order to assist veterans &/or their eligible dependents to access benefits. The MOU is for the period of 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m. until November 26, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

I, Dawn Hill, County Clerk of Gage County, do hereby certify that the above records are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Witness my hand and official seal this 12th day of November 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on November 26, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on November 13, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann and Eddie Dorn present, Gary Lytle and Terry Jurgens 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 \$936,927.43 except claim #2511000211 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00, claim #2511000213 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$1,174.65, claim #2511000214 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$2,939.20 & claim #2511000220 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$33,533.53 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve reappointing John Hill as Blue Rivers Area Agency of Aging governing board; 6. Receive FY2024 Cost Allocation Plan and authorize Chairman to sign Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	180,951.95
All Copy Products	Dist Ct copy overage	74.51
Applied Connective Technologies	IT provider/svcs	34,819.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts	shf veh phones, hot spots, etc.	686.68
AutoZone	Parts, supplies, labor	514.75
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5080.64
Beatrice Public Library	Books, etc.	19,798.00
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	273.63
Black Hills Energy Det 5089	Ext offc utilities	137.85
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	181.69
Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal maint.	12,075.00
Charm-TEX, Inc.	Inmate provisions	681.02
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	378.00
Column Software	Publications	893.07
Credit Information Systems	Empl. screen	15.75
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Davis Design	Prof. design svcs	2362.50
Dept of Rev., Property Assessment	Residual tax refunds	16,116.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Shf offc supplies	883.74
FAC – Forms Assoc. Co.	Court calendars	37.00
Fairfield Inn & Suites	Lodging	259.90
First Wireless, Inc.	EM svc contract	739.38
Gage County	Fund transfer to Econ. Dev.	78,182.57
Gage County Treasurer	Shf veh title & tire tax	15.00
Galls, Inc.	Shf uniforms	882.41
Garcia Clinical Laboratory	Shf lab svcs	5.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	747.00
Green Way Lawn Services, LLC	Mowing	435.00
Hampton Inn & Suites, Scottsbluff	Lodging	642.00
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin svcs	157.82
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	4427.50
Jurors	Jury fees	1642.20
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	3113.42
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Svc fee	18.73
Land Survey Tech	Co. Surveyor operating expns	6398.65
Matthew Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	1859.00
Mead Lumber	Caulk & gun, ext. concrete	588.83

Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler	Annl inspection	495.00
NACO	Suprv. annl conf. regis. x 3	480.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	369.20
Physicians Laboratory, PC	Autopsy/morgue fees	8030.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf veh graphics	905.00
Production Creek, LLC	Inmate provisions	120.00
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping fees	168.32
Quadient, Inc.	Env. opener maint.	1255.32
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	447.36
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	1706.60
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	38.23
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	29.75
Spectrum Charter	EM subscr.	11.51
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	7087.50
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	9535.59
Sunset Law Enforcement, LLC	Law Enf supplies	14,402.30
Twin Rivers Chry Jeep Dodge	Shf veh oil change	121.24
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Emer Rspns cell phones	223.97
Verizon Wireless Cnty EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	325.19
Village of Adams	Qtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Washington Co., NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	2015.00
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	16,695.00
Woods & Aitken	Prof. lgl svcs	4498.00
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repair	4215.44
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.92

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,045.07
Ace Irrigation & Mfg./Eaton Metals	Culverts	68,252.60
BASWA	Waste disposal	78.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	395.57
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	67,015.36
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	92.95
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	51.30
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	620.44
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	5638.56
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Column Software	Publications	130.54
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	33.13
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	185.00
Fastenal Company, Inc.	Drill bits	107.45
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	1174.65
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Iron	2939.20
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Part	5.31
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	50,061.80
Midwest Unlimited, LLC	Cables	215.80
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	1843.03
Norris Public Power	Utilities	332.15
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	33,533.53
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	24,444.76
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	26,848.95
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Visitor's Improvement Fund

Beatrice Sertoma Club	Grant – Astro Park Imprvmnts	20,000.00
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	34,453.77
Mutual of Omaha	Ins premiums	539.42

Inheritance Fund

Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Digital evidence mgmt software	14,460.40
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County Buildings Fund

Hamm Glass	Sliding glass door, installation	20,115.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,899.73
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,087.89
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,259.51

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,973.04
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,227.94

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #2511000211 to Diversified Drug Testing in the amount of \$185.00. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Clabaugh abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #2511000213 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$1,174.65 & claim #2511000220 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$33,533.53. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #2511000214 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$2,939.20, bringing the total amount of claims paid through November 26, 2025, to \$974,759.81. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn & Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Haxby on Equalization & Finance/Insurance; Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations; Shf. Millard Gustafson & Doug Klaus on Law Enf. & Emg. Mgmt., and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included winter lights – good crowd; sliding door almost completed; E-citation software. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Lytle present in meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to close bids at 9:17 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Gage County 2025 Culverts Group 2, Proj. C-34(1212, 1215, 1251, 1254, & 1302). Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from: Ace Eaton Metals, Kearney NE, in the amount of \$167,010.70; Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City MO, in the amount of \$215,617.85; Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC, Roca NE, in the amount of \$170,756.84 & Midwest Service & Sales, Schuyler NE, in the amount of \$222,582.59. Bids were referred to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in meeting.

Back to committee meetings with Dorn on Road & Bridge.

Highway Supt. gave recommendation on culvert bids Group 2. He recommends Ace Eaton Metals as low bid.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve awarding bid to Ace Eaton Metals as the low bid of \$167,010.70 for Metal Culverts Group 2. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:50 a.m. Back in session at 9:58 with all members previously listed present. Vice

Nicole Stoner - Education Educator, was present and gave an Extension activity update.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to receive Extension update and place on file. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chair Haxby assumed meeting as Tiemann left meeting.

Shf. Millard Gustafson presented the annual report for the Sheriff, Jail and Courthouse Screening Station.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to receive the annual Sheriff’s report and place it on file. Motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-13

WHEREAS, on or about April 18, 2025, the City of Beatrice hereinafter referred to as “City” and Gage County hereinafter referred to as “County” entered into an Inter-local Agreement to provide funding to Gage County Economic Development, Inc., a Nebraska Nonprofit Organization, hereinafter referred to as “GCED” for economic development efforts in Gage County; and,

WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2008, City and County terminated the agreement with GCED; and,

WHEREAS, the agreement between City, County, and GCED called for GCED to reimburse City and County all unexpended funds; and,

WHEREAS, City, County, and GCED have been made aware of unexpended funds in a bank account controlled by GCED; and,

WHEREAS, City and County desire to enter into an Agreement whereby City and County agree that all of the remaining funds in GCED’s account will disburse fifty percent (50%) to City and fifty percent (50%) to County; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into an Agreement regarding the disbursement of the remaining GCED funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

SECTION 1: The Chairman and the Gage County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to execute the Amendment with the City of Beatrice and any and all documents necessary, regarding the disbursement of the remaining GCED funds. A Copy of said Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by this reference.

SECTION 2: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Dated: this 26th day of November, 2025.

Motion by: Lytle
Seconded by: Clabaugh

<p>Ayes</p> <p><u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u></p> <p><u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u></p> <p><u>/s/ Rick Clabaugh</u></p> <p><u>/s/ Rex Adams</u></p> <p><u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u></p> <p>Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>Nays</p> <p><u>None</u></p>
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ATTEST:
/s/ Dawn Hill (SEAL)
County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to approve adopting Resolution #25-13 to enter into an agreement with the City of Beatrice that all remaining funds in the GCED account will be disbursed as 50% to the City and 50% to the County. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to go into closed session at 10:25 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

Clabaugh left meeting at 11:12 a.m. during closed session.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. until December 10, 2025.

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

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

/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 26th day of November, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 10, 2025, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on November 24, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$1,220,210.36 which does not include claim #2512000068 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$50.00 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 2025; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1340 to Norris Public Power District. Norris Public Power will be installing a new electrical line under Pine Road for Solar Site approximately 2,375’ West of SW 103rd and Pine Road intersection. Norris will bore a 3” diameter by 60’ deep line under Pine Road to Power pole on South side of Pine Road. Located North of Section 28, T-2-N, R-7-E, Elm Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	175,954.22
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	11,112.83
All Copy Products	Copier leases and copy overages	335.03
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Dist Ct supplies	69.18
Applied Connective Technologies	Access control/surveillance	1775.00
BadgeandWallet.com	Name plate	46.95
Bragg Animal Control	Animal retrieval	90.00
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV, Prob. internet	445.26
CidNet	Data purchased for jail	999.90
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svcs.	10,000.00
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2846.28
Column Software	Publications	90.26
Correctional Risk Svcs.	Inmate medical svcs	4160.62
Creative Services of New England	Jr Shf sticker badges	413.95
Culligan of Lincoln	Water & cooler	171.00
Dept. of Correctional Services	Inmate medical	59.04
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl Hlth Bd. Hrng	330.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1338.30
Farm & Home Publishers, Ltd.	Plat books	810.00
Farmer’s Cooperative	Tires, repairs, oil changes, etc.	876.50
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower rental	440.00
Gage County	Fund transfer – Gen to Road	400,000.00
Galls, LLC	Inmate provisions	1403.35
GBE, CPA	Audit fees	4250.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob internet	79.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Prof. legal svcs.	2737.50
Griffiths Hovendick Chapel	Co. cremation	1200.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	768.38
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	1872.88
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl Hlth hrng	330.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Courts scanning	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	IT svcs	5404.65
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Institutions	279.00
NE Title Co.	Title reports	1200.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
NI Govt. Services, Inc.	SAT phones x 3 mos.	267.06

Norris Public Power	Horvath Tower utilities	39.37
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	80.00
Philippi Electric	Parts, labor	1044.80
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Pinpoint Communications	Cths internet	270.17
Region 5 Systems	EPC svcs	7280.00
Sack Lumber	Tools, supplies	665.39
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	2210.78
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	110.39
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Legal svcs, Hosp. Auth.	1485.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	24.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2970.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meals	3075.75
T-Mobile USA, Inc.	Investigative expns	50.00
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint., svc call/parts/labor	1712.79
TreviPay	Prob offc supplies	105.72
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob.	Cell phones	312.93
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	16.19
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.31
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.92

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,505.82
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	116,070.75
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies, tools, etc.	1922.11
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	3231.07
City of Wymore	Utilities	120.63
Echo Group	Light fixtures	710.80
Farmers Cooperative	Mount tires	558.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Cable, repeater rental	405.12
Gage County Equipment, Inc.	Part	21.29
Johnny's Welding	Labor	50.00
Landmark Implement	Parts	552.06
Mead Lumber Co.	Concrete mix, tools, vent	73.93
Medical Enterprises	Drug testing	113.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Part	57.66
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	7062.59
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, grease	18,002.06
Tractor Supply	Supplies	140.31
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	889.64
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Repair parts, labor	155.00

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscapes, Inc.	2024 culvert proj. final pmt.	110,333.00
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Visitor's Improvement Fund

Blue Springs Tourism Enh. Project	Phase 1 of proj.	6886.14
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numerical indexes	228.27
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	103,408.21
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin fees	40,435.37

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	1573.40
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,741.06
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,843.59
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.85

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,004.13
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,263.18

Diversion Program Fund

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	120.36
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #2512000068 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$50.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through December 10, 2025 to \$1,220,260.36. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Marcella Rademacher, 9247 S 96th Rd., Adams NE, spoke under public comments regarding property valuation protest.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources/Employee Relations; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Lytle & Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management; and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included second door for first floor; LED light installation by Plymouth Electric is almost complete; panic buttons installed; solar project; grant writer; cost of ice control material; and bridge match program. Jurgens commented that we probably have the best grant writer in the state (Haxby) as she has brought in thousands and thousands of dollars to the county through grants.

Tom Bliss, Executive Director of Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND), presented an update of SEND activities. He also introduced new employee Amanda North, and Housing Inspector Brent Pendgraft. They talked about home buying programs, CDBG projects, and buying homes for renovation to be put on the market at affordable prices. They stressed that they are fortunate to have Tiemann and Haxby to work with on different projects.

Tom Bliss discussed the importance of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between SEND and Gage County, giving SEND the much-needed ability to own property.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with SEND. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to approve an RFP (Request for Proposals) for a Grant Writer for the county. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Discussion on what to do with acquired GCED funds.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m. until December 24, 2025.

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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 10th day of December, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	169,170.42
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Consulting, data proc.	11,490.40
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile internet	695.18
ATPI	Shf supplies	470.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Load to dump	32.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4683.10
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Cement for sidewalk patch	38.75
Beatrice Humane Society	Contract svcs	7083.30
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal, ice melt	1060.00
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	310.58
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	517.42
Blue360 Media	Law books	308.30
CASA of Gage Co.	Child Advocacy	5723.58
City Motor Supply	Tractor battery	53.56
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	402.00
Clerk of District Ct.	Court costs	1010.87
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	122.83
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qrtrly EMS svc x 2	3000.00
Critical Hire	Pre-empl. exam	25.00
Daniel & Brooke Barr	Cemetery maint.	1000.00
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	196.00
Davis Design, Inc.	Prof svcs	5779.14
Deines Pharmacy	Inmate medical	18.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	62.94
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth bd hrngs	330.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Prob copier leases, copy overages	854.42
Echo Group	Supplies	34.40
Fankhauser, Nelsen, et al	Atty fees	1760.00
First Wireless	Equip repair, svc contract	1451.17
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	577.00
HD Supply	Restroom supplies	962.80
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FBA admin fees	157.82
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1705.00
Johnson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	585.00
Jones Automotive	Shf veh repairs	7271.97
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Spraying	530.00
Kiesler's Police Supply	Shf supplies	16,578.20
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	3103.93

General Fund cont.

Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl Hlth bd hrngs	330.00
Lepant Law Office	Mntl Hlth bd hrngs	330.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Jail door lock	87.99
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning Equip	192.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil proc fees	173.04
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	360.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Parts, labor	1712.53
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	45.00
Plymouth Electric & Auto	LED lighting	17,155.00
Precision Auto Tune	PU repairs	226.82
Quadient Leasing	Meter lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc suppl	70.88
Quill – Prob.	Offc suppl	159.79
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	256.50
Region 5 Systems	EPC billing	21,462.28
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith Schafer Davis, LLC	Atty fees	1219.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	6150.12
The Crete News	Publication	13.18
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Mntl Hlth bd hrngs	330.00
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Cntr	Law Library subscr.	3763.97
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, meals, travel	1571.46
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	223.97
Washington Co NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	3835.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	18,165.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	1116.92

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	47,176.24
AutoZone	Part	277.06
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	72.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	474.62
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Ice sand, rock	16,399.00
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	208.33
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	2609.47
Larry's Tire & Service	Changeovers, repairs	1740.00
Midwest Unlimited	Supplies	327.90
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	588.47
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, suppl.	592.98
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Gravel, hauling	5335.70
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	13,202.79
Truck Center Companies	Part	40.58
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Equip., suppl.	643.19
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	11.34
Zoellner Ford	Oil	73.35

Insurance Fund

Clabaugh Pharmacy	Empl. flu shots	1842.71
Gage Co. Health Ins.	Employee ins claims paid	77,250.27
Mutual of Omaha	Vol. ins. policy premiums	538.51

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2252.64
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County Buildings Fund

Lammel Plumbing	East entrance contract work per bid	19,300.00
Masonry Construction, Inc.	East entrance contract work per bid, I-beam	20,304.00

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,201.46
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,324.64
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.83

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,184.38
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,467.48

Diversion Program Fund

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	172.32
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #2512000184 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$5,335.70. This brings the total amount of claims paid through December 24, 2025, to \$644,136.90. 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, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources, Lytle on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt. & Haxby on Rd & Bridge. Items discussed were lighting project, claims submitted from Lammel & Masonry Const. During Human Resources a plaque was presented to Roger Harris, County Atty., for his years of service to the county and wished him well in his retirement.

Christina Lyons spoke on the changes in the Juvenile Services grant application.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve FY 2027 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant Application and having Chairman sign. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the Tourism and Visitors Improvement Grant. Laureen Riedesel thanked Dawn Hill for assisting in getting the grant payments processed with the loss of employees at Tourism/Chamber. Lytle thanked Laureen for stepping up and keeping things going. Discussion also included what the amount allowed for grants might be. This will be voted on next meeting.

No action taken on Visitors Improvement Grant to Beatrice Youth Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for Hannibal Park Ballfield Initiative. This grant will be on the agenda at the next board meeting.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Adams to approve Visitors Improvement Grant to Community Players Revitalization Campaign in the amount of \$25,000 for Exterior Wall repairs and Facility updates to theatre. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the resolution for GCED funds. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-14

WHEREAS, Section 23-1114 of the Revised Reissue Statutes of Nebraska provides that the salary of elected officers of the County shall be set for a four-year term at a date not later than January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices; and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has given careful study to the work and responsibility relating to the various offices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the following schedule of salaries be adopted for the term of office commencing January of 2027 for the designated offices per annum:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Year</u>		<u>Pay</u>
County Assessor	2027	Beginning pay	\$94,271.58
	2028		\$99,927.87
	2029		\$104,924.26
	2030		\$109,121.23
County Attorney	2027	Beginning pay	\$141,399.95
	2028		\$149,883.95
	2029		\$157,378.15
	2030		\$163,673.28

Clerk of District Court	2027	Beginning pay	\$94,271.58
	2028		\$99,927.87
	2029		\$104,924.26
	2030		\$109,121.23
County Clerk	2027	Beginning pay	\$94,271.58
	2028		\$99,927.87
	2029		\$104,924.26
	2030		\$109,121.23
County Sheriff	2027	Beginning pay	\$117,042.16
	2028		\$124,064.69
	2029		\$130,267.92
	2030		\$135,478.64
County Treasurer	2027	Beginning pay	\$94,271.58
	2028		\$99,927.87
	2029		\$104,924.26
	2030		\$109,121.23
Register of Deeds	2027	Beginning pay	\$94,271.58
	2028		\$99,927.87
	2029		\$104,924.26
	2030		\$109,121.23
Board of Supervisors	2027	Beginning pay	\$34,704.57
	2028		\$34,704.57
	2029		\$35,051.62
	2030		\$35,051.62
Bd. of Supervisors Chair	2027	Beginning pay	\$40,502.97
	2028		\$40,502.97
	2029		\$40,908.00
	2030		\$40,908.00
Bd. of Supervisors Vice	2027	Beginning pay	\$36,154.17
	2028		\$36,154.17
	2029		\$36,515.71
	2030		\$36,515.71
County Surveyor	2027	Beginning pay	\$28,728.95
	2028		\$30,452.69
	2029		\$31,670.80
	2030		\$32,937.63

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above salary, the above elected officials, including the members of the Gage County Board of Supervisors, shall receive during his or her term of office at county expense the employee’s portion of the County’s health and medical plan, the same as offered to all County employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above salary, the above elected officials, including the members of the Gage County Board of Supervisors, may elect to receive during his or her term of office a payment per month in lieu of the County’s payment as described above for the County’s Health and Medical Plan of Fifty Percent (50%) of what the County is paying at the time for the monthly single premium paid under the County’s Health and Medical Plan that is being offered to all county employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law, directly or indirectly, and shall not directly or indirectly refer any legal matter or civil or criminal litigation to any lawyer, nor directly or indirectly recommend or suggest to any person the employment of any particular lawyer or lawyers to counsel in, conduct, defend, or prosecute any action, case, claim, demand, or legal proceeding, whether in litigation or otherwise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all elected officials, exclusive of the County Surveyor and County Supervisors, shall devote their full time and energies to the duties and responsibilities of their elected offices. Outside employment may be granted by a majority

vote of the Gage County Board of Supervisors and shall not be withheld for arbitrary reasons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to the above salary and benefits, all elected officials, including members of the Gage County Board of Supervisors, shall be enrolled in and shall receive the benefits of the County employee’s retirement plan as set forth by *Neb.Rev.Stat.*, §23-2301.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following schedule of compensation shall apply to the budget-making and levy-making designates of Gage County: any elected official who is qualified to serve as the budget-making authority and is designated as such by the County Board of Supervisors shall receive Nine Thousand Fifty dollars (\$9,050.00) plus any cost of living in 2027, and a cost of living increase, if any, added to the adjusted base for each year for the years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. The cost-of-living increase will be based on the Consumer Price Index as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Midwest Region, U.S. Department of Labor – using U.S. City average for urban wage earners and clerical workers as of May 1, of each budget or levy year. This payment will be issued in a lump sum and be reported on the designees W-2 for that tax year. This payment incurred shall not be included in the calculation of the filing fee for any elected county official, and the County Board will be able to annually make their decision on whom to prepare the budget document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any elected official who is qualified to serve as the levy-making authority and is designated as such by the County Board of Supervisors, shall receive One Thousand Two hundred Dollars (\$1200.00) plus any cost of living in 2027, and a cost-of-living increase, if any, added to the adjusted base for each year for the years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. The cost-of-living increase will be based on the Consumer Price Index as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Midwest Region, U.S. Department of Labor – using U.S. City average for urban wage earners and clerical workers as of May 1 of each budget or levy year. This payment will be issued in a lump sum and be reported on the designees W-2 for that tax year. This incurred payment shall not be included in the calculation of the filing fee for any elected county official, and the County Board will be able to annually make their decision on whom to prepare the levy document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Clerk will also serve as the County Election Commissioner and will receive additional compensation in the amount of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$9,800.00) in 2027, and a cost-of-living increase, if any, added to the adjusted base for each year for the years 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. The cost-of-living increase will be based on the Consumer Price Index as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Midwest Region, U.S. Department of Labor – using U.S. City average for urban wage earners and clerical workers as of May 1 of each budget or levy year. This payment will be issued in a lump sum and be reported on the designees W-2 for that tax year. This payment incurred shall not be included in the calculation of the filing fee for any elected county official.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Board of Supervisors wishes to set the following salaries and percentages of their respective officials’ salary for the Deputy Assessor, Deputy Clerk of the District Court, Deputy Register of Deeds, Deputy Treasurer, Deputy County Clerk, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Chief Deputy Sheriff:

	(% of officials)	
Deputy Assessor	75%	\$70,703.69
Deputy Clerk of District Court	75%	\$70,703.69
Deputy Register of Deeds	75%	\$70,703.69
Deputy Treasurer	75%	\$70,703.69
Deputy County Clerk	75%	\$70,703.69
Chief Deputy Sheriff	75%	\$87,781.62
Chief Deputy County Attorney	80%	\$113,119.96

WHEREAS, this salary shall be a base salary for these persons beginning with any elected term of those offices in January, 2027 through December, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned deputies will receive the same percentage of increase as the elected officials in those offices for the remainder of the following years:

January, 2028 – December, 2028
January, 2029 – December, 2029
January, 2030 – December, 2030

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

Yea: Adams, Clabaugh, Haxby, Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn, Jurgens

Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to adopt Resolution #25-14 for 2027-2030 Officials' Salaries. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. until January 7, 2026.

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 24th Day of December 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk