



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 10, 2024, at 8:46 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.

Tiemann asked if there was any old business to finalize, there was none. Tiemann declared 2023 session formally closed SINE-DIE and turned the meeting over to County Clerk Dawn Hill for the election of officers for the reorganization of the Board of Supervisors for 2024.

Clerk Hill asked for nominations for Chairman. Jurgens nominated Erich Tiemann. Hill asked for any other nominations for Chairman. Jurgens made a motion, seconded by Lytle to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Erich Tiemann as Chairman. Motion carried 7-0.

Hill turned the meeting back over to Tiemann to facilitate the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Tiemann thanked everyone for the vote of Chairman.

Nominations for Vice Chairman were received from Schuller for Lytle as Vice Chairman and from Dorn for Haxby as Vice Chairman. Ballots for Vice Chairman were voted and given to Clerk Hill. Hill read the vote aloud. Haxby – 5 & Lytle – 2. Haxby was elected as Vice Chairman.

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$627,546.93 except claim #24010078 to Hard Rock Quarry in the amount of \$21527.20, claim #24010080 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$95.49 and claim #24010085 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$37,563.75 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve appointing Patti Milligan to prepare levy requests; 6. approve appointing Dawn Hill to prepare the County Budget; 7. approve designation of official County Newspaper(s); 8. approve designating Gage County's website (www.gagecountynebraska.us) as an official method of providing notice of any meetings/public notices; 9. approve Dawn Hill as the NIRMA contact person; 10. approve reappointing Mark Kuhnke as Gage Co. Highway Superintendent for 2024; 11. approve Bank Depositories: a. Security First Bank; b. Adams State Bank; c. State Bank of Odell; d. First State Bank; e. Pinnacle Bank; f. First National Bank of Omaha; g. First Interstate Bank; i. NFIT – Union Bank & Trust; j. NPAIT; k. Bank of the West; l. US Bank; m. Western National Bank; 12. approve Pledged Securities: a. Pinnacle Bank – ICS (Insured Cash Sweep); b. Security First Bank – ICS (Insured Cash Sweep); 13. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of December, 2023; 14. approve 2023 Annual Noxious Weed report and having Chairman sign report; 15. approve board meeting change to December 24th instead of 25th due to the Christmas Holiday; 16. approve Specs and call for Bids on 2 Motor Graders. Bids to be opened on February 7, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.; 17. approve Specs and call for bids on Fuel. Bids to be opened on February 7, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.; 18. approve sheriff's distress warrant report for November, 2023; 19. approve quote from Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$30,876.40 for outdoor warning siren to be placed on Sec. 16-4-6.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	179,392.43
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Qrtrly copier lease	660.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT mgmt.	9914.80
Arbor Ink, LLC	DC env.	830.72
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile svcs aid	3566.69
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	227.34
Blue360 Media	NE criminal & traffic laws manuals	375.70
BOSN Service Co.	Jail boiler maint.	583.00
Capital One NA	Prob. supplies	67.44

Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal work	4162.50
CASA of Gage County	Child advocacy	2310.58
CDW Government, Inc.	Prob. equip.	5369.64
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Jail supplies	566.10
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Prob. fees	207.96
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	879.93
Critical Hire	Pre-empl exams	75.00
Crowne Plaza – Kearney	Lodging	404.85
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.00
Marian DeBuhr	Prior svc retirement	69.24
Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co.	Vets stamps	88.10
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	3435.64
Echo Group, Inc.	Supplies, labor	31.79
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Engineered Controls, Inc.	Svc call, parts	775.18
Farm & Home Publishers	Plat books	750.00
First Wireless, Inc.	EM svc contract	684.68
Gage County Court	Court costs	1320.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases, 2 mos.	971.16
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	2541.25
Jim's Carpet & Supplies	Flooring for Ext Offc	621.71
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken's Pest Control	Shf pest control	400.00
Lammel Plumbing	Clear clogged sewer	574.28
Thelma Loemker	Prior svc retirement	57.70
Mahloch Law Office	Atty fees	1425.00
Jacob Meyer	Witness fees/mlg	72.40
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	356.10
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support/programs	5131.09
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2053.50
NAEM	Mbrshp dues	50.00
Natl. Assn. of Counties (NACO)	Dues	450.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Conf. regis.	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public defender, training	6546.15
NI Government Svcs., Inc.	Sat. phone	77.39
Norris Public Power	Utilities	43.99
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	151.50
Pictometry Intl. Corp.	Fly-over imagery	42,039.46
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	141.71
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	336.94
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	668.17
Reagan Law Offcs., PC LLO	Atty fees	1554.50
Region V Systems	EPC billings, qtrly funding	14,276.50
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob Falls City phones	110.87
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitoring alarms, panic buttons	561.50
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	17.50
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt enf atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	2953.13
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, meals, fuel, etc.	3599.54
U.S. Post Svc. – Postmaster	ROD PO Box	186.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Hot spots, ipads for EM	328.06
Verizon Wireless – Prob. 339-1	Cell phones, 2 mos.	787.76
Westlake Ace Hardware	Tools, supplies	226.51
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	109.57
Windstream – Fillmore Co. Prob.	Phones	436.79
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	933.62
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,242.06
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	43,274.01
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	217.51
City of Wymore	Utilities	182.33
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Blades	4795.00

Echo Group	Supplies	257.65
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hamilton Equip. Co.	Parts	316.77
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock, dirt	21,527.20
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Part	97.44
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Parts	95.49
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Paint	23.18
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1863.00
Powerplan	Parts, labor	7441.86
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Hauling material	37,563.75
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts	35.41
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	7804.56
T.O. Haas Tire	Tire	284.43
Tractor Supply Co.	Supplies	64.98
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9198.28
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numeric indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Jared Kerr	Ins reimb.	424.62
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins. claims paid	92,958.02
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin fees	33,425.20

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,981.70
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,157.58
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,202.91

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,986.37
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,255.90
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Insurance Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	28.66
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	32.49

Hill stated that she had not received the item #14 Noxious Weed report and to strike that item. Lytle also requested to pull off #7 for the Designation of county newspaper, for separate vote.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda with pulling #7 off and striking #14. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the various papers in the area. In the past there had been 3 papers, when the Arbor State closed that left two. All notices need to be sent to the papers that are designated as the county official newspaper. If we would like to send notices to The Voice, we still have that option.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve The Beatrice Daily Sun as the official county newspaper. Motion carried 6-1 with Schuller voting nay.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24010080 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$95.49. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #24010078 to Hard Rock Quarry in the amount of \$21,527.20 & claim #24010085 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$37,563.75. This brings the total amount of claims paid to \$686,733.37. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Steve Krause, 659 Scout Ridge Circle, Adams, NE was present and speaking under public comments. He said that he had issues with people driving down the road at a high rate of speed right next to where he was working. He said he has property on both sides of the road and he is guessing that they are going through at about 40 mph. Tiemann stated that they will take this into

consideration and that the highway superintendent is present and can do some checking. During public comments the board is not able to have a discussion back and forth.

Steve Knocke, 28827 S 176th Rd., Virginia NE, spoke during public comments on the 3 miles of S 162nd Rd, Virginia NE, that need to be hard surfaced. He would like the board to give this some thought. He and Rick Clabaugh went to a Virginia village meeting where they discussed grant availability, so he is asking the board to pursue grant opportunities to help relieve taxpayer burden.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Scott Bates on Veterans Service, Haxby on Road & Bridge, and Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement. Topics of discussion were snow & ice removal on grounds, new counters for Extension Offc., heat pump installed on south entrance, new desks and entrance for District Court Office, glass on south entrance door was broken and replaced, broadband project is ¼ of the way complete, County Government Day will be Feb. 13th, 2 motor graders and county fuel will be put out for bid, Township Assn. meeting is Feb. 8th, continuing outreach surveys on road use for grants, Deputy Hager began his job as school resource officer.

Haxby left meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Congressman Adrian Smith, gave an update. Reimers is now based out of the Nebraska City Office which came about after the expansion of Smith's District that the unicameral directed, where he took over 80 of the 93 Nebraska counties. Smith is the Chair of the trade subcommittee within the Ways and Means Committee, who deal with trade negotiations and trade related issues with other countries. Main focuses for the Congressman's office include navigating Federal red tape, assistance with expediting passports, getting the IRS to respond and navigate tax related issues, and working with Federal Agencies on grant issues.

Short recess at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:53 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Haxby.

Betsy Frerichs, 33546 S 108th Rd., Holmesville NE, representing the Barneston Community Center Board, spoke to the Board on their request for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant Application for the Barneston Community Center in the amount of \$23,000.00 for a men's and women's restroom and storage room addition to the center. Frerichs said the historical building still gets a lot of use but the use is declining due to the poor condition of the restrooms which are currently located in the basement and are very hazardous and not ADA compliant. There are issues with pipes freezing and they have had to sometimes rent portable restrooms for events.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant for the Barneston Community Center in the amount of \$23,000.00 for a men's and women's restroom and storage room addition. Motion carried 6-0.

Tourism Director Dakota Hurley presented the quarterly tourism report. She stated that there will be two other applications submitted for Visitor's Improvement Grants soon.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving the tourism report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU between the Nebraska Dept. of Veteran's Affairs and Gage County for the VetraSpec program for a 2-year agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION

#24-01

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Gage County, Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Gage County, the City of Beatrice, and other cities and villages in Gage County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors/Commissioners of Gage County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Gage County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2024 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that the Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10th day of January, 2024.

Gage County Board of County Supervisors,

ATTEST: Gage County, Nebraska

/s/ Don Schuller
/s/ Terry Jurgens
/s/ Erich Tiemann
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/ David Swavely
/s/ Gary Lytle

Attest:

Gage County Clerk: /s/ Dawn Hill

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-01 adopting the Gage County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:18 a.m. for Personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 10:31 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. until January 24, 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 10th day of January, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk