



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 20, 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 \$1,611,609.31, which does not include claim #24030323 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$1,570.36 and claim #24030326 to Johnny's Welding Inc., in the amount of \$608.64 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve correction on check #23100158 to be cancelled. Correct check #23110287 to Prohaska & Assoc. should be cancelled, not check #23100158; 6. Approve changing June 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting to June 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 due to schedule conflict; 7. Approve quote from Applied Connective to manage county phone system; 8. Approve specs and call for bids on Gage County 2024 box culverts #1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1262. Bids to be opened on April 17, 2024 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	163,189.91
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7293.15
All Copy Products, Inc.	Treas copier lease	90.00
Applied Connective Tech., LLC	IT svcs.	9971.80
AT&T Mobility Accts., LLC	Shf FirstNet phone svc.	547.85
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4811.33
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Shf veh repairs	260.00
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Appraisal work	7537.50
Charter Comm. – Spectrum 2019	Prob. phones	207.96
Comfort Inn, Kearney	Lodging	107.00
Cortland-Lanc. Rural Fire	Qrtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Credit Information Systems	Pre-empl. credit checks	21.75
Crete Veterinary Clinic	Shf. animal care	105.85
Critical Hire	Pre-empl. exams	50.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	197.75
Dept of Corr. Svcs. #460	Boarding inmates	4686.28
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	95.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	1673.64
Electronic Contracting Co.	Fire alarm inspection	454.65
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf supplies, EM license fee	420.17
Gage Co. Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	3073.74
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	950.00
Government Forms & Supplies, LLC	Treas. stamper	51.90
Great Plains Reporting	Transcript BOE	202.50
Hamm Glass	Ext. Ofc door opener, cths door glass	4646.00
Isolved Benefit Services	FSA admin fees	291.50
Johnson Co. Shf.	Shf fees	36.76
Jones Automotive, Inc.	Install Shf equip in vehicle	15,905.89
Justice Data Solutions	Shf data svcs	250.00
Ken's Pest Control	Jail pest control	400.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	2493.50
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Supplies, labor	601.85
Lepant Law Office, PC LLO	Mntl hlth hrng	807.50
Mead Lumber	Door, supplies	776.98
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	362.20
Monroe Systems for Business	Treas offc equip	184.47
NACO	SE Dist mtg regis.	80.00
NAEM	Conf regis	110.00

NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Instit. care	666.13
NE Notary Assn.	Jail notary	124.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes	Svc call, parts, labor	1079.73
Norris Public Power	Utilities	46.69
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
NPZA	P&Z conf	130.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	109.24
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	85.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	1377.50
Quadient Leasing USA	Equip lease	2068.17
Quill – Ct.	Offc supplies	106.19
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	144.82
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth hrng, BOE	520.10
Ron's Repair	Shf veh repair	443.48
Sack Lumber	Supplies	604.04
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel	4246.69
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	114.58
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitor fire alarms	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Sherwin Williams	Paint, stain, supplies	182.48
Spectrum (Charter)	EM receivers	11.53
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2405.00
Staples Business Credit	Shf supplies	18.80
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	5452.93
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf veh oil changes, repairs	535.87
The Home Depot Pro	Shf janitorial supplies	595.40
The Voice News	Publication	7.74
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	256.76
UN Nebraska Extension	UNL internet, laptop	3452.89
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Meals, travel, fuel, supplies	4744.19
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.07
Village of Clatonia – Clatonia Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	520.00
Washington Co KS Shf.	Inmate medical	434.73
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	191.16
Windstream – Ext 4344	Phone admin	298.55
Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob	Phones	460.28
Windstream – Gen 1484	Phone admin	2089.26
Windstream – Hwy 1480	Phone admin	209.90
Windstream – Shf 4340	Phone admin	679.74
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	477.16
911 Custom	Shf uniforms	62.99

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	41,117.09
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Project pipe	29,572.00
All Copy Products	Copy overage	23.48
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	4706.00
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	120.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	566.83
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	15,015.86
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	820.38
City of Wymore	Utilities	196.54
DMC Wear Parts, LLC	Grader blades w/ bolts	11,348.60
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	371.21
Farmer's Cooperative	Tires, svc calls	949.00
Fastenal Co.	Supplies	103.70
Hard Rock Quarries	Rock, gravel	1570.36
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	4801.30
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers, Inc.	Clamps	163.15
Johnny's Welding, Inc.	Parts	608.64
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	94,037.26
Matheson Tri Gas, Inc.	Welding supplies	111.99
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Gbg svc	74.24
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	1267.22
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	764.64
PowerPlan	Labor	5372.30

RDO Truck Center	Parts	338.45
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling materials	2333.16
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, Grease, anti-freeze	21,802.43
The Voice News	Publication	51.42
Truck Center Companies	Supplies	40.25
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	19.76

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	103,725.54
Mutual of Omaha	Ins. premiums	540.00

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Technology Inv. Group, LLC	Grant pmt. #2	925,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,840.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,929.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	25,859.74

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,775.40
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,016.84
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	8,632.08

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

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24030323 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC. in the amount of \$1,570.36. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24030326 to Johnny's Welding Inc., in the amount of \$608.64, bringing the total amount of claims paid through March 20, 2024 to \$1,613,788.31. 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/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enf./Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed were new east entrance door; Applied Connective IT work; house valuations will be going up and farm ground is still climbing.

Chairman Tiemann presented a Proclamation to proclaim March 21<sup>st</sup> as World Down Syndrome Day. Monte Murkle and his daughter Holly spoke about Down Syndrome. He explained why the colors of blue and yellow are used. Mr. Murkle explained that when doing genetic testing they use dyes to identify the chromosomes and blue and yellow are used to identify those particular chromosomes. The 21<sup>st</sup> is what Down Syndrome is. Mr. Murkle also spoke about wearing crazy colored socks and why. The socks represent somewhat of the shape of a chromosome so that's where the "Rock Your Socks" slogan comes from. The research that is being done is amazing and it is common knowledge that about half of the folks with Down Syndrome will have dementia. The belief is that doing studies with Down Syndrome folks that they may be able to figure out what causes that disease and maybe find a cure or at least something that will keep it at bay a little longer. Holly is 27 and continues to help educate individuals on Down Syndrome. She has gone to schools, speaking with students trying to shed light on Down Syndrome and dispel the myths.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:19 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit (SUP) 2024-1 for the placement of a commercial retail agriculture business to be located on a tract of land in the Southeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 32-5-6 of Holt Township in Gage County, NE. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining.

The SUP applicant, Brad Dusenberry, told the board that he is gluten intolerant and kept looking for items that were gluten free. He said the building will have a farm shop and will house storage for grain from their farm and the equipment necessary for processing specialty flours which will be packaged and sold online direct to consumers, retailers, and wholesalers across the U.S.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to close public hearing at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Lytle left meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Research Analyst Luke Bonkiewicz presented an update on NACO activities. He touched on the upcoming County Board Workshop, county employee salary study, searchable databases, April being county government month, and LB1067 regarding inheritance tax.

Break at 9:41 a.m. Back in session at 9:51 a.m.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented a Visitor Improvement Grant for Beatrice Cemetery Assn. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the digitalization of cemetery records. Mitch Deines also spoke on the project and said they would like to do this for both Evergreen and Scott Street cemeteries.

Discussion took place on the possibility of additional cemeteries being included with the digitalization of cemetery records.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Visitor Improvement Grant for Beatrice Cemetery Association in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the digitalization of cemetery records. Motion carried 5-1 with Haxby voting nay, saying she would like more information on the project.

Dakota Hurley will present the Tourism Quarterly Report in April.

Executive Director of NGage, Rachel Kreikemeier, presented the NGage Quarterly Report.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to receive the NGage Quarterly Report and place it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve Interlocal Agreement to create the Southeast Region, a Separate entity, to provide for cooperative public safety service by and among the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York. This agreement shall have a term of 5 years from final date of execution by all parties to the agreement, unless earlier terminated pursuant to terms of agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve recommendation on Special Designated Liquor License for St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Beatrice for a Wine/Ale/Spirit Tasting Fundraiser on April 26, 2024 at The Red Barn Farm, 1038 West Sargent Rd., Beatrice, NE 68310. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve sending a letter to Windstream stating the intent to not renew the county’s lease, but to acquire service on a month-to-month basis. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 10:50 a.m. Back in session at 10:55 a.m.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Schuller to move into closed session at 10:55 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 11:07 a.m. Schuller left meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to move out of closed session at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. until April 3, 2024.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountyne.gov](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk