



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on April 17, 2024, at 8:44 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely present, Terry Jurgens, Erich Tiemann, and Gary Lytle 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.

Vice Chairman Haxby 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 \$1,534,958.90 which does not include claim #24040191 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$744.00 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve receiving and place on file the 2023 Annual report for Pickrell Fire & Rescue; 6. Approve appointing Devin Stege to the Veterans’ Service Committee for a 5-year term beginning July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2029; 7. Approve declaring the 2014 Dodge Charger with 115,030 miles, VIN# C3CDXAG1EH366854 as surplus and listing on Purple Wave; 8. Approve Utility Permit 1301 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line for a Gage County project C-34(1232). Windstream will dig and splice a new fiber line West of existing structure and then bore a 2” diameter by 8’-10’ deep line under flow line approximately 50’ under structure then splice new fiber to existing fiber east of the structure. All work is in the North grader ditch of B-Line Road approximately 2,300’ East of 176th Road. Located South of section 12, T-2-N, R-8-E, Island Grove Twp.

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount Allowed</u> |
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| Courthouse Employees | Salaries | 174,364.74 |
| Advanced Auto Dealers | Shf website maint. | 29.00 |
| Advanced Correctional Healthcare | Jail on-site medical svcs | 7293.15 |
| All Copy Products | multiple copiers maint. | 1938.73 |
| Amazon Capital Svcs., Inc. | Dist Ct offc equip | 267.09 |
| American Legion Emblem Sales | Vet grave markers | 378.93 |
| Applied Connective Technologies | IT svcs, equip, maint. | 16,937.25 |
| AT&T Mobility Accounts, LLC | Shf FirstNet wireless phone svc. | 584.65 |
| Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency | Waste disposal | 74.00 |
| Beatrice Board of Public Works | Utilities | 4841.72 |
| Beatrice Fire Protection | Fire ext. recharges, parts | 673.95 |
| Beatrice Public Schools | Crime Commission coord. | 3307.00 |
| Black Hills Energy | Utilities | 189.60 |
| Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc. | Sirens, repairs, maint. | 5030.00 |
| Bragg Animal Control | Animal Control | 90.00 |
| Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC | Residential review assessment | 5325.00 |
| CASA of Gage County | Child advocacy | 4494.50 |
| Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019 | Prob. offc internet | 209.97 |
| Cidnet | Data for commissary | 999.90 |
| City of Beatrice | Victim’s Asst. | 7000.00 |
| Clerk of District Court | Court costs | 284.40 |
| Community Physicians Clinic | Pre-empl exam | 143.00 |
| Cornhusker St. Ind. | Dist Jdg offc equip | 1737.00 |
| Correctional Risk Svcs. | Inmate medical | 10,906.28 |
| Critical Hire | Reports | 50.00 |
| Culligan of Lincoln | Water cooler | 137.50 |
| Dept of Corr. Svcs. | Boarding inmates | 3103.03 |
| Diode Technologies | Monitoring | 90.89 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Offc supplies | 3522.24 |
| Election Systems & Software | Elec. svcs, supplies | 6128.01 |
| Epona Horse Rescue | Care of horses | 24,443.00 |
| First Wireless | Batteries | 575.47 |
| Gage County | Fund transfer, Gen to Road | 500,000.00 |

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| Garrison Law Firm | Atty fees | 1586.50 |
| Gleason Dental Clinic | Inmate medical | 226.00 |
| Great Plains Uniforms | Shf uniforms | 1215.00 |
| Green Way Lawn Svc. | Mowing | 145.00 |
| gWorks | Assr annl fee | 145.00 |
| Holiday Inn | Lodging | 269.90 |
| Isolved Benefit Svcs. | Admin fees | 143.00 |
| Jerry Shelton, Atty | Atty fees | 736.25 |
| Kraviec, Maurstad Law | Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg | 2425.07 |
| Lancaster Co. Shf. | Svc fees | 18.00 |
| LaQuinta Inn & Suites | Atty lodging | 168.00 |
| Liberty Law Group | Atty fees | 1083.00 |
| Mead Lumber – Beatrice | Lumber, saw blade | 409.41 |
| Microfilm Imaging Systems | Ct scanning equip rent | 457.00 |
| Midwest Area Refuse Solutions | Gbg svc | 362.20 |
| Midwest Process Svcs. | Civil process fees | 219.40 |
| MIPS, Inc. | Computer svcs | 5131.09 |
| NE Clerk of Dist. Ct. Assn. | Wkshp fee | 75.00 |
| NE UC Fund | Unemployment | 5145.67 |
| Nelson, Clark & Timan | Public Defender | 6346.15 |
| Noakes | Parts, labor | 242.20 |
| Norris Public Power | Tower utilities | 43.27 |
| Northeast Auto | Veh lease | 550.00 |
| Paper Tiger | Doc shredding | 125.00 |
| Philippi Electric | Parts, labor | 245.16 |
| Physicians Lab | Autopsy svcs | 424.00 |
| Priority Printing | ROD env. | 93.25 |
| Prochaska & Assoc. | Needs assessment | 835.95 |
| Quadiant Leasing | Pstg machine lease | 2907.96 |
| Quill – Ext. | Offc supplies | 202.77 |
| Quill – Prob. | Offc supplies | 26.63 |
| Region V Systems | Mntl hlth & EPC svcs | 13,420.50 |
| Saline Co. Treas. | Co share SE NE Drug Ct | 9295.00 |
| Sapp Bros. Petroleum | Shf/Jail fuel | 4787.90 |
| SE NE Communications | Prob phones | 110.95 |
| Security Services | Annl fire alarm insp. | 268.50 |
| Sheridan Ind. | Ext Offc janitorial svcs | 120.00 |
| Slims Body Shop | Shf veh repair | 1291.10 |
| Software Unlimited | Atty software maint. | 745.80 |
| Spectrum (Charter) | EM cable TV | 11.53 |
| Staples Business Credit | Offc supplies | 104.67 |
| St. of NE AS Material | Elec materials | 1335.18 |
| Summit Food Svc. | Jail meal svc | 8966.97 |
| T.O. Haas Tire | Veh repairs | 785.74 |
| TK Elevator Corp. | Elevator maint. | 256.76 |
| U.S. Bank – Purchase cards | Supplies, travel, etc. | 1403.70 |
| Verizon Wireless – GCSO | Cell phones | 480.12 |
| Verizon Wireless – Co EMS 6384-1 | Cell phones | 328.07 |
| Verizon Wireless – Prob 339-1 | Cell phones | 393.91 |
| Westlake Ace Hardware | Supplies, cleaners | 351.59 |
| Windstream – Wilber Prob | Phones | 54.88 |
| Windstream – Ext 4344 | Phones | 279.08 |
| Windstream – Fillmore Co Prob | Phones | 462.30 |
| Windstream – Gen 1484 | Phones | 1949.97 |
| Windstream – Hwy 1480 | Phones | 195.91 |
| Windstream – Shf 4340 | Phones | 679.74 |
| Zultys, Inc. | Prob. phones | 469.76 |
| <u>Road Fund</u> | | |
| Highway Department Employees | Salaries | 39,997.81 |
| Ace/Eaton Metals | Project pipe | 39,908.00 |
| Barco Municipal Products, Inc. | Signs/stands, cones | 2967.29 |
| Bauer Built Tire | Tires, wheels | 1650.00 |
| Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency | Waste disposal | 450.00 |
| Beatrice Board of Public Works | Utilities | 430.93 |
| Beatrice Concrete Ready Mix | Traffic patch | 359.45 |
| Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel | Rock & gravel | 47,210.34 |
| Beatrice Iron & Metal | Supplies | 1450.93 |

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| City of Wymore | Utilities | 165.21 |
| Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div. | Utilities | 168.65 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Offc supplies | 192.74 |
| Fastenal Co. | Paint | 70.46 |
| Inland Truck Parts & Svc. | Parts, labor | 15,429.77 |
| Jim Hawk Truck Trailers | Freon | 279.99 |
| Johnny’s Welding | Parts | 744.00 |
| Lampton Welding Supply | Welding rod | 256.44 |
| Landmark Implement, Inc. | Parts | 192.64 |
| Larry’s Tire & Service | Repairs | 335.00 |
| Mead Lumber | Toilet | 229.99 |
| Midwest Area Refuse Solutions | Waste disposal | 74.24 |
| MIPS, Inc. | Hwy program | 192.32 |
| Motor Fuels Division | Diesel tax | 1899.00 |
| NE Machinery Co. | Grader, parts | 285,793.50 |
| O’Reilly Auto Parts | Parts, tools, supplies | 467.59 |
| PowerPlan | Labor | 449.40 |
| RDO Truck Center | Parts, labor | 308.84 |
| Rock On, Inc. | Hauling materials | 2495.96 |
| Roehr’s Machinery | Parts | 20.94 |
| Sapp Bros. Petroleum | Fuel, oil | 24,817.90 |
| T.O. Haas Tire | Repair | 38.25 |
| Truck Center Companies | Parts | 112.11 |
| U.S. Bank – Purchase cards | Tools | 960.96 |
| Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC | Veh. gps | 255.05 |
| Zoellner Ford of Beatrice | Wheels | 409.76 |

Register of Deeds Preservation and Modernization Fund

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

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| Gage Co. Health Insurance | Employee hlth ins claims paid | 67,650.52 |
| Mutual of Omaha | Ins premiums | 546.00 |

Diversion Fund

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| Beatrice Public Schools | Diversion | 4,900.00 |
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Emergency Management Fund

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| City of Beatrice | Qtrly 911 svc. | 59,106.16 |
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General Fund

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| Ameritas | County share of Employees Retirement | 12,561.75 |
| Security First Bank | Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 12,787.74 |
| Gage County Clerk – Health Plan | Co. share of Empl. health insurance | 26,239.41 |

Road Fund

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| Ameritas | County share of Employees Retirement | 2,699.83 |
| Security First Bank | Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 2,932.64 |
| 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. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24040191 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$744.00, bringing the total amount of claims paid through April 17, 2024 to \$1,535,702.90. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Adam Suden on Bldg. & Grounds, Haxby on Finance/Insurance and Human Resources/Employee Relations, and Dorn on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included Masonry Const. looked at East entrance and courthouse tower – will start work in early May; Applied Connective moving forward with IT projects; negotiations beginning with F.O.P.; and light guards at jail.

Short recess at 8:55 a.m. to wait for timed event at 9:15 a.m. Back in session at 9:13 a.m.

Schuller gave an update on Rockford Road.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Gage County 2024 box culverts #1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240 and 1262. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were received from A & R Construction of Plainview NE in the amount of \$2,486,003.09 as grand total, M.E. Collins Contracting of Wahoo NE in the amount of \$2,450,949.71, JJK Construction of Ceresco NE in the amount of \$2,475,900.04 and Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet NE in the amount of \$2,377,532.30.

Short recess at 9:27 a.m. to have Hwy Supt. and Engineer Mark Mainelli review the culvert bids. Back in session at 10:08 a.m.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke presented the recommendation to accept the bid from Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet NE pending core permits and easements & they were the lowest bidder.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Schuller to approve accepting and awarding the 2024 Gage County box culverts bid to Vogtsapes, Inc. of Bennet, NE as the lowest bid and pending right-of-way and core permits. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m. until May 1, 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/ Emily M. Haxby
Emily M. Haxby, Vice 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 17th day of April, 2024.

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/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk