



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on December 27, 2023, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Emily Haxby 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 \$1,476,463.73 which does not include claim #23120203 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$9,289.86, claim #23120204 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$129.38, and claim #23120209 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$24,085.31, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1296 to Pinpoint Communications Inc, Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line along Locust Road. Starting at Hwy 77, Pinpoint will bore under Hwy 77 from the east going west in the south grader ditch, continue to bore west along Locust Road in the South grader ditch for approximately 1.15 miles to Beatrice City Dump driveway. Pinpoint will then bore under Locust Road from South grader ditch to North grader and place a vault for future work. Located North of Section 21 & 22 T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	159,694.79
All Copy Products	Copier leases	189.23
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf FirstNet mobile phones	526.21
AutoZone	Cabin filter	20.99
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4783.02
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Jail cooler repair	139.22
Black Hills Energy	Shf/Jail utilities	884.40
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	Copier lease	71.07
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	169.00
Charter Comm., Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	195.90
Cidnet	Data – Jail	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc, Prob Offc rent	18,371.96
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	151.50
CMH Clinics	Pre-empl. lab	40.00
Community Physicians Clinic	Pre-empl. exam	121.00
Consolidated Management Co.	Meals at training	224.75
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire	Qtrly EMS svc	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Credit checks	25.50
Crowne Plaza, Kearney	Lodging	1079.60
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Dept. of Correctional Svcs.	Boarding inmates	1174.55
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf. fees/mlg	604.22
Green Way Lawn Services, LLC	Lawn care	550.00
Hampton Inn, Kearney	Lodging	1199.50
Homestead LEPC	Annl dues	217.99
Intoximeters, Inc.	Breathalyzer repairs	1607.25
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin fees	148.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	546.25
Lepant Law Offc.	Atty fees	1216.00
Mahloch Law Offc.	Atty fees	964.25
Mead Lumber	Supplies	4.99
Midwest Special Svcs.	Travel, meals	2076.35
Jacie Milius	Supplies reimb.	107.27
MIPS, Inc.	DC jury list processing, cards	654.82
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst. billing	90.00

NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood alcohol tests	315.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath utilities	42.97
NE NE Juvenile Svcs.	Boarding inmates	2135.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	2318.50
Priority Printing	Bd letterhead	135.66
Psychological Resources	Pre-empl exam	150.00
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	144.45
Reagan Law Offcs.	Atty fees	620.50
Kristine Riekenberg	Prepare BOE	195.00
Security Services	Alarm monitoring	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Sepctrum (Charter)	EM subscr.	11.54
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	5799.93
The Crete News	Publications	24.99
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies	1119.62
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Dues, travel, supplies	1011.87
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	217.20
Verizon Wireless Co EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.08
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	1495.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Windstream – Gen 1484	Gen Offcs phone admin	2151.52
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	312.35
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phones admin	228.32
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phones admin	715.46
Windstream – Shf	Phones	616.82
Windstream – Vets 4377	Phones admin	120.73
Windstream – Gen Info	Phones	2231.87
Windstream – Vets	Phones	231.94
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repairs, oil change	472.90

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,290.90
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	67.19
Beatrice Area Solid Waste (BASWA)	Waste disposal	40.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	596.51
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	30,933.27
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	314.14
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	141.68
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div	Utilities	54.46
Diamond T Truck & Trailer	Part	92.44
Farmers Cooperative	Tires	258.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	County rock	9289.86
Johnny's Welding	Parts	129.38
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	45,292.30
Midwest Towing & Recovery	Class A CDL	200.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	403.69
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt	442.43
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	24,085.31
Truck Center Companies	Parts, supplies	619.24
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Software	197.00

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	96,828.57
Mutual of Omaha	Ins. premiums	566.11

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees, Aug-Nov.	4300.00
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Covid America Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Nebraska ISP, LLC	NextLink broadband internet proj.	925,000.00
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County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Courthouse exterior restoration	15,053.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,451.35
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,629.23
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,875.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,922.13
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,182.79
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a closed session at the end of the meeting for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #23120203 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$9,289.86 and claim #23120209 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$24,085.31. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #23120204 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$129.38, bringing the total amount of claims paid through December 27, 2023 to \$1,509,968.28. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE, spoke under public comments. She talked about attending a Planning & Zoning meeting where they were supposed to review CAFO regulations as directed by the Board of Supervisors. She said she was very disappointed that it seemed that they didn't want to deal with that task except for one board member seemed concerned that they weren't reviewing the CAFO regs. They ended up throwing it back to the BOS with the suggestion of appointing a committee, start having town hall meetings, and then suggested doing a review ALL of the zoning regulations. She is concerned that the thinking is that the regs are just fine, and that when a permit is applied for and during the process of approval, additional stipulations can just be added to any individual permit with amendments to it. Why let it go that far? Decide what changes need to be made, implement them, and save the time, energy and money it would take on each permit to go through what they did with the Island Grove CAFO, only to have them not get approved.

Committee reports were given by Swavely on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle, Shf. Gustafson and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were removal of small attached building on the N side of courthouse and filled in blocks where it was removed; quote requested from Masonry Const. to repair 3 window sills in that area; repair of clogged sewer line of courthouse; new counter in Dist. Court; school resource officer completed certification; road deputy completed training; Shf vehicle pricing; ongoing jail needs assessment; BOS public hearing on Jan 24th for telecom. tower; P&Z mtg on Jan. 18th; ongoing discussions on CAFO regs; possible full update of P&Z regs; issues with Shf. hybrid vehicle; upcoming bids for box culverts; and road project update.

Tiemann said the Board has a plaque to present to Jim Munoz for his years of service to Gage County. Munoz has worked for the county for 35 years and had most recently been the main blade operator in the northern part of the county. Tiemann said Munoz wouldn't be in to receive the plaque but that the board would get it to him and they wish him the best in his retirement.

Discussion on replacement for the area that Munoz covered as a blade operator. Lytle asked if it needs to be a full-time operator or could a float person handle it. Tiemann said it's a dedicated route and he recommends having a full-time operator, Jurgens agreed.

Short break at 9:31 a.m. Back in session at 9:36 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 9:36 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:26 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Township Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 8, 2024.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until January 10, 2024.

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 27th day of December, 2023.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk