



## Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on June 11, 2025, at 9:07 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 29, 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 \$1,856,328.57 which does not include claim #25060089 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,549.29, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve cancelling check # 25050204 to Blackburn Manufacturing Co. in the amount of \$402.28; 6. Approve cancelling bids for the Lighting project due to needing to obtain additional information; 7. Approve receiving and place on file the 2024 Annual Report for Wymore Emergency Medical Services; 8. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of May 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	181,666.72
All Copy Products	Treas copier lease	90.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Dist Ct supplies	113.46
Applied Connective Technologies	Computer equip., data proc.	11,432.74
AutoZone	Shf supplies	54.50
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Law Enf supplies	2970.00
Beatrice Public Schools	Comm. Based Juvenile Justice Grant	3308.21
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Utilities	216.95
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	85.04
Capital Business Systems	Co Ct copier lease	571.65
CASA of Gage County	Remaining FY 24/25 funding	576.00
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate supplies	1021.78
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail subscr.	235.26
City of Beatrice	Prob Offc utilities	1684.61
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2859.45
Clerk of Dist. Ct.	Court costs	598.05
CLIA Laboratory Program	Lab use	248.00
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate medical	11,083.28
Cortland-Lancaster Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
Dawgs Sports Specialties	Empl. supplies	418.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies, equip., etc.	19,214.64
Farmer's Cooperative	Shf oil change	60.01
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	440.00
Gage County	Fund trnsfr – Gen to Road	400,000.00
Gage Co. Court	Court costs	934.00
Gage Co. Sheriff's Office	Shf fees/mlg	331.54
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Prob. phones	79.90
HD Supply Facilities Maint., Ltd.	RR supplies	844.04
Hometown Leasing	Prob. offcs copier leases	515.79
Jefferson Co. Shf.	Svc fees	19.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3310.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	2432.53



Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	32.19
Land Survey Tech	County Surveyor operating expns	5076.83
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Ct scanning equip rent	265.00
Murray Law	Atty fees	2543.34
NE Air Filter, Inc.	Filters	439.75
NE Co. Atty. Assn.	Seminar regis.	2200.00
NE Notary Assn.	Shf notary renewal	160.80
NE Prep Equip.	Jail refrig.	1962.44
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Atty fees, Public Defender	6555.15
NIRMA	NIRMA & NIRMA II liab. ins.	336,603.00
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Pell Reporting	Bill of Excep.	276.90
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svcs	1500.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Internet svcs	270.17
Polaris Law Group	Atty fees	3391.50
Priority Printing	Treas bus cds, title env.	674.33
Quill – Det.	Offc supplies	175.90
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	464.96
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	49.61
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	865.38
Region V Systems	EPC billing	6420.00
Rixstine Recog. & Gld & Satin	Empl. recog.	450.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	4603.21
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	112.19
Security Services	Monitor fire alarms	70.00
Stanard Appraisal Services	Appraisal maint.	7425.00
Nicole Stoner	Mlg	145.60
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	6134.68
The Radar Shop, Inc.	Svc call	47.50
The Voice News	Publications	24.96
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator maint.	265.63
University of NE System NVDC	Investigative expns	457.80
U.S. Postal Service – Postmaster	Clk & Treas PO Boxes, pstg stmps	923.00
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Prob cell phones	340.45
Vlg of Clatonia/Clatonia Rescue	Qtrly EMS svcs	4500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware, Inc.	Supplies, etc.	719.52
Windstream – Wilber Prob	Phones	54.74
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	255.50
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.49

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,307.04
All Copy Products	Copy overage	30.44
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	124,570.29
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts	361.40
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	7426.78
City of Wymore	Utilities	87.98
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	442.19
Farmer's Cooperative	Propane, tire repair	245.82
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	367.11
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	413.28
Lampton Welding Supply Co.	Welding supplies	364.34
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Tire repairs, changeovers	550.00
Matheson Tri Gas	Oxygen, acetylene	165.90
Mead Lumber	Supplies	161.30
PowerPlan	Parts	473.34
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Rock & gravel	28,549.29
RDO Truck Center, LLC	Parts	1984.52
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	15,084.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, grease	23,331.64
Tractor Supply Co.	Weed killer	349.96
Tredz Central, LLC	Trailer, labor on truck	4850.00
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	380.60
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	2024 Ford F350 PU	44,999.00

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund



Vogtscares, Inc.	Culvert Projects (6), pay cert. #3	382,149.51
<u>Visitor's Promotion Fund</u>		
Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	10,812.38
<u>Insurance Fund</u>		
Gage Co. Health Ins.	Empl. hlth ins claims pd	49,056.96
<u>Diversion Program Fund</u>		
Beatrice Public Schools	May diversion fees	1040.00
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,165.80
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,193.78
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	48,492.94
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,923.19
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,172.41
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #25060089 to R.L. Tiemann Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$28,549.29, bringing the total amount of claims paid through June 11, 2025 to \$1,884,877.86. 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, Tiemann on Equalization, and Jurgens and Tiemann on Finance/Insurance. Items discussed included canceling bid letting on courthouse interior LED lighting until correct lights for courtroom are found, and possible agenda item for an explanation on how the equalization process works. Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bids on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278). Motion carried 6-0.

Bids were received from Contech Engineered Solutions of Lincoln, NE, in the total amount of \$287,780.00, Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney, NE, in the amount of \$256,815.15, and Metal Culverts, Inc., of Jefferson City, MO, in the amount of \$308,870.40. Bids were referred to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Short recess at 9:24 a.m. Back in session at 9:29 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Committee reports continued with Shf. Gustafson on Law Enforcement, Lisa Wiegand on Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke gave his recommendation of awarding the bid on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278) to the low bidder, Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$256,815.15.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding the bid on 2025 Gage County Culvert Projects Materials, Group 1: C-34(1086), C-34(1231), C-34(1242), C-34(1243), C-34(1253), and C-34(1278) to Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$256,815.15. Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney Laura Maurstad with Kraviec Maurstad Law spoke to the board regarding the Child Support Enforcement Contract that their office has been handling since 2004 and is up for renewal at the end of June. She stated that they currently have over a thousand active cases in Gage County that they are working with.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Child Support Enforcement Contract between Kraviec Maurstad Law and Gage County for term beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Motion carried 6-0.



Christina Lyons, Director of Gage County Diversion, spoke to the Board about the State Grant Award for Community Based Juvenile Justice Services. She said in the past it has been through Beatrice Public Schools, but it really should be a county program because it goes through the courts. She also stated that in the 25 years or more she's been doing this grant, this is the first year they did not come back and give us contingencies for the grant. Tiemann explained that the diversion program is funded by the county and paid to the school, who then pays it back out. County Attorney Harris added that they are looking at funding as some of the requirements have changed through the Crime Commission, and they will possibly be bringing this on as part of the budget for this year.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve State Grant Award for Community Based Juvenile Justice Services Grant in amount of \$54,405.00 and authorizing Chairman to sign grant. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on Agreement between County of Gage and City of Beatrice for Enhanced 911 Dispatch Services. Tiemann said the County and City have been going back and forth with different offers as far as the term of the agreement, the amount of funding, and percent of yearly increase, and this agreement seems to be a good compromise from both sides. He added that it's a good service at a good price. Haxby said she thought the County had already approved something – Tiemann went over the offers that went back & forth with the County wanting a longer term but the City wanting a one-year agreement because they were working on a more a la cart system for the future. Tiemann said he thinks we got the longevity we wanted with this offer and the yearly percent of increase was fair, and it still includes the 90-day out if either party wants to terminate at any time. Haxby said the county can move forward with this offer, but did question the yearly increase percentage, saying the longer the agreement is, the lower the percentage should be, and also why there is a lack of interest in bringing more entities in because in the end that is what will save the county more money. Clabaugh agreed. Haxby also brought up the 90-day deadline to discuss the agreement before automatic renewal for another 5-year term. She wants the board to have the option to look at the agreement and not knowing who will be on the Board in 5 years, there needs to be something in place now to stipulate it needs to be discussed before automatic renewal so that it's not overlooked and we miss the deadline.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve Agreement between County of Gage and City of Beatrice for Enhanced 911 Dispatch Services, with the Agreement effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 in the amount of \$245,977.06 with 2.5% increase each year. After further discussion, Jurgens and Dorn amended motion to include sending a written 90-day notice that the Board does not intend to automatically renew the agreement without having a discussion first. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 10:22 a.m. for personnel and contract negotiations. Dorn temporarily stepped out. Motion carried 4-0.

Dorn left meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m. until June 25, 2025.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk