



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 6, 2024, at 8:46 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present. Don Schuller 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 \$419,943.77 except claim #24030187 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$3,748.33 and #24030192 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$20,946.41 to be voted on separately below; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Receive and place on file the Noxious Weed Evaluation report and authorize chairman to sign; 6. Approve Sheriff office fees for services; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1297 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern Natural Gas will be installing a new electrical line for control panel. Starting at the North grader ditch along Belvedere Road approximately 1,500 feet East of SW 89th, Northern will bore under Belvedere Road for new electrical line into the South grader ditch of Belvedere Road. Once in South grader ditch Northern will continue all work in their approved ROW working South. Located North of Section 11 T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1298 to Pinpoint Communications Inc, Pinpoint will be installing a new communications line on Lilac Road. Starting at Hwy 77 in the Southeast Grader Ditch, Pinpoint will bore along the outer edge of Lilac Road ROW in the South grader ditch for approximately 300', place a pedestal, bore under Lilac Road to the North grader ditch and place another pedestal. Located North of Section 15, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 9. Approve Specs and call for bids on 2024 Gage County Culvert Project. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m. 10. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of February, 2024; 11. Approve Specs and call for bids on 6 Box Culverts. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.; 12. Approve Specs and call for bids on camera for Gage County Highway Dept. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:40 a.m.; 13. Approve Specs and call for bids on access control system, must be compatible with Axis camera station system. Bids to be opened April 3, 2024 @ 9:45 a.m. 14. Approve cancelling check #23110158 in the amount of \$3,001.50 to Prohaska & Associates.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	169,644.57
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint	29.00
All Copy Products, Inc.	Ext Offc copy overage	175.22
Applied Connective Tech., LLC	Vets Offc software update	265.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC	Shf FirstNet phone svc	547.85
Beatrice Humane Society	Qtrly funding for expenses	4357.59
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm. based juv justice grant	3047.30
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	1604.88
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	195.79
Cidnet	Facility data	999.90
Civic Research Institute, Inc.	Subscr.	249.95
Clerk of Dist. Court.	Court costs	472.80
Critical Hire	Pre-empl reports	50.00
CVSOAN	Vets conf. regis.	60.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	33.99
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf twr rental	440.00
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	13.00
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	1909.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate medical	283.00
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	Rubber stamps	116.45
Hometown Leasing	Prob 3 copier leases	472.70
Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc fees	19.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	380.00

Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Supplies	62.72
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	608.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	6672.43
MIPS, Inc.	Computer support, programs	5131.09
NACO	Assr SE Dist Mtg	40.00
NE Notary Assn.	Clk notary	161.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender & seminar fees	6846.15
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1976.00
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	338.97
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	148.69
Region V Systems	EPC billing	1070.00
Kristine Riekenberg	Court reporting	260.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM Cable TV	11.53
Stephen Kraviec, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5497.43
The Home Depot Pro	Restroom supplies	502.05
Thomson Reuters	Law Library	3076.69
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	217.23
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Dist 1 Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.91
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	55.25
Windstream – Ext.	Phones admin	490.97
Windstream – Hwy	Phones admin	495.07
Windstream – Shf	Phones admin	912.83
Windstream – 4377 Vets Offc	Phones admin	120.73
Windstream – Gen Info Cths	Phones	3094.67
Windstream – Vets	Phones	298.84

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	41,071.66
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy coverage	109.09
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	30,458.00
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	739.62
Bomgaars	Supplies	264.71
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Co. & Twp. rock & gravel	3748.33
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	125.19
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug/alcohol testing	145.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy Program	192.32
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	587.46
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Repair culvert settling	20,946.41
Rose Equipment, LLC	Part	81.38

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3700.53
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Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund

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

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	20,719.02
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. admin fees, premiums	32,120.40

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,387.97
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,423.60
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,480.07

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,772.33
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,013.35
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda except #11 due to specs not being ready. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lyle to approve Garrison Law claim in the amount of \$522.50 with letter and statute on claims over 90 days. Motion carried 4-2. Haxby and Dorn voting nay.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to approve Garrison Law claim in the amount of \$399.00. Motion carried 4-2. Haxby and Dorn voting nay.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24030187 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$3,748.33 and claim #24030192 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$20,946.41. This brings the total amount of claims paid through March 6, 2024 to \$445,560.01. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Lewis Cattau was Gage County's Veteran Honors recipient. Mr. Cattau enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on September 14, 1967. He was promoted to Sgt. on March 1, 1970 and Honorable Discharged on July 14, 1970. Mr. Cattau MOS was a 2511 Wireman. His awards include Combat Action Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 4 Bronze Stars, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Frame, Vietnamese Campaign Medal (1960-) and the Rifle Marksmanship Badge.

Mr. Cattau spoke saying he really was not one for the spot light, debated whether to come here, but here I am. I would like to think this is all possible because of the Vets, giving us the freedom to do what we do and I just appreciate the recognition. Everybody knows that the war was a disaster and some of the Vets got treated pretty bad, so this is kinda coming full circle and that's all I have to say. I appreciate the recognition and thank you very much for the honor. I was proud to have served.

Speaking during public comments was Don Ferneding as chairman of the Friends of the Homestead. He spoke about the view shed being obstructed with proposed project with turbines. Also, speaking was Gary Barnard. He invited the Board members to the Mayor Prayer Breakfast on March 27, 2024.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization; Jurgens on Finance; Lisa on Emergency Management. Break in committee reports to go to timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to Close bids at 9:15 a.m. for Lawn Care. Motion carried 6-0.

Back to committee reports: finished report by Lisa on Emg. Mgmt & P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Reviewed bids submitted for the Lawn Care. Bids were received from Greenway Lawn and Beatrice Lawn Care. Bids will be reviewed and recommendation given later in the meeting.

The Tourism Improvement Grant agenda item was moved to the meeting on March 20th.

Discussion took place on the bids received at the last meeting for 2 pickups. Highway Supt. discussed the differences. Bids were received from Premier Chevrolet (106,000.00), Twin Rivers (99,246.00), Husker Chevrolet (97,998.00) & Gene Steffy Auto Group (89,490.00). Mark felt that it would be nice to have the extras that Husker Chevrolet had on their vehicles.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the bid from Gene Steffy Auto Group in the amount of \$89,490.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to accept all Rock & Gravel bids that were received. Motion carried 5-0-1. Tiemann abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tastings, LLC. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tastings, LLC. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation of Special Designated License for Tall Tree Tasting, LLC. on Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Chic Shed, 29722 S. 36th, Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve Memorandum of Understanding of Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Program and Adult Diversion Programming agreement for July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

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Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Statement of Acceptance of Possession and Future Responsibility of the inventory listing of courtroom technology items that the Nebraska Administrative Office of Court and Probation (AOCP) has purchased and installed for the county and authorizing chairman to sign. Motion carried 6-0.

Short Break @ 9:41 a.m. – Back in session @ 9:48 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Jurgens to accept low bid from Green Way Lawn for the Lawn Care bid. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to go into closed session for litigation update. Jurgens out at 10:09 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 10:36 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to adjourn meeting at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until March 20, 2024.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at www.gagecountyne.gov.

/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 March, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk