



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 28, 2025, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 15, 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, Eddie Dorn, and Terry Jurgens present, Gary Lytle absent.

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 \$775,180.17, which does not include claim #25050213 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,798.82, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check #24090223 to Windstream in the amount of \$4,023.37; 6. Receive and place on file 2024 Adams Rescue report; 7. Approve Specs and call for bids on Courthouse Lighting project. Bids to be opened on June 25, 2025 @ 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	172,536.21
Adams Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs.	4500.00
Applied Connective Technologies	Computer equip., programming, etc.	4497.73
Auto Zone	Shf veh repair	191.99
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Shf taser holster	98.25
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4734.90
Beatrice Daily Sun	Vets Offc Subscription	309.00
Beatrice Fire Protection	Fire ext inspections	1672.75
Beatrice Mechanical Service	Repair	103.28
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm-based juv justice grant	3192.89
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	77.52
Blackburn Technologies	Prob. equip., supplies	539.88
Blue Valley Public Safety	Siren repairs	1487.42
Bragg Animal Control	Labor	60.00
Bryan West Medical Center	Inmate medical	28.00
Charm-Tex	Inmate provisions	1090.30
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob internet	210.00
Cidnet	Data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	378.00
Comm. Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl. exam	123.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	1224.30
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Atty lodging	930.65
DAS St Accntng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data processing	196.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	565.83
Glenwood Telecomm.	Prob phones	81.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Atty fees	1015.60
HD Supply Facilities Maint.	Shf restroom suppl.	284.20
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
Justice Data Solutions	Jail mgmt software	3800.00
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Maximus US Svcs	Cost alloc. plan prep	2600.00
McKessen Medical Surgical	Inmate medical	33.20
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	1162.50
NE Air Filter, Inc.	Filters	813.60

NE St. Fire Marshal – Elev. Div.	Annl. elevator inspection	120.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Quadient, Inc.	Equip. lease	1004.26
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	90.17
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	84.87
Quill – Co Ct	Offc supplies	575.00
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	331.72
Reagan Law Offcs.	Atty fees	370.50
RR Donnelley	Shf citation forms	670.53
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	150.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	17.50
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	6062.46
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	Supplies	59.62
Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters	Depo. transcript	210.10
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM cell phones	218.87
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	845.00
Washington Co. KS Shf	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs	6924.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,270.34
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	369.18
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	201,503.07
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	74.11
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	65.50
Blackburn Mfg.	Flags	402.28
Bomgaars	Tools, bolts, supplies	472.29
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	12,160.45
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div	Utilities	75.41
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Skidsteer rental ovrg	10,045.00
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	149.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Utilities	313.63
Priority Printing	3-pt purchase order forms	227.67
R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc.	Twp gravel & hauling	33,798.82
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	17,849.33
Straight-Line Striping	Road striping	37,785.60
U.S. Auto Force	Tires	3195.12

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Blue Springs Ball Diamond Assn.	Grant for signage proj.	4000.00
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	99,188.80
Mutual of Omaha	Empl. vol. ins policy premiums	553.82

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Mar/Apr diversion fees	4300.00
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc fee	60,288.28
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,539.59
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,198.96

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,920.72
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,310.21

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.
 Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25050213 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$33,798.82, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 28, 2025 to \$808,978.99. 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 were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Jurgens and Mark K. on Road & Bridge. Topics of discussion were: taking down flags around courthouse, bid specs for LED lighting grant, cleaning the attic, equalization notices, closed session for personnel, Gage Co. not included in President's disaster declaration, and Clatonia project update.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve recommendation for a Special Designated Liquor License for Native 32 Winery, LLC, West Point, NE, for the 2025 Cattleman's Ball event being held on June 7, 2025, near Blue Springs, NE. Ann Dohmen was present for Native 32 Winery to discuss the SDL. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on 2024 or newer 1-ton, 4x4, regular cab pickup, long box, for the Hwy Dept. Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Zoellner Ford of Beatrice, Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$44,999.00, Twin Rivers Chry, Jeep, Dodge, Ram, Inc. of Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$47,000.00, Premier Chevrolet, GMC of Beatrice NE, in the amount of \$48,300.00, and Valor Auto Group of Junction City KS, in the amount of \$46,111.98. Bids were referred to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Agreement with Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court and Gage County. The agreement includes a budget requested amount of \$11,235.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave his recommendation of awarding the pickup bid for the Hwy Dept. to Zoellner Ford of Beatrice in the amount of \$44,999.00. It meets the specs and is in stock. Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid for a 2024 pickup for the Hwy Dept. to Zoellner Ford of Beatrice in the amount of \$44,999.00. Motion carried 6-0.

Short recess at 9:27 a.m. Back in session at 9:33 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to move into closed session at 9:33 a.m. for personnel. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session at 10:21 a.m.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to come out of closed session at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until June 11, 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 28th day of May, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk