



## Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 7, 2024, at 8:45 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 \$498,321.25 which does not include claim #24020007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$5,285.00, #24020088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$5,427.81, claim #24020093 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$34,517.50 & claim # 24020089 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$123.70, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Gage County balances of Liability as of 1/23/2024; 6. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of January, 2024; 7. Approve 2024 Gage Co. Highway Dept. Policy with Townships; 8. Approve specs and call for bids for Fertilization, Mowing, Bagging, Trimming & blowing of clippings for the Gage County Courthouse, Sheriff Dept, Evidence Building, Tri-plex and parking lot parkways for 2024 & 2025. Bids to be opened on March 6, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	170,317.24
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs.	185.93
All Copy Products	Copier leases, copy overages	409.23
Applied Connective Technologies	Vets Offc computer	981.00
Arbor Ink, LLC	Prob. laminating	13.50
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Annl sprinkler tap fee – cths	245.00
Beatrice Lawn Care, Inc.	Snow removal, hauling, ice melt/gravel	5285.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	279.63
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Door repair	269.50
Richard L. Bultez Sr.	Prof. svcs.	1200.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	509.00
City of Beatrice	Prob. Offc. utilities	1549.61
CMH Clinics	Pre-empl exam	123.00
CVSOAN	Vet Svc Offcr & Asst. dues	200.00
Dept. of Corr. Svcs.	Inmate boarding/medical	4358.25
Diode Technologies	Security monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc equip.	379.00
Echo Electric Supply	Fluorescent lights	113.40
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Equip. rental, batteries	863.38
Fox Funeral Home	Autopsy expense	700.00
Gage County Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	2516.20
Hometown Leasing	Prob. 3 copier leases	472.70
Jurors	Jury fees	1094.60
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Plumbing equip, supplies, labor	1163.34
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	2051.11
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Dist Ct. microfilming	615.73
Mid-States Org. Crime Info. Center	2024 mbrshp	150.00
MIPS, Inc.	Forms, computer prog., data processing	18,127.70
NE Assn of Co Extension Bds.	Dues	100.00
NACO	Treas. SE Dist Mtg fee	40.00
Natl. Assn. of Counties	Co. dues	450.00

Natl. Shfs. Assn	Mbrshp dues	250.00
NE Assn. of Co. Treasurers	2024 dues	50.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC LLO	Public Defender	6346.15
Theodore Paben	Ext offc snow removal	100.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1444.00
Priority Printing	Bus. cards	55.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	494.05
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	229.59
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	89.56
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrngs	388.00
Stanard Appraisal Svcs., Inc.	Appraisal maint.	1170.00
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meals	5692.73
The Crete News, Inc.	Publications	25.45
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Semi-annl billing	168.30
U.S. Bank – Purchase Cards	Supplies, dues, etc.	1103.47
Mutual of Omaha	Employee ins. premium	36.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Ice melt sprdr, snow blower, cable, cleaner	836.03

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	57,662.49
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy overage	35.01
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	383.09
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Svc call Wymore barn	252.50
Bomgaars	Tire chains, kerosene htr	1065.77
Capital One, NA	Supplies	46.03
Clausen & Sons Dirt Work, Inc.	Snow removal, bldg. rent	10,400.00
Echo Electric Supply Co.	Supplies	22.14
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Supplies	64.56
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Gravel	5427.81
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Chain, connecting links	123.70
Larry's Tire & Service, Inc.	Tire repairs, changeovers	586.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	105.98
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy software	192.32
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Patch #1 C-34(1255) culvrts, haul matrl	34,517.50
Road Builders	Part	316.32
Surplus Center	Fittings	59.30

Visitors Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	7492.44
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	26,428.33
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	31,867.60

County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Part of Phase 12 exterior cths renovation	46,313.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,446.23
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc Sec & Medicare	12,453.53
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,889.25

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,892.25
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	4,282.57
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

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

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24020007 to Beatrice Lawn Care in the amount of \$5,285.00, claim #24020093 to R.L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of

\$34,517.50, and #24020088 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$5,427.81. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim # 24020089 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$123.70, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 7, 2024 to \$543,675.26. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

No public present for comments or request for future agenda items.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Jurgens and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included work in Dist. courtroom, damage on copper gutter, and Randy Frerking retiring from Hwy Dept., Tiemann thanked him for his years of service.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the special purchase of a 2021 John Deere 6120E tractor with cab, heating, air conditioning, MFWD, 12-spd P Reverser, Dual PTO and 3 SCV, Rear 18.4-38, 120 HP, 228 hours. Tiemann explained that this purchase complies with State Statute 23-3109 which states, *The governing board may waive the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act if the county can save a significant amount of money by entering into a special purchase. The county board shall, five days prior to such special purchase, publish notice of its intention to make such a special purchase, stating the items considered and inviting informal quotes.* This purchase would be a savings of about \$13,000 or more. The tractor would replace a 1973 106 International. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-03**

**RESOLUTION  
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STATEMENT OF FACTS**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request for a special use permit, (SUP) #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning Commission (“Planning Commission”) and Gage County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) are duly authorized under the Gage County Zoning Regulations and are required to adopt a Statement Factual Findings according to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 23-114.01(6) (Reissue 2012);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and County Board have established the following Statement of Factual Findings:

1. An Application was submitted for a Special Use Permit (“SUP”) for a Telecommunications Tower located in an agricultural zoning district on a tract of land in the northeast corner of the north half of the west half, Section 6, of the Blakely Township.
2. On December 14, 2023, the Planning Commission held public hearings to receive input on SUP #2023-6. Public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP.
3. On December 14, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the SUP #2023-6 with the condition that “during the construction development phase, the Applicant is to work with the County and Township to maintain Elm Road at its current condition or better.”
4. In recommending approval of SUP #2023-6, the Planning Commission found that the Application complied with the guidelines of Article 6.2 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations.
5. On January 24, 2024, after proper notice and publication, the Board held a public hearing and public comments were heard in support of, neutral to, and/or in opposition to the SUP #2023-6.
6. On February 7, 2024, the Board held a meeting to consider whether the Application met all the requirements of the Gage County Zoning Regulations and held a vote to approve or disapprove SUP #2023-6 with the condition that “during the construction development phase, the Applicant is to work with the County and Township to maintain Elm Road at its current condition or better.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA that the special use permit #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower in the northeast corner of the north half of the west half, Section 6, of the Blakely Township, shall be:

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: \_\_\_\_\_.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Jurgens, Haxby, Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle

Nay: None

Gage County Board of Supervisors

February 7, 2024  
Dated:

By: /s/ Erich Tiemann  
Erich Tiemann, Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-03 granting Special Use Permit #2023-6 for the placement of a Telecommunications Tower to be located on a tract of land in the NE corner of the North ½ of the West ½ of Section 6 in Blakely Township, Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve MOU between Gage County and Freeman Public Schools, Wymore Southern Public Schools, and Diller-Odell Public Schools for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Interlocal Cooperations Ace Agreement between Gage County and Freeman Public Schools, Wymore Southern Public Schools, and Diller-Odell Public Schools for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on quote from Applied Connective for wireless upgrades in the Sheriff’s Office, jail and evidence building in the amount of \$10,333.72. Break in discussion for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. for 2 motor graders. Motion carried 7-0. Bids were received from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Lincoln, NE, Sany Municipal Equipment/A1 Iron Corp. of LaVista, NE, and NMC, Inc. of Lincoln, NE.

Back to discussion on wireless upgrades to Shf. Dept. Coverage would be inside Shf Dept/Jail, outside and the evidence building.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve quote from Applied Connective for wireless upgrades in the Sheriff’s Office, jail and evidence building. Break in discussion for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:31 a.m. on county fuel. Motion carried 7-0. One bid was received from Sapp Bros. Petroleum, Inc. of Beatrice, NE, for #2 premium diesel, 66,000 gallons at \$2.89 per gallon, and Unleaded – 87 (E10) gasoline, 38,000 gallons at \$2.699 per gallon.

Back to discussion on Sheriff’s Office wireless updates and motion to approve on the table. Cost of upgrades are to come out of Miscellaneous General, IT line in the amount of \$10,333.72. Motion carried 5-2 with Haxby and Lytle voting nay.

Short break at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:48 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to accept all bids for 2 motor graders and refer them to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation in two weeks. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve accepting bid from Sapp Bros. Petroleum for county fuel. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve quote for website update and maintenance for Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$9,200.00 for upgrade and \$85 monthly for maintenance, to be paid out of the Sheriff’s budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:38 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby and Jurgens both left meeting during closed session at 10:39 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until February 21, 2024.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk