

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 22, 2023, at 8:47 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$1,357,519.38 which does not include claim #23030116 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$975.00, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1270 to Nextlink. Nextlink will be installing new fiber lines per the submitted DSA #1 Pickrell. All new fiber line will be installed in the county ROW per Nextlink. Nextlink will be installing fiber lines for DSA #1 from Birch Road to Sargent, between SW 100th to S. 110th. (DSA #1 plans for locations will be available in the Highway Departments Office) Located in Clatonia, Highland, Nemaha, Adams, Grant, Holt, Hanover, Hooker, Blakley, Midland, Logan, and Filley Twps.; 6. Approve receiving Sheriff’s Statement on collection of distress warrants for February, 2023.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	149,833.73
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	12,970.40
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf. FirstNet mobile phone svc.	526.21
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5478.45
Beatrice Fire Protection	Fire ext. inspections	120.00
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal	975.00
Beatrice Public Schools	MAPS juvenile justice	3112.00
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Svc call, jail	105.00
Bob Barker Co., Inc.	Inmate provisions	180.73
Burke, Brown Law, LLC	Atty fees	1111.50
Charter Communications	Prob. phones	192.96
City of Beatrice	Qtrly EMS svc., gbg svc.	45,264.96
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp, pre-empl screen	50.00
Wendy Cutting	Court transcripts	510.50
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	54.60
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	17.12
Detectachem, Inc.	Drug testing supplies	323.00
Diode Communications	Monitoring	80.85
Douglas Co. Sheriff	Shf. fees	12.80
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrngs	190.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	4679.68
Echo Group	Adj. watt lights	59.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc. retirement	12.00
First Wireless	EM svc agrmt, lic. fee	805.20
Flood Communications Beatrice, LLC	Storm spotter trng ad	50.00
Frontier Appliance, LLC	Replace jail oven thermostat	300.00
Gage County	Fund transfer to Road	400,000.00
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing fee	16.00
Gage Co. Sheriff’s Offc.	Shf. fees/mlg	658.47
Garcia Clinical Lab	Jail lab svcs	13.00
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	3201.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	325.71
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	165.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier lease	159.48
Jack’s Uniforms & Equipment	Shf. uniforms	26.80
Jefferson Co. Sheriff’s Office	Boarding inmates	150.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1187.50
Jim’s Carpet & Supplies	Base molding	47.73
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc. retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing	Plbg supplies, labor	1718.26
Leo’s Jewelry, Inc.	Recognition award	156.00

Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	2251.50
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	819.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	399.57
Mead Lumber	Supplies	48.59
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions	ID card supplies	790.37
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	638.40
Monroe Systems for Business, Inc.	Ribbons	71.64
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	798.00
NACO	Vets mtg registr	40.00
Naylor, Rappl Law Office, PC LLO	Atty fees	566.40
NE Title Co.	Atty title report	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath tower electricity	49.30
Northeast Auto	Towing	202.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	83.35
Theodore Paben	Snow removal	50.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	70.00
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expense	384.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf graphics	2475.00
Priority Printing	Prob. env.	272.46
Psychological Resources	Pre-empl eval	150.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	389.25
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	41.38
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	318.66
Region V Systems	EPC billing	856.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrngs	190.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	5327.83
Saunders Co. Shf.	Svc of papers	6.00
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	114.14
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitor Shf fire alarm	35.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Sherwin Williams Co.	Paint, supplies	98.30
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	36.50
Spectrum	EM cable TV	11.55
Stanard Appraisal	Appraisal maint., pick up work	7768.50
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc.	8095.96
T.O. Haas Tire	Oil changes, tires, repairs	1336.56
The Home Depot Pro	Parts	47.84
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Deposition transcript	158.73
Thomson Reuters	Law Library subscr	2602.54
TridentCare	Inmate medical	62.00
Twin Rivers	Shf veh repairs	11,248.42
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	VetraSpec renewal	898.00
UN of NE Extension	2 computers & monitors	5091.96
UN of NE Lincoln	Ext Offc internet connectivity	1200.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, fuel	446.10
U.S. Post Service – Postmaster	Weed Dept stamps	126.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	216.84
Village of Clatonia	Clatonia Rescue Qtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	12,600.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	283.32
Windstream – Ext	Phones	311.44
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	406.80
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	311.44
Windstream – Shf	Phones	608.72
Windstream – Cths	Phones	2133.37
Wolfe, Snowden, Hurd, et al	Prof. legal svcs.	40.00
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	987.50
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	463.60
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,588.17
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	8916.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	938.55
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Asphalt patch material	411.62

Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	21,619.26
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co.	Parts, tool	707.92
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	311.10
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	226.34
Concrete Industries	Asphalt sealant	9126.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	146.58
Echo Group	Bulbs	61.08
FilterCare of NE	Part	21.10
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Landmark Implement	Parts	619.76
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug/alcohol testing	150.00
NMC Exchange	Parts	786.24
Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.	Supplies	135.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	384.79
PowePlan	Parts, labor	2206.59
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor, 2023 Mack truck	216,705.43
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Fuel, grease, anti-freeze	19,631.28
Theisen Construction, Inc.	2022 Pile repair proj., cert #2	168,620.50
Truck Center Companies	Parts	932.52
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	932.44
U.S. Bank/Corp Payment System	Part, sand bags	364.98
Verizon Connect NWF, Inc.	Veh. GPS	259.04
Westlake Ace Hardware	Oil, supplies	147.41
Zep Sales & Service	Degreaser	249.01

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee Health Ins. claims paid	64,428.51
Mutual of Omaha	Ins. premiums/admin svcs	585.31

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion program	2500.00
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Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

Universal Broadband Consulting Ltd.	Broadband internet project	260.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	10,385.20
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	10,883.17
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,291.42

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,009.71
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,242.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	10,736.10

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

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #23030116 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$975.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through March 22, 2023 to \$1,358,494.38. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Steve Janssen, 13005 E Locust Rd., Virginia, NE spoke under public comments regarding the condition of 162nd Road. He said the road was narrowed up and that his son went into ditch. He would like to see the road hard surfaced.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle on Law Enforcement, Lisa W. on Emergency Management, and Jurgens, Tiemann and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items of discussion were meetings with architects, public hearings for Special Use Permits, a bridge by Barneston, progress of the broadband project and the need for help from the community, and a meeting with the Gage County Broadband Outreach Group at 402 in the back room on March 30th at 7:00 p.m., for those that want an update on the Broadband project or to assist with other projects pertaining to the Broadband.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve recommendation on a Special Designated Liquor License for St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Beatrice for a

Wine/Ale/Spirit Tasting Fundraiser event to be held at The Red Barn Farm, 1038 W Sargent Rd., Beatrice NE, on April 28, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

Planning & Zoning Administrator Lisa Wiegand gave the P&Z Commission’s recommendation on Special Use Permit #2023-1 for a greenhouse, saying that one concern with the owner was the use of herbicides by surrounding farmers but that he had spoken to them about it. The P&Z’s recommendation was to approve the Special Use Permit.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on Special Use Permit #2023-1 for the placement of a commercial greenhouse operation to be placed in the SE ¼ of Section 28 in Logan Township. Motion carried 7-0.

Speaking in support of the permit was Ashley Mason, 1300 Lincoln St., Beatrice NE. Applicant Eric Jobman, 6509 E Hoyt Rd., Beatrice NE, said the permit is for a commercial greenhouse to grow products to sell to the community.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:19 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Short recess at 9:20 a.m. Reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on Gage County’s 1- & 6- Year Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Speaking at the public hearing were: Tracy Zimmerman, 32741 S 162nd Rd., Virginia NE; Lenhart Fritzen, 29813 S 120th Rd., Beatrice NE; Steve Janssen, 13005 E Locust Rd., Virginia NE; Steve Knoche, 28827 S 176th Rd., Virginia NE; and Rick Clabaugh, 326 Morton Dr., Beatrice. Discussion included grants being pursued to improve 162nd Rd. and would like some help from the county; encouragement to approve the 1 & 6 and making it a priority; the cost to armor coat a mile (Tiemann estimated \$15,000); the difference in price of concrete vs asphalt; getting caught up on rock and gravel allocations; funeral traffic to cemetery in Sherman Twp.; S 134th Rd between Lilac and Linden roads and discussions about county taking it over but would leave it as a township road; Linden Rd. is bad apple with muddy patches, needs to be resurfaced, should make it a priority on 1 & 6; SENDD spoke at Virginia Village meeting and informed them of a grant through Sen. Fischer’s Office which they did apply for, local realtor looking at 4-5 lots with the possibility of building houses, Village is excited for what can develop in the village.

Haxby spoke about 2 projects missing on the 1 & 6 plan which are the Buss River Bridge replacement on Dogwood Rd., proj. C34-12405, and mill & overlays of Christ Lutheran Church blacktop between S 25th Rd. and Hwy 41, and Pickrell East blacktop.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION #23-03

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

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

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22nd day of March, 2023.

Motion by: Jurgens Second by: Lytle

Vote: Aye - 7 Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve Resolution #23-03 adopting the 1- & 6-Year Highway Improvement Plan with amended additions.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve amending the 1- & 6- Year Highway Improvement Plan to include the Buss River Bridge replacement – Bridge # C003412405, on Dogwood Rd., between SW 100th and North Blue Ridge Drive “Christ Lutheran Road” mill/overlay – South 25th Road between Hwy 41 to East Pickrell Road – 6 miles. Motion carried 7-0.

Vote taken on original motion to approve adopting Resolution #23-03 approving the 1- & 6- Year Highway Improvement Plan with amended additions, motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 9:52 a.m. for security. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Jurgens left the meeting.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Haxby to adjourn the Board of Supervisors Meeting at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. until April 5, 2023.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at www.gagecountynebraska.us.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

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

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

Witness my hand and official seal this 22nd day of March, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk