



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on June 28, 2023, at 8:54 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Eddie Dorn absent.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$492,385.68, which does not include claim #23060256 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$87.33 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve the State Print Shop for printing Budget message postcards for Joint Public Hearing (Per LB644); 6. Approve Utility Permit #1277 to Pinpoint Communications Inc. Pinpoint will be installing new fiber line for the City of Beatrice. Pinpoint will be occupying the Gage County ROW along Sumner Street and Belvidere Road. Pinpoint will be performing underground continuous boring and aerial pole attachment for new fiber line. All work is in the East grader ditch of Sumner Street and North grader ditch of Belvidere Road. Located West and South of Section 4, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 7. Approve Utility Permit 1278 to Nextlink. Nextlink will be installing new fiber lines per the submitted DSA #3 Cortland. All new fiber line will be installed in the county ROW per Nextlink plans. Nextlink will be installing fiber lines for DSA #3 from Cedar Road to Apple Road, between SW 114th to 94th Road. (DSA #3 plans for details and locations will be available in the Highway Departments Office) Located in Clatonia, Highland, Holt, and Nemaha Twps.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1279 to Ideus Ag, LLC. Ideus Ag will have Wrightsman Trenching bore an 8" diameter by 5-foot-deep line for new water/irrigation pipe. Wrightsman will start North of Elm Road from irrigation reservoir and bore South through Gage County's ROW, under Elm Road to the South side of Gage County's ROW, then continue all work on private property. Located south of Section 33, T-5-N, R-8-E, Hooker Twp and North of Section 4, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Twp.; 9. Approve signing letter of support for NBBP application.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	158,505.12
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products	DocRecord svc, Ext. Offc. copy overage	907.80
AT&T Mobility	Shf FirstNet phones	596.21
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5059.71
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Shf veh repair	35.00
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Shf veh repair parts, labor	600.16
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm. Juvenile Justice Aid Grant	3034.68
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	304.20
Burke Brown Law, LLC	Atty fees	2567.27
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	61.80
CenTec Cast Metal Products	Bronze veteran markers & stakes	1041.83
Charter Communications	Prob. phones & internet	192.96
Cidnet	Shf data purchase	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc., Qtrly EMS svc.	45,287.96
Clabaugh Pharmacy	Inmate medical	45.00
Comfort Inn, Kearney	ROD & Clerk lodging	479.80
Credit Information Systems	Mbrshp, pre-empl screening	50.00
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Suprv lodging	139.95
Diode Technologies	Jail equip., supplies	7996.56
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	285.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Copy paper, cartridges	2280.00
Fankhauser, Nelsen, Werts, et al	Atty fees	1282.50
First Wireless	Maint. fee, repeater rental	1124.68
Gage County Sheriff's Office	Shf fees/mlg	723.42
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	115.57
Government Forms & Supplies	Treas. supplies	58.00

Great Plains Uniforms	Shf. uniforms	112.15
Hartman Auto Repair	Shf. veh repairs	5250.08
Homestead LEPC	Dues	217.99
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	138.82
IAPE	Shf mbrshp renewal	65.00
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA Admin fees	141.48
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	5248.75
Ken's Pest Control	Ext Offc insecticide	70.00
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrngs	465.50
NE Assn of Co Clks & Reg of Deeds	ROD mbrshp fees	50.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Institutions	3023.26
NI Government Services	SAT phone 2 mos.	154.78
NMC, Inc.	Inspections	2847.75
Noakes	Repairs, parts, labor	1217.44
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expense	2350.00
Primary Arms, LLC	Shf firearms	3487.72
Priority Printing	Printed supplies	6377.28
Production Creek	Shf uniforms	41.00
Quadient Finance	Auto-ship ink	400.90
Quadient, Inc.	Document folder/mail feeder	5662.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	257.41
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	177.98
Kris Riekenberg	Court reporting	285.00
Ron's Body Shop	Shf veh deductible	500.00
Nathan Schwab	Pin Oak trmt	175.00
NE Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Sherwin-Williams	Paint	20.34
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	921.50
Spectrum	EM cable TV	11.55
Street Cop Training	Training	199.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc.	5424.14
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies, vacuum	1632.16
U-Line	EM supplies	127.31
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, equip, lodging, etc.	4913.51
Verizon – EM	Phones, hot spot	216.74
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	6045.00
Westlake Hardware	Tools, hoses, batteries, leaf blower, etc.	2019.98
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	310.93
Windstream – Prob.	Phones	405.94
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	306.91
Windstream – Shf	Phones	607.15
Windstream – Cths	Phones	2132.69
Windstream – Vets	Phones	246.97
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,546.09
BASWA	Waste disposal	211.80
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	418.51
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	38,942.28
Beatrice Fire Protection	Fire Ext inspections, supplies	134.60
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	105.00
Blue Valley Door	Supplies	63.96
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	4261.76
Champlin Tire Recycling	Tire disposal	4340.85
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
Fastenal	Nuts	6.50
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Gage Co. Treasurer	Title & tire tax	22.00
Johnny's Welding	Supplies	87.33
Larry's Tire & Service	Repairs, mountings	456.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	461.93
RDO Truck Centers	Parts	268.21
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	10,787.18
T.O. Haas Tire	Parts, labor	2866.97
Truck Center Companies	Supplies	358.80
Verizon Connect	Veh. GPS	259.04
Westlake Hardware	Tools, supplies	379.67

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce Lodging tax		10,416.37
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Insurance Fund

Cynthia Hogan	Ins. reimb.	193.58
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	19,063.11
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins. premiums, admin fees	28,940.83
Mutual of Omaha	Employee elective ins. premiums	538.20

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,046.77
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,125.60

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,736.88
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,101.77

Insurance Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	14.81

Tiemann asked for motion to approve consent agenda. Schuller asked about correcting something from the previous minutes. Tiemann asked if he'd like to pull item #2 to approve the previous minutes and vote on it separately, Schuller said yes.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item #2. Motion carried 6-0.

Schuller wanted a clarification on the 6-12-23 Committee Meeting minutes regarding the report from Carl Jacobson. The minutes state he is waiting for the water boring test to be back in July, but the borings were done on May 31, 2023, and that Jacobson hoped to be back at the July 26th meeting.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve item #2 on the agenda with an amendment made to the June 12, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes to read "*the water borings were done on May 31, 2023 and Mr. Jacobson is waiting for the state to give him approval after their 30-day public comment period, and he would come back at the July 26, 2023 meeting.*" Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #23060256 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$87.33, bringing the total amount of claims approved through June 28, 2023 to \$492,473.01. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Clint Rule, Liberty NE, wanted to talk to the board about a potential hog facility being proposed in his area. He has concerns for the road and has been told an engineer looked at the road and said it is not acceptable for that kind of traffic. He would like an engineer or someone from safety board to look at the road and assess whether the condition of the road is safe for this. It is a school bus route and he is concerned for the safety of the children. He said that before we incorporate that kind of truck traffic, he would like to make people aware that this is not a road that's safe for that. He would like a report done to have on file so it can be public. He also requested that the board review the CAFO regulations on feeding operations.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens & Tiemann on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle & Lisa W. on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items of discussion were tree removal, audio/video update, final flood disaster inspection, road and bridge grants, and dust control.

Lytle left meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel with NACO gave the board an update. She said she would like to get to all 93 counties inviting all to attend various workshops. She said that there are opportunities to attend several workshops and those obtaining 30 hours of training over a 2-year period would receive a certificate. Menzel thanked the board for being a member of the National NACO Organization, where Nebraska has had several past presidents, and stressed the importance of the board's interaction with the Legislature and Senator Dorn. She reported that County Board and County Officials had their workshops in June, the SE District meeting will be on Sept. 14th, the Legislative Conference will be in West Point (the county of the past president)

on Oct. 12th, and the NACO Annual Conference will be Dec. 13-15 in Kearney. Menzel said they recently broke ground for a satellite office in Ogallala, NE, to be more accessible to the western part of the state. She touched on some legislation that would directly affect counties and added that information on all that they do is available on their website.

Discussion on Visitor Improvement Grant application to the Youth Recreation/City of Beatrice for Hannibal Park Improvement project. Dakota Hurley and Mark Pethoud explained the goal of the project is to update fields 4 & 5 with safety netting, new backstops and a sidewalk between the fields for ADA accessibility, along with updating lighting to make the fields available for 7 months of the year. Pethoud said they hold 7-8 tournaments a year along with being used for the High School teams, and mens, co-ed and youth leagues. The request is for \$40,000 with the total cost of the project being approximately \$190,000.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve a Visitor Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$40,000 to Youth Recreation, Inc./City of Beatrice for Hannibal Park Improvements. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on Visitor Improvement Grant application from Beatrice Hoops Basketball/City of Beatrice for new scoreboards in the City Auditorium. Hurley said the total cost of the project is \$26,000 and they are requesting \$5,000 to replace the scoreboards. She said that NSAA will be requiring scoreboards to have a shot clock in the future so the new boards would have that feature, enabling them to hold tournaments there, including Mudecas and a home-school tournament held annually. Pethoud said they have also had some donations for the project including new padding from the Murphy family.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Visitor Improvement Grant application from Beatrice Hoops Basketball/City of Beatrice for new scoreboards in the City Auditorium in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve a First Wireless maintenance agreement for Emergency Management with a 4.5% increase. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve agreement between Gage County and Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody Services. Motion carried 5-0.

County Attorney Roger Harris stated he received an email regarding the Rick Hill matter dealing with elections, stating that the Judge has dismissed the complaint.

Short recess at 10:00 a.m. Back in session at 10:08 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Jurgens to move into closed session at 10:09 a.m. for personnel and litigation. Motion carried 5-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 10:54 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. until July 12, 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 28th day of June, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

