



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 7, 2024, at 8:47 a.m. with Emily Haxby, Don Schuller, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, Dave Swavely and Gary Lytle present, Terry Jurgens 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 \$2,339,831.78 which does not include claim #24080057 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$2,424.51 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of July, 2024; 6. Approve receiving County Offices Inventory Statements and place on file; 7. Approve corrected cancelled check number of 24060034 instead of 24070216 as listed in error on 7/24/24 agenda.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	166,672.41
Applied Connective Technologies	IT consulting, equip., labor	52,329.56
Beatrice Daily Sun	Jail subscr.	300.99
Beatrice Public Schools	Juv. svcs.	3239.84
Black Hills Energy Ext. 5089	Ext Offc utilities	48.98
City of Beatrice	Co. share Prob. utilities	1320.09
Clearly Communications	Co. Gen phones	4249.22
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	443.70
Consolidated Management	Shf deputy meals at training	17.15
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	726.44
Lloyd Dickinson	Valuation protest referee	16,060.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	498.42
Fossler Excavation & Const., LLC	Trailer removal from road	15,000.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr to Road Fund	400,000.00
GBE, CPA	Prof. svcs RE audit	5000.00
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	375.00
gWorks	GIS Twp layer creation & subscr.	1220.00
Hamm Glass	DC glass counter	930.09
Hireclick	Pre-employment exams	999.00
Hometown Leasing	3 Prob Offc copier leases	472.70
Idemia Identity & Security USA, LLC	AFIS maint. agrmnt	3257.00
Johnson Co. Sheriff	Shf. svc. fees	55.52
Kratz Law Offc., LLC	Atty fees	2788.25
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2398.05
Lammel Plumbing, Inc.	Repairs	200.03
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Ct. scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Computer suppt., equip, programs	5216.49
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	2828.00
Nebr. City Ctr for Children, Families	Offc pest control	320.00
NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood kit discovery materials	56.92
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath twr utilities	51.06
NE Shf.'s Assn.	Conf. regis.	295.00
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess medical ins.	11,789.50
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	3553.00
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping/pstg chgs	190.77
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	74.94
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	79.48
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	262.63
R&B Arms	Supplies	1324.50
Reagan Law Offices, PC LLO	Atty fees	456.00

SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	109.72
Siegel's Corporation	Shf uniforms	874.00
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc.	8252.93
The Radar Shop, Inc.	Repair & testing	151.50
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
Verizon Wireless Dist 1 Prob 339-1	Cell phones	393.99
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	53.91
Wollenburg Const.	Supplies, labor	2615.93

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,234.53
All Copy Products	Copy coverage	29.11
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	18,563.14
Black Hills Energy – Hwy 6863	Utilities	66.27
Bomgaars	Tool, supplies	295.44
Cather & Sons Construction	Asphalt	1949.48
Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Div.	Utilities	25.97
Cornelius, Michael L.	Easements	850.29
Eakes Office Solutions	Shop towels	170.69
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	County rock	2424.51
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg	192.32
Nebraska Machinery Co.	2024 motor grader	259,448.00
SSG Farm, LLC	Easements	930.96
Tractor Supply Co.	Shop fan, fuel tank	1149.98
Tredz Central, LLC	Tires, harness adapter	1070.00

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9312.60
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online with numerical indexes	220.08
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	89,180.20
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	33,152.00

Covid American Rescue Plan Fund

AMG Nebraska ISP, LLC	Broadband internet svc. program (grant)	925,000.00
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County Buildings Fund

Masonry Construction, Inc.	Phase 12 – Clock Twr Restoration per bid	167,000.00
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Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve the consent agenda with the exception of claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$15,000, as she would like to address the claim separately. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction. Haxby had concerns about the large amount of the invoice and whether there were other quotes received before Fossler Excavation was approved to do the project. Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24080012 to Fossler Excavation & Construction in the amount of \$15,000. Motion carried 5-1 with Haxby voting nay.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #24080057 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$2,424.51, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 7, 2024 to \$2,342,256.29. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports began with Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, then broke for timed agenda item.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to close bidding at 9:18 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on Gage County 2024 Culvert Group 2 Project C-34(1144, 1209, 1213, 1230, 1265, 1266). Motion carried 6-0.

Jones finished his committee report.

Bids were opened and read aloud. Bids were received from Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney NE in the amount of \$265,617.80; Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City MO in the amount of \$278,722.70; Midwest Service & Sales of Schuyler NE in the amount of \$353,000.58; and Contech Engineered Solutions of Lincoln NE in the amount of \$272,606.80. The bids were given to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation and potential awarding later in the meeting.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve accepting all bids and awarding the bid later in the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Committee reports continued with Tiemann on Equalization, and Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management/P&Z, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics discussed were attic fans, lights on courthouse, memorial for JT Thornburg, county fair use of EM trailer, EMPG grant, zoning meeting on Aug. 15th with public hearing on cemetery. Tiemann noted that Karly Black with UN Extension was present – she gave a quick update on happenings with personnel – new employee starting in Sept., and Nathan Mueller accepted a position with NRCS.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave his recommendation of going with Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$265,617.80 as the low bid.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid for Gage County 2024 Culvert Group 2 Project C-34(1144, 1209, 1213, 1230, 1265, 1266) to Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney NE in the amount of \$265,617.80. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 10:03 a.m. Back in session at 10:13 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Curtis Field with Prochaska & Associates presented a needs assessment for the Gage County Jail/Detention Center, attempting to determine the most feasible and cost-effective solution to the current Law Enforcement Center (LEC) space and functional shortcomings, the shortage of jail beds, and compliance issues with Jail Standards Division of the NE Crime Commission. Discussion was on whether to attempt to remodel current facilities or build new facilities, the size of a proposed new facility, the functions that would be performed, whether to include a juvenile facility, possible formation of a Citizen’s Committee to finalize the bed-count issue, steps that would be taken for site selection and the ability to meet all needs of a facility if a new build is the choice, and developing Project Budgets for each feasible option. Discussion was had on the study.

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 11:38 a.m. to address questions with counsel. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to move out of closed session at 11:51 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

No action was taken on the agenda item to approve or disapprove the Letter Agreement with Prochaska & Associates for Part 2: Facility Development of Law Enforcement Center.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-09 for the signing of the County Annual Certification Program Compliance Form 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on County Budget for FY 24-25.

No closed session was taken on negotiations.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m. until August 21, 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 7th day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk