



# Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 21, 2024, at 8:47 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 \$624,650.44 which does not include claim #24080192 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$11,750.40 and claim #24080202 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$64,019.14 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve Utility Permit #1310 to Windstream Nebraska, LLC. Windstream will be installing a new fiber line to a residence at 1234 S. 25th Road. Windstream will start at pedestal 437OP in the West grader ditch of 25th Road, bore a 2" diameter by 48" deep line under S. 25th Road to the East grader ditch. Once in the East grader ditch, Windstream will continue work on private property. Located West of section 6, T-6-N R-7-E, Nemaha Twp.; 6. approve Utility Permit #1311 to Viaero Fiber Networks LLC. Viaero will be installing a new fiber line for a communications tower outside of Gage County. Viaero will be plowing in the outer edge of Gage County ROW and bore under all intersections, culverts, bridges, and concrete structures between SW 142nd to S.190th between Maple and Linden Road. Plans for project are on file at the Highway Department. Located in Lincoln, Riverside, Rockford, and Sherman Twps.; 7. approve decorating SE tree in blue lights during Holiday lights season in memory of J.T. Thornburg.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	165,282.37
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	7657.84
All Copy Products	Emer Mgmt copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Svcs, Inc.	Dist Ct ofc supplies	10.44
Applied Connective Technologies	IT mgmt., equip, new phone system, phones	39,145.58
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile svc	566.25
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	15.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6530.53
Beatrice Community Hospital	CPR AED trng	125.00
Beatrice Lawn Care Inc.	Spraying trees	450.00
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Siren repair	2022.42
Bryan Health	Investigative expns	90.00
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copy overage	9.20
Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC	Bd of Eq pickup work	2325.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Jail supplies	503.20
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	209.97
City of Beatrice	Qrtrly 911 svc, gbg svc	1659.29
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	137.50
DAS St. Acctng Central Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
DataShield Corp.	Doc shredding	33.36
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Echo Group	Bulbs, ballasts, box connectors	289.93
Extreme Motorsports	EM signs	180.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Shf radio batteries	709.30
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	2308.50
Gleason Dental Clinic	Inmate dental	205.00
Great Plains Uniforms	Law Enf supplies	186.98
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing, grub control	1035.00
Joyce Hasselbalch	Transcript	134.55
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	Janitorial supplies	1571.79
Horwath Laundry Equip.	Dryer repair, parts, labor	1471.22
Huls Body Shop, Inc.	Towing	255.00
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA admin fees	144.50

Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty, postage	2428.89
Lynn Peavey Co.	Supplies	245.00
Mead Lumber Co., Inc.	Lumber, lock, supplies	608.90
Midwest Area Refuse Solutions	Ext Offc gbg svc	23.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process svr fees	359.00
Mosley Information Technology, LLC	Laptop repair	150.00
NACO	4 mtg regis.	160.00
NASASP – Natl Assn, Surplus Prop.	Shf. dues	39.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Shf training	142.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Northeast Auto	Veh lease	550.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	325.69
Paper Tiger Shredding, Inc.	Doc shredding	212.25
Pawnee Republican	Publications	26.00
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	6384.75
Precision Auto Tune, Inc.	Shf veh repairs	1009.84
Professional Forms & Supplies, Inc.	Shf supplies	228.89
Quadient, Inc.	Env. opener maint.	888.73
Quill – Ext	Offc supplies	509.28
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	202.49
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	392.30
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	118.43
Region V Systems	EPC billing	3638.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	5249.19
Sayler Screenprinting, LLC	Shf uniform	129.00
Nathan Schwab	Tree treatments	500.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Monitor Shf, Jail, Ext Offc	68.50
Sheridan Industries	Ext offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Sherwin-Williams	Paint	38.27
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	19.25
Spectrum (Charter)	EM subscr.	11.53
Staples	Supplies	79.77
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc	6110.39
T.O. Haas Tire	Shf oil change	64.98
The Fairbury Journal News	Publications	26.77
The Voice News	Publications	49.41
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library subscr.	2784.69
Tri County Credit Bulletin	Subscr., semi-annl.	168.30
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, uniforms	3347.58
US Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext Offc stamps	204.00
Verizon Wireless – GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless – EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	328.10
Washington Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,950.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Electrical/bldg. supplies, tools	593.29
Windstream – Fillmore Prob.	Phones	458.57
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	472.38
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	40,246.84
Bauer Built	Tires	1018.84
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Rubbish disposal	180.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	457.99
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	48,587.06
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	902.58
Cather & Son's Construction	Asphalt	6583.76
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	83.75
Cornhusker Intl. Trucks	Parts	133.59
Crete Lumber	Ice	175.00
Diversified Drug Testing	Drug/alcohol testing	180.00
Extreme Motorsports	Veh decals	134.00
Farmer's Cooperative	Propane, tire mounts	538.38
First Wireless	Radio parts	313.36
Hard Rock Quarries	County rock	11,750.40
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Freon, oil	369.78
Larry's Tire & Service	Repairs, changeovers	370.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	Welding supplies	31.76

Mead Lumber	Supplies	12.99
Midwest Unlimited	Ratchet assy	69.90
NMC	Parts	3483.40
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	801.66
PowerPlan	Labor	674.10
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp. gravel & hauling	64,019.14
RDO Truck Center Co.	Parts, labor	2065.79
Rewound Power Motors	Parts, labor	160.82
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	13,524.88
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	22,854.12
Sun Auto Tire & Service	Tires, wheels	753.93
US Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies	1033.42
US Auto Force	Tires	968.00
Verizon Connect	Veh GPS	255.05
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Drill bit, parts	65.85
Yant Equipment	Nozzle & hose	262.00

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	270.89
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	63,450.99
Mutual of Omaha	Employee vol ins policies premiums	557.11

Covid America Rescue Plan Fund

Gage County	Transfer funds to the 2585 LATCF Fund	50,000.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	11,877.67
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	11,989.96
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,963.76

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,716.65
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	2,942.17
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 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Swavely to approve claim #24080192 to Hard Rock Quarries in the amount of \$11,750.40 and claim #24080202 to R. L. Tiemann Const. in the amount of \$64,019.14, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 21, 2024 to \$700,419.98. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann 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; Jurgens on Finance and Rd & Bridge, and Lytle & Millard on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving and placing on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Swavely to approve receiving preliminary requests for levy allocation to the County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to approve MOU between Gage County and Freeman, Southern, and Diller-Odell Public School Districts for a School Resource Deputy. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Swavely to open public hearing at 9:18 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition on the 1- & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke presented the projects on the 1- & 6-Year Plans. Discussion on the plans. No public present.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Schuller to close public hearing at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION #24-10**

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent has presented a One- and Six-Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County board of said County, and

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.

Motion by: Swavely Second by: Dorn

Vote: Aye - 7 Nay - 0

/s/ Erich Tiemann  
Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill, County Clerk

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #24-10 approving the 1- & 6-Year Plan with one change of moving the Full Clatonia to DeWitt Blacktop from the 6-Year Plan to the 1-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on the Prochaska & Associates Jail Needs Assessment Proposal Addendum, requesting additional funding to research juvenile numbers. Lytle said he thinks that was included in the original contract and he wants them to complete the process with juvenile numbers as they were paid to do, and if it was a part of the original contract and they did not include the numbers in the assessment, they need to repay a portion of the amount we paid them.

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to disapprove the proposal addendum requesting additional funding. Motion carried 7-0

Discussion on MOU’s with Marshall and Washington Counties in Kansas for bridge repairs on roads shared along the state lines. Repairs should be 50/50. We will send the agreement back stating that they can inspect and we will pay for the inspection every other year and repairs will be 50/50.

Break at 10:08 a.m. Back in session at 10:21 a.m. with Jurgens out.

Discussion on the County Budget for FY 24-25. Also discussed the cap that was voted for by legislation.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Lytle to move into closed session at 10:41 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Swavely, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

**RESOLUTION #24-11, 2024**

Whereas, Nebr. State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are subject to Gage County Levy authority are agricultural society, historical society, rural fire districts and townships; and

Whereas, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has determined that due to the number of political subdivisions and taxing parcels that would be affected, that a

levy will be established and if the subdivisions request is over that levy, their levy will be reduced to respective amounts as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that the levy rates will be as follows:

Agricultural Society**	0.003209
Historical Society*	0.000737
Rural Fire Districts	0.030000
Townships	<u>0.075000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.108946</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by said Board that if any of the political subdivisions that are subject to the county levy authority neglects to submit a request, the Board will use their last year’s budget request to determine the levy rate subject to limitations found in the resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gage County Board of Supervisors does hereby allocate the following:

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Gage Co. Ag Society** General	135,000.00	0.003209	135,000.00	0.003209
Historical Society**	41,000.00	0.000975	31,000.00	0.000737

**RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS**

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Rural Fire (General Fund)	92,000.00	0.029914	92,000.00	0.029914
Barneston Rural Fire* (General Fund)	36,000.00	0.033511	32,228.44	0.030000
Beatrice Rural Fire* (General Fund)	247,000.00	0.031971	231,770.22	0.030000
Blue Springs Rural Fire* (General Fund)	70,000.00	0.035165		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>0.012559</u>		
Total	95,000.00	0.047724	59,718.60	0.030000
Clatonia Rural Fire (General Fund)	25,000.00	0.028410	25,000.00	0.028410
Cort-Lanc Rural Fire* (General Fund)	98,128.00	0.037304		
(Sinking Fund)	<u>4,564.00</u>	<u>0.001735</u>		
Total	102,692.00	0.039039	78,915.77	0.030000
Filley Rural Fire (General Fund)	92,000.00	0.029312	92,000.00	0.029312
Odell Rural Fire (General Fund)	21,000.00	0.006881	21,000.00	0.006881
Pickrell Rural Fire (General Fund)	70,000.00	0.028008	70,000.00	0.028008
Wymore Rural Fire (General Fund)	16,500.00	0.009269	16,500.00	0.009269

**TOWNSHIPS**

<u>Political Subdivision</u>	<u>Property Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Allowable Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
Adams Township	67,059.90	0.027156	67,059.90	0.027156
Barneston Township	45,008.52	0.048469	45,008.52	0.048469
Blakely Township	148,000.00	0.067144	148,000.00	0.067144
Blue Springs-Wymore	46,996.50	0.032578	46,996.50	0.032578
Clatonia Township	69,662.00	0.053252	69,662.00	0.053252
Elm Township	48,825.00	0.038765	48,825.00	0.038765
Filley Township	72,000.00	0.064897	72,000.00	0.064897
Glenwood Township	42,600.00	0.036181	42,600.00	0.036181
Grant Township	54,000.00	0.039944	54,000.00	0.039944
Hanover Township	45,000.00	0.035117	45,000.00	0.035117
Highland Township***	101,521.22	0.050000	101,521.22	0.050000
Holt Township	46,313.00	0.031555	46,313.00	0.031555
Hooker Township	35,700.00	0.032297	35,700.00	0.032297
Island Grove Township	43,788.60	0.063895	43,788.60	0.063895
Liberty Township	40,000.32	0.050652	40,000.32	0.050652
Lincoln Township	51,480.42	0.042758	51,480.42	0.042758
Logan Township	51,000.00	0.041719	51,000.00	0.041719
Midland Township (Sinking Fund)	48,000.00	0.038578	48,000.00	0.038578
Nemaha Township	47,000.00	0.021331	47,000.00	0.021331
Paddock Township	51,935.00	0.048649	51,935.00	0.048649
Riverside Township	93,000.00	0.054681	93,000.00	0.054681
Rockford Township	42,000.00	0.037578	42,000.00	0.037578
Sherman Township	31,835.22	0.036340	31,835.22	0.036340
Sicily Township	51,962.88	0.045972	51,962.88	0.045972

\*over amount allowed  
 \*\*last year’s tax request  
 \*\*\*special election

Motion by Schuller to adopt Resolution #24-11, 2024, seconded by Swavely.  
 Voting yes were Schuller, Tiemann, Dorn, Swavely, Lytle  
 Voting no were None

Motion carried 5-0.

ATTEST:

/s/ Erich Tiemann  
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk (SEAL)

Motion made by Haxby, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-11 setting final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society, approving all as presented, but raising the Ag Society to \$175,000 and Historical Society to \$41,000. Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Lytle to amend the original motion to increase only the Historical Society by an additional \$10,000. Vote on the amended motion – Schuller, Dorn, and Swavely voting yea, Haxby, Tiemann, and Lytle voting nay. Motion failed 3-3.

Vote taken on original motion to increase both the Ag Society and Historical Society – Haxby, Swavely, and Lytle voting yea, Schuller, Tiemann, and Dorn voting nay. Motion failed 3-3.

Haxby left meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Motion made by Schuller, seconded by Swavely to approve adopting Resolution #24-11 setting final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society as presented with no changes. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m. until September 4, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk