



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 19, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on February 6, 2025, copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk’s Office. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours and was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only, at such public meeting. All of the proceedings shown hereafter were taken while in the convened meeting which was open to the attendance of the public.

Supervisors Rex Adams, Rick Clabaugh, Emily Haxby, Erich Tiemann, Gary Lytle, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present.

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 \$1,026,869.29 which does not include claim #25020187 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$600.00 and claim #25020194 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$28,221.35, to be voted on separately ; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Sheriff’s Office Collection of Distress Warrants for January 2025; 6. Approve Utility Permit #1324 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line along S. 96th Road approximately ½ mile north of Aspen Road. Windstream will plow the new line starting at Pedestal S515OC in the East grader ditch of Gage County ROW and continue plowing east on Deer Lane (Private Property) to pedestal S511OG. Located IN Section 14, T-6-N, R-7-E, Nemaha Township; 7. Approve Utility Permit #1325 to Windstream Nebraska LLC. Windstream will be replacing a fiber line on Scott Road approximately ½ mile west of Hwy 77 in the South grader ditch. Windstream will start at pedestal 40DG and plow 36” deep for approximately 200’ then transition to bore a 2” diameter by 48” deep line under the bridge structure to pedestal 43DI. Located North of section 6, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Township. Windstream will also need a City Permit and approval for this project. 8. Approve Caretakers for the Pioneer cemeteries for 2025 season.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	178,279.51
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	5308.51
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	154.00
Amazon Capital Services	Co Ct supplies	46.17
Applied Connective Technologies	IT svcs., supplies, maint.	11,977.05
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf cell phones	646.64
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6384.04
Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile Justice grant	2879.24
Benchmark Govt. Solutions	Dpty meals at trng.	376.40
Capital Business Systems	ROD copy overage	8.72
Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019)	Prob. internet	209.97
City Motor Supply	Battery	53.56
City of Beatrice	Utilities	1692.61
Clearly Communications	Phones	2842.97
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	538.63
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
DAS St. Accntng. Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Datashield Corp.	Doc shredding	24.00
Diode Technologies	Cths & Vets monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Ext Offc copier	9909.00
Echo Group	Ballast	35.34
Election Systems & Software	Special Elec. Freeman Sch Bond	894.30
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – misc gen to Rd	400,000.00
Gage County Shf.	Shf fees/mlg	1191.09
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob internet	81.90
Holiday Inn, Kearney	Lodging	279.90
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41

ISolved Benefit Svcs.	FSA admin fees	144.50
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	1211.25
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	2444.04
Lammel Plumbing	Water htr repair	64.18
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	1064.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Lumber, knobs, vent supplies	164.94
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rental	457.00
Midwest Card & ID Solutions	Software	900.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	211.80
MIPS, Inc.	Forms, Computer suppt, prog.	29,107.49
Murray Law	Atty fees	1520.00
NACEB	Ext Offc annl dues	100.00
NACO	Conf dues	200.00
NAEM	EM dues, conf. regis.	185.00
NE Assn of Co Clks, ROD	Dues	100.00
NE Law Enf. Training Center	Cont. ed.	175.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Trng regis.	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Norris Public Power	Horvath Twr elec.	50.36
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Notary Public Underwriters, Inc.	Notary renewal	83.95
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed chemicals	155.00
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qtrly EMS	1500.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	115.00
Pinpoint Communications	Cths/Hwy internet	250.17
Priority Printing	Assr env. & door hangers	488.09
Quadient, Inc.	Opener maint.	1004.26
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	448.25
Reagan Law Offices	Atty fees	313.50
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4798.18
Secretary of State	Atty cert. copies	40.00
Security Services	Shf/Ext Offc monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	403.50
Stanard Appraisal Svcs	Appraisal maint.	5062.50
Staples	Shf offc supplies	563.23
Summit Food Service, LLC	Jail meal svc	5614.47
T.O. Haas Tire	Grease, oil. repairs	661.89
The Voice News	Publications	64.88
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library subscr.	3940.54
TK Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Supplies, travel, dues, etc.	2130.03
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	328.16
Verizon Wireless VSAT	VSAT	85.00
Washington Co. KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	14,000.19
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	209.65
Windstream – Fillmore Co.	Prob. phones	418.22
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	472.76
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,021.99
B's Enterprises, Inc.	Bridge planks	12,335.36
Baum Hydraulics Corp.	Parts	69.82
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	1018.43
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	14,165.38
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	996.25
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	74.24
City of Wymore	Utilities	186.52
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing easements	88.00
Paul J. Hajek	Easements	447.29
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Bungees	363.00
Johnny's Welding Inc.	Install cylinder	600.00
Landmark Implement	Parts	873.76
Mead Lumber Co.	Supplies	60.56
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg.	192.32
Newman Signs, Inc.	Barricade sheeting	4345.60
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	494.94
PowerPlan	Parts	51.35

R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	28,221.35
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts, labor	8291.38
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	3636.07
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	30,840.02
TC Industries of Canada Co. West	Grader blades	32,083.20
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	302.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w numerical indexes	220.08

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims pd	82,851.97
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. elective ins premiums	547.82

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Juvenile diversion	2180.00
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Inheritance Fund

Velora M Wieters Estate PR24-15	Inheritance tax overpayment	3341.29
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,954.93
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,966.25
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	27,941.26

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,971.45
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,227.10
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	9,011.75

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve claim #25020187 to Johnny's Welding, Inc. in the amount of \$600.00. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #25020194 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$28,221.35, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 19, 2025 to \$1,055,690.64. 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/ Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lytle and Lisa W. on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Items discussed included fire alarm testing; woodwork proposal; Storm Spotters Training April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Homestead National Monument.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley and Event Coordinator Patty Goes presented a Visitor's Improvement Grant application for the 2025 Nebraska Cattleman's Ball in the amount of \$18,000. The event will be held on June 6th and 7th, 2025. They will be ordering additional visitor's guides and the grant would be used to bus event goers from Beatrice to the event site near Blue Springs, then deliver them back, saying that safety is their #1 thought.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve a Visitor's Improvement Grant for the 2025 Nebraska Cattleman's Ball in the amount of \$18,000 for bus transportation from Beatrice to the Cattleman's Ball near Blue Springs. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve appointing Tony Ausilio to the Tourism Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by previous member KJ Patel. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:14 a.m. Back in session at 9:16 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:16 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids for rock and gravel. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Beatrice Sand & Gravel, Rock On, Inc., R.L. Tiemann Construction, and Hard Rock Quarries for rock and gravel, and from Gana Trucking for hauling only.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve accepting all bids, using each one contingent on lowest bid price and availability. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Tourism Coordinator Dakota Hurley presented the quarterly Tourism Report.

Jurgens left meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving tourism report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner presented the Extension Annual Report and gave an Extension update. She reported that the Yard & Garden radio program would be starting on April 11th, and that the office is wanting to purchase a new binder.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to approve receiving the Extension Report and placing it on file. Motion carried 6-0.

Break at 9:55 a.m. Back in session at 10:00 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Jurgens.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 10:00 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 10:24 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until March 5, 2025.

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 19th day of February, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk