



# Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on November 15, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens absent.

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

Let the record show that all proceedings are electronically recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$547,952.56 which does not include claim #23110205 to R.L. Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$29,692.24, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving the 2023 Distress Warrant Listing; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of October, 2023; 7. Approve EMS 1-Year Extension Agreements and authorizing Chairman to sign.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	161,138.51
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7293.15
All Copy Products, Inc.	Emer Mgmt copier lease	140.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs	9964.06
Badgeandwallet.com	Uniform name plates	126.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4766.32
BIZCO Technologies	Shf veh equip install	1192.82
Boy Scout Troop 221	Care of 11 pioneer cemeteries	11,000.00
Capital Business Systems	Reg of Deeds copy overage	24.98
Capital One	Prob supplies	6.94
Cardinal Assessment Group	Assr. appraisal work	6112.50
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	2787.00
Charter Communications	Prob internet	192.96
Cidnet	Data purchased	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	250.86
Consolidated Management Co.	Shf meals at training	241.25
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	304.05
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.00
Diode Technologies	Security monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hearings	380.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1525.93
Echo Group	Lighting	108.83
Green Way Lawn Svcs., LLC	Lawn mowing, fert.	635.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	570.00
Jones Automotive	Install shf veh equip	15,619.92
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Jail backflow preventor	1630.05
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Shf svc fees	24.69
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrngs	380.00
Lynn Peavey Co., Inc.	Supplies	201.60
Mead Lumber	Supplies	177.95
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Dist Ct microfilming	303.40
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	332.52
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing, time clock	6539.36
NACO	Mtg registr., 2 <sup>nd</sup> half annl dues	2938.87
NACO Planning & Zoning	Annl dues	40.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf – fleet use for training	175.00
NE Sheriff's Assn.	Mbrshp fees	280.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Utilities – tower	45.28
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	96.31

Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	72.50
Pinnacle Bank	Deposit & transaction books	157.40
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1510.50
Priority Printing	Vets Offc bus cards	70.00
Prochaska & Associates	Needs assessment	3001.50
Quadient, Inc.	Equip maint.	888.72
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	350.77
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	818.99
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	570.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting	285.00
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	111.15
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security First Bank	Dist Ct. box fee	35.00
Security Services	Monitoring alarms	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2405.00
Staples Business Credit	Shf offc supplies	88.46
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty, postage	2449.25
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	2975.28
T.O. Haas Tire	Parts, oil changes – Shf	3531.90
Thomson Reuters	Law Library software	2784.69
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
Twin Rivers	Shf parts, svc	1703.62
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Fuel, meals, supplies	2267.48
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext Offc stamps	330.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones, ipads, hot spot	535.97
Washington Co KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	152.16
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.96
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	435.59
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	311.85
Zultys	Prob phones	466.20

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	42,835.34
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	2163.03
Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix	Traffic patch	364.70
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	11,368.89
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	1464.70
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	3908.69
City of Wymore	Utilities	91.03
Commercial Industrial Supply	Shop repair	274.66
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	29.71
Farmers Cooperative	Batteries, svc call, tires	946.90
Filtercare of NE	Filters	23.55
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Supplies	194.38
Mead Lumber	Supplies	54.74
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug/alcohol testing	110.00
Metal Culverts, Inc.	Culverts	18,948.92
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
NMC Exchange	Parts	6707.21
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	830.99
Pavers, Inc.	Cold mix asphalt	622.63
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	29,692.24
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	2226.41
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	451.50
Shaffer Communications, Inc.	Radio equip.	207.10
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires	740.68
Westlake Ace Hardware	Tools, supplies	299.23
Winter Equip. Co., Inc.	Blade bolts, nuts	1320.04

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Youth Recreation, Inc.	Grant for Hannibal Park improvements	40,000.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	235.87
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numerical indexes	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	56,288.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,627.91
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,737.37
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,875.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,891.38
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,147.93
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,391.42

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

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #23110205 to R.L. Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$20,692.24, bringing the total amount of claims paid through November 15, 2023 to \$577,644.80. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Mitch Baum, 10640 County Hwy D20, Alden, IA spoke under public comments. Baum thanked the board for having these meetings as you do. He would like to ask for a motion to reconsider their application from the previous meeting for the Gage Island Grove 25 CAFO site. They have met and exceeded the zoning regs in the county. There have been numerous opportunities for board members to visit the site in northern Gage County that is under construction, and the proposed site for this one, but a number of you have never been to this site or the other site during construction. He said he thinks this would be a real opportunity if you would kindly make a motion to reconsider and allow the additional conversation and information to be shared with them and with you to make an informed decision. Baum said he could answer any questions and really asks the board to consider this opportunity to make action on this site. Tiemann reminded him that during public comment, the board cannot comment or ask questions.

Tiemann stated that as a matter of process, if the board would want to make a motion to reconsider, it has to be by their rules, Rule #16, the specific item would be on this CAFO. There would need to be a motion to reconsider at the last meeting or this meeting, made by one of the three members on the winning side, which would be Lytle, Dorn and Haxby, and could be seconded by anyone. Then we would figure out exactly what route we would need to go from there. No motion was brought forward.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds, Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lytle, Lisa Wiegand and Sheriff Gustafson on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were: quote to replace heat pump on S ramp, winter lights considering lamp posts on N & W sides of courthouse, Hazard Mitigation Plan being created, possible new communications tower by Horvath & will be by Tri County School, considering new siren needed out by hospital, newly selected school resource officer Mike Hager, Faith In Blue Operation, BIP and Raise grants for bridges and roads with upcoming public outreach meetings with a public input survey to get data to include in grant applications (meeting dates and times are listed below), and Marshall Co. KS is going forward with bridge on State Line Rd. and has selected a contractor. During discussion on State Line Bridge, it was brought out that in prior talks with Marshall County about working together, they were informed that Gage County was willing to split the cost for the State Line Bridge project, but would not be able to do that if it did not go through the bid process as set forth in state statutes. Gage County also presented the option of going with culverts instead of a bridge which is feasible and less expensive but they resisted. Since that time, Marshall County said they want a bridge and not culverts, and they chose to select a contractor without taking bids, therefore, they are actually keeping Gage County from participating in the project. Deputy County Attorney Amanda Fanning said she will reach out to Marshall County for further action.

Locations, dates and times for Gage County Infrastructure Outreach meetings to receive public input on a survey to gather data from constituents regarding the roads and bridges under the BIP and Raise Grants. A survey will be taken to find out how many miles people save traveling these roads, whether they think the roads/bridges need repaired/replaced, how safe they think they are, etc. Participants do not need to be Gage County residents; they can be from surrounding counties but travel on these roads and cross these bridges. The data will be added as supporting documentation on the grant applications. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give their input on the survey. The meetings will be held as follows:

- Blue Springs City Hall, Nov. 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Tri County School, Nov. 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- DeWitt Community Center, Nov. 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Clatonia Community Center, Nov. 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- Pickrell Community Center, Dec. 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact County Supervisor Emily Haxby.

Trevor Rue, Corrections Sergeant, and Sheriff Millard Gustafson presented the Annual Statistics Reports for the Jail, Sheriff’s Dept., and screening station for 10/1/22 – 9/30/23. Rue spoke about the detention center statistics, transport vehicles’ condition and mileage, and gave an update on the needs assessment being prepared by Prochaska. Lytle asked Rue to explain what CRS (Correctional Risk Services) does for the county. Rue said that they process all medical claims, file with Medicaid and other insurances to get coverages, and come back with one claim for the county to pay, which is a huge time-saver for county employees. They also have a catastrophic loss plan that kicks in if a claim gets over \$10,000, so the county never pays more than \$10,000 on a claim. We pay for the coverage but are still saving money in the long run. Shf. Gustafson gave the screening station report and statistics and sheriff’s report and statistics.

Haxby temporarily out.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the Annual Statistics Reports and placing them on file. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 9:48 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 5-0.

Haxby back in meeting during closed session.

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

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until November 29, 2023.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountynebraska.us](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk