



The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 10, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. with Terry Jurgens, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present. Don Schuller listened to meeting by phone until 9:50 a.m.

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 \$693,141.06 which does not include claim #24070063 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$220.60 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve State Print Shop for printing Budget message postcards for Joint Public Hearing (per LB644); 6. Approve specs and call for bids for Gage County 2024 Culverts Group 2 Project (C-34 (1144), C-34(1209), C-34(1213), C-34(1230), C-34(1265) & C-34(1266). Bids to be opened August 7, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. 7. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June, 2024; 8. Approve Utility Permit #1307 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be repairing a fiber line on Belvedere Road. Windstream will start 650’ West of the intersection of SW 131st & Belvedere Road in the north grader ditch, bore a 2” diameter x 48” deep line for 150’ under the structure, cut & splice into existing fiber line, and install 2 new pedestals at bore locations. Located south of section 6, T-3-N, R-5-E, Lincoln Twp.; 9. Approve Utility Permit #1308 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be moving fiber line for a future Gage County Project C-34(1269) on Hickory Road. Windstream will cut and splice fiber line in the North grader ditch east of existing structure along Hickory Road approximately 1,700’ West of 134th Road. Then bore a 2” diameter x 96” deep line for 200’ under the structure, cut & splice into existing fiber line on the West side of the structure. Located south of section 8, T-4-N, R-8-E, Filley Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	164,365.28
Advanced Auto Dealers	Shf website maint.	29.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	7654.84
All Copy Products	Copy overage	269.72
Amazon Capital Svcs.	Photo mats, wall hanging, pin board	205.19
Applied Connective Technologies	Install camera	1788.50
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv svcs grant	4001.01
Black Hills Energy – Ext 5089	Utilities	48.56
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	71.07
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	721.50
Consolidated Mgmt.	Shf meals at trng	34.80
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	65.54
Critical Hire	Profile reports	50.00
Dept. of Health & Human Svcs.	Scanner renewal	100.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Office supplies	970.72
Echo Electric	Lights, fan motor	168.07
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Great Plains Reporting	Depo transcript	325.10
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	472.70
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	356.25
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Ken’s Pest Control	Spray Shf & Ext	510.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing	Parts, labor	1227.29
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	18.57
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Computer programs, maint.	5216.49
NE St. Fire Marshal Agency	Jail boiler inspec.	72.00

NE Auditor of Public Accounts	Co. audit	18,747.17
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	49.56
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	1100.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	6507.50
Priority Printing	Bus cards, atty & prob	290.00
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	33.99
Region V Systems	Funding	54,251.00
Saline Co. Treasurer	24/25 budget, SE NE Drug Court	11,241.94
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	109.63
Security First Bank	Checks/dep slips	280.19
Software Unlimited Corp.	Atty software maint.	5098.46
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	5467.68
Thomas & Thomas Ct. Reporters	Depo transcripts	1249.51
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Emer Mgmt cell phones	328.02
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob. cell phones	393.84
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	592.93
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	53.71
Windstream – Hwy	Phones	316.33
Windstream – Ext.	Phones	308.07
Windstream – Shf.	Phones	449.48
Windstream – Vets	Phone admin	137.54
Windstream – Gen Cths	Phones	2222.81
Windstream – Vets	Phones	240.69
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	472.09
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,281.65
All Copy Products, Inc.	Copy coverage	39.11
Bauer Built Tire	Tires	1068.00
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	39,088.39
Bomgaars	Supplies	546.89
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	27.48
Stuart Lee Essman	Easements	1826.00
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Hand cleaner	65.40
Johnny’s Welding	Parts	220.60
Lampton Welding Supply	Cyl rent 1 yr prepaid	84.95
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	84,300.87
Mead Lumber	Supplies	79.21
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	145.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2324.00
Rewound Power Motors	Parts	170.03
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	8840.71
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	585.32
T.O. Haas Tire	Tires, changeovers	861.34
Tractor Supply	Tools	30.98
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	255.05
<u>Road & Bridge Sinking Fund</u>		
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	16,493.14
<u>Visitor’s Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3886.25
<u>Visitor’s Improvement Fund</u>		
Food 4 Hope of Nebraska, Inc.	Grant	25,000.00
<u>Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund</u>		
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	220.08
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage County Health Insurance	Employee health ins claims paid	92,586.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,816.28

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,935.06
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	26,911.75
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,719.01
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,944.86
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 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24070063 to Johnny’s Welding Inc. in the amount of \$220.60, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 10, 2024 to \$693,361.66. Motion carried 5-0-1 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, Tiemann on Equalization, and Jurgens and Haxby on Finance/Insurance. Topics of discussion were water shut-off, engineer looked at east entrance, birds in evidence building, street light project, Black Hills changing gas meter, and Historical Society changed display in glass case at courthouse.

Misty Ahmic and Raegan Hain from Seward County spoke on the position of a grant writer, they indicated that they are spending a number of hours working on grants as well as Supervisor Haxby who has put in numerous hours applying for grants for Gage County. They felt that it would be beneficial for both counties if they would go together in hiring a grant writer. There was discussion on the process. Chairman Tiemann thanked them for coming to the board meeting. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:15 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit #2024-3 for the placement of a commercial retail business to be located on a tract of land in the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 33-3-5 of Lincoln Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 6-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand gave the P&Z Commission’s recommendation of approving the SUP #2024-3. Darrell Hurd, 108 W Main St., Plymouth NE, told the board that he wants to put a 40’ x 60’ shop building on his family’s acreage in Gage County at 11219 W Maple Rd. in Lincoln Twp. The shop would be for his business, Wrenchman Service, LLC, an automotive repair business that is currently in Beatrice. No other public present for comment.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to close public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee reports continued with Haxby giving an update on grants, and reports were given by Lytle and Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge.

Break at 9:30 a.m. Back in session at 9:40 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Discussion on MOU between Gage County, Norris Public Power District and Today’s Power, Inc. Braden Dvorak, Deputy Gage County Attorney and P&Z’s legal counsel, and Bruce Vitosh, General Manager of Norris Public Power Dist. spoke about the MOU. There will be two solar energy system sites in Gage County, constructed by Today’s Power, Inc. for the exclusive benefit of Norris PPD, Diller and Hoag. Today’s Power is responsible for decommissioning and Norris will put dollars into escrow to prevent any issues for their customers in case Today’s Power didn’t complete the decommissioning. A third-party engineer would do calculations on decommissioning.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the MOU between Gage County, Norris Public Power District and Today’s Power, Inc. Motion carried 6-0.

Grant writer

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Jurgens to approve recommendation for four Special Designated liquor licenses for Gage County Ag Society, one for Gage County Fairgrounds beer garden on the Midway for the Gage County Fair, July 24-27, 2024, one for the Bull Riding Rodeo at the Horse Arena, July 24, 2024, and one for the track area for the Concert in the Grandstand on July 25, 2024. The fourth is for an alternate location of the lower (old) horse arena in case of

inclement weather for either the Bull Riding on July 24th or the Concert on July 25th. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on Settlement Agreement and General Release between Josh Carpenter and Gage County.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 10:01 a.m. regarding Settlement Agreement/General Release. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to move out of closed session at 10:12 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve Settlement Agreement and General Release between Josh Carpenter and Gage County. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve a 1% increase for the lid on restricted funds. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move into closed session at 10:17 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting during closed session.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move out of closed session at 10:59 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until July 24, 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 10th day of July, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk