



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 6, 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 \$530,496.90, which does not include claim #23090119 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$6,081.05 and claim #23090121 to Johnny's Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$396.99, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1283 to Nextlink. Nextlink will be installing new fiber lines per the submitted DSA#6 Dewitt. All new fiber line will be installed in the county ROW per Nextlink plans. Nextlink will be installing fiber lines for DSA #6 from Hwy 41 to Sargent Road, between SW 58th Road to SW 142 Road. (DSA #6 plans for details and locations will be available in the Highway Departments Office) Located in Clatonia, Grant, and Blakely Twps.; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1284 to Doomsday Data. Doomsday will be installing a new communications conduit from existing UPN pull box in the south ditch of Lilac Road to the tower. Once work is completed in Gage County ROW, all other work will be done on private property. Located North of section 14, Riverside Township; 7. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of August, 2023.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	158,057.19
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT equip, consulting & svc	16,251.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Shf taser supplies	1288.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile justice aid grants	9647.87
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	206.34
Blackburn Technologies	Atty 4 laptop computers	3516.00
Bragg Animal Control	Impound animals	120.00
Charter Communications	Jail cable TV	175.89
Clausen & Sons Dirt Work, Inc.	Labor	1505.00
CLIA Laboratory Program	Certificate fee	180.00
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Assr lodging	464.80
Community Physicians Clinic	Shf pre-empl exam	229.45
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	3528.33
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Bd lodging	161.10
DAS St Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Annl lic fee, data processing	230.50
Diode Technologies	Shf computer svc	120.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	94.34
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Fastenal Company, Inc.	Supplies	150.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	440.00
Frontier Appliance, LLC	Appliance repair	160.18
Gage County Court	Court costs	1521.50
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	89.61
Great Plains Uniforms, LLC	Name tag	12.50
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	472.70
Huls Body Shop	Towing	195.00
ID Checking Guide	Dist Ct Supplies	31.95
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2208.75
Jurors	Jury fees	1837.46
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
King Little Structural Engineering	Structure analysis	8929.84
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Plmb supplies	94.91

Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	2175.50
Matthew Kosmicki Law, LLC	Atty fees	2881.67
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Scanning equip rent	457.00
NACO	Mtg regis.	80.00
Naylor Rappl Law Offc.	Atty fees	1729.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst	1298.56
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Training	142.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Utilities	50.51
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Veh repair	8.95
Pawnee Republican	Publication	22.30
Priority Printing	Treas bus cards, env	786.20
Quadient Leasing	Postage meter	2068.17
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	52.97
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	250.99
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	141.13
Ron's Body Shop	Shf veh deductible	1000.00
Sarpy Co. Sheriff	Boarding inmate	1175.00
Sayler Screenprinting, LLC	Shf uniforms	215.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2416.05
Summit Food Svc	Jail meal svc	8509.25
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, supplies, uniforms	1263.58
US Post Service – Postmaster	Prob pstg stamps	1186.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Cell phones	393.40
Verizon Wireless – Vsat	Shf cell phone	50.00
Veterans Information Service	Annl book, mnthly newsletter	65.00
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	52.49
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	2735.33
Windstream – Gen.	Phones	18,666.35
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	2105.52
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	6334.22
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	607.45
Windstream – Vets	Phones	1328.88
Windstream – Cths	Phones	2232.97
Windstream – Vet Ctr	Phones	246.97
911 Custom	Shf. ammo	521.50

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	41,580.25
All Copy Products	Copy overage	37.48
Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Cones, signs, stands	4009.24
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	33,033.72
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	64.54
Bomgaars	Supplies	238.48
Constellation NewEnergy, Gas Div.	Utilities	30.30
Fastenal	Supplies	85.54
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock	6081.05
Johnny's Welding	Parts	396.99
Rewound Power Motors Sales & Svc	Part	25.72
Steve's Upholstery	Upholstery	66.00
Tractor Supply	Chemicals, supplies, parts	254.94
US Bank – Purchase Cards	Radio power converter	160.85

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,075.72
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Recording paper	100.88
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Insurance Fund

Rodney Aden	Ins. reimb.	231.04
Bryan Davidson	Ins. reimb.	96.79
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	57,488.82
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins premiums, admin fees	32,140.87

Diversion Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	4,641.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,472.18
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,539.50
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,516.57
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,806.67
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,053.47
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	24.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	25.07

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #23090119 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$6,081.05. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #23090121 to Johnny's Welding, Inc., in the amount of \$396.99, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 6, 2023 to \$536,974.94. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining.

Don Vetrovsky, President of the Gage County Foundation, spoke under public comments. He thanked the board for the Proclamation they made declaring September 14, 2023 as Big Give Gage Day. Vetrovsky said that this event gives people the opportunity to donate to 72 different non-profit organizations that have signed up to participate. Numerous sponsors help with the budget for the project, with all monies being given back directly to the non-profits and no admin fees being collected. He said that this event even brings in donations from other states as donations can be made online through the website www.biggivegage.org, as well as at the event at Vintage Venue from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 14th where donations can be dropped off. If you need more information or have questions you can contact Don at 402-806-4401, or Verdella Vetrovsky at 402-806-0037. Vetrovsky thanked the board and the county for their support of the Big Give Gage event and of the non-profits involved.

Dean Otto, 633 S Hwy 43, Adams NE, also spoke under public comments. He voiced concerns about the P&Z meeting held last week. He asked if someone could help with trees over the road where the new CAFO is proposed. He said there were concerns about the road being safe for school buses and semis, but while he was working down there, 3 semis went down the road, so he would like to know if this is viable. He thanked the board for their time.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Building & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens, Tiemann & Lytle on Finance/Insurance, and Lytle on Law Enforcement. Break in committee reports for timed event.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing at 9:16 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition for the appointment of Nate Clabaugh, Grant Jones and David Norton for 6-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2029. Motion carried 7-0.

No public present for comment.

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

Committee reports continued with Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were Exmark robot mower demonstration on east side of building; glass enclosure at Ext. Offc. removed, getting quotes on auto door opener; Masonry Construction working on clock tower repairs; new holiday lights will be provided; will re-seed lawn where hot, dry weather has taken a toll; county budget; Big Give Gage event; monetary donations for neglected horses, amazing support; calls about smoke from Canadian fires; 3 & 33 fire training; SCC wildfire training; harvest awareness; cut fiber line in Omaha affected 911 svc.; P&Z public hearing on 9-26 for commercial ag business; County Atty wants meeting on issues with road where new CAFO is proposed; overview of grants; update on fiber project; working on training for blade operators; grant for signs; discussion on 176th Road lack of maintenance.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve the appointment of Nate Clabaugh, Grant Jones and David Norton for 6-year terms on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2029. Motion carried 7-0.

The board recognized Shirley Petersen, who is retiring from the Veterans Service Office, for her years of service to Gage County. Shirley was unable to attend the meeting but will be presented with a plaque from the board.

Discussion on a Resolution for the installation of stop signs at the northeast corner of the intersection located at the southwest corner of Section 8, and the southwest corner of the intersection located at the northeast corner of Section 18, Township 3N, Range 5E. Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke told the board that a Lincoln Township member asked him to check with Engineering Consultant Mark Mainelli to see if stop signs could be placed at the intersection due to trees obstructing the view. Mainelli said that the intersection meets the MUTCD requirements due to inadequate sight distance, therefore, he recommends signs be placed there temporarily and remain until the obstruction is removed and the conditions no longer warrant their placement, and that, where feasible, remove any trees and vegetation that would impair sight distance of 500 feet in any direction from the intersection.

RESOLUTION #23-14

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent was asked by Lincoln Township officials on August 7, 2023, to access the intersection located at the southeast corner of Section 7, the southwest corner of Section 8, the northwest corner of Section 17, and the northeast corner of Section 18, Township 3N, Range 5E; and,

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent and Engineer have accessed the intersection, engineer gave recommendation email, (see attached), that stop signs be installed on the northeast corner of the above referenced intersection controlling east bound traffic, and on the southwest corner of the above referenced intersection controlling west bound traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gage County Board of Supervisors hereby concurs with the attached engineer email and approves the installation of stop signs on a temporary basis, based on the Highway Superintendent and Engineers recommendation, at the northeast corner of the intersection located at the southwest corner of Section 8, and the southwest corner of the intersection located at the northeast corner of Section 18, Township 3N, Range 5E, based on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and Engineer.

PASSED AND APPROVED THEIS 6th day of September, 2023.

Motion by: Lytle

Second by: Haxby

Vote: Aye – 7

Nay – 0

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill, Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve adopting Resolution #23-14 approving the installation of stop signs on a temporary basis, at the northeast corner of the intersection located at the southwest corner of Section 8, and the southwest corner of the intersection located at the northeast corner of Section 18, Township 3N, Range 5E, based on the Highway Superintendent and Engineers recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until September 20, 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 6th day of September, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk