



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 9, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on June 26, 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 \$1,130,902.75; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve designating MIPS as the Printing service for the Joint Public Hearing postcards; 6. approve Specs and call for bids on Courthouse lighting project. Bids to be opened on August 6, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.; 7. approve Specs and call for bids on the Courthouse East ramp project. Bids to be opened August 6, 2025, at 9:20 a.m.; 8. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June 2025; 9. approve declaring 2003 Dodge Durango 4x4 1D8HS4N53F517897, 2011 Dodge Nitro 4x4 1D4PU4GXXBW607586, 2014 Dodge Charger 2C3CDXAT1EH344849, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban 3GNGK26U0YG183316 and Husqvarna Snowblower as surplus and selling on Purple Wave; 10. approve Utility Permit #1331 to Northern Natural Gas, Northern will be occupying Gage County ROW and has requested to close Gage Road between 120th to 134th for 2 weeks for maintenance on a section of pipeline. Located North of Section 5, T-6-N, R-8-E, Adams Twp.; 11. approve Utility Permit #1332 to UNL Conservation and Survey Division (UNL-CSD). UNL-CSD will be occupying Gage County ROW for boring exploration at 8 different locations in Gage County. UNL wants to establish bedrock depth at these locations by boring a 4.5" diameter hole with depths between 100' to 300' deep. Sites 1 through 3 are not in Gage County, Site 4: Approximately 100' North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Ash Road – E-7 Nemaha Site 5: Approximately 100' South of SW intersection of S. 38th and Buckeye Road – E-6 Hanover Site 6: Approximately 1,700' North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Cherry Road – E-7 Hanover Site 7: Approximately 200' North of NW intersection of S. 38th and Pickrell Road – E-19 Hanover Site 8: Approximately 750' West of NW intersection of S. 12th and Cherry Road – N-14 Holt Site 9: Approximately at the NW Intersection of SW 42nd and Cherry Road – E-7 Holt Site 10: Approximately 200' North of NW intersection of SW 72nd and Cherry Road – E-11 Grant Site 11: Approximately 150' South of SE intersection of SW 100th and Cherry Road – E-16 Grant.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries	175,224.97
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site mdcl svcs	11,012.96
Amazon Capital Services	Dist Ct supplies	48.65
Antelope Co. Shf.	Boarding inmate	180.00
Applied Connective Technologies	IT supplies, svc	13,328.19
AutoZone	Shf supplies	42.64
Bear Graphics, Inc.	Permanent record books, pages	3611.24
Beatrice Public Schools	2 mos. Juv Justice grant	6690.21
Blue Valley Public Safety, Inc.	Removal of old siren	1195.00
Capital City Transfer Svcs., Inc.	Coroner/autopsy svcs	355.45
Cardinal Assessment Group	Appraisal work	2962.50
Clearly Communications	Phone svcs	2840.45
Collision Forensic Solutions	Shf software	1201.75
Correctional Risk Services, Inc.	Inmate mdcl	3462.37
Datashield Corp.	Prob. doc shredding	55.60
Dept. of Health & Human Services	Certification	100.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	824.33
Election Systems & Software	Special elec costs	454.50

Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Farmers Cooperative	Parts, supplies, labor	1618.23
Federal Sign Corp.	Siren removal	9175.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Radio equip repairs, rptr/twr rent	1522.49
Jamie Fugate	Mlg	32.30
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.	Prob. internet	79.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Legal svcs	53.00
Great Plains Reporting	Transcripts	359.60
Great Plains Uniforms	Shf uniforms	760.00
Hometown Leasing	Prob & Atty copier leases	610.97
James River Chry Dodge	2 Shf 2024 Dodge Durangos	85,000.00
Jefferson Co. Shf	Svc fee	7.00
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	3472.50
Jones Automotive	Shf veh supplies, repairs	37,248.36
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	2398.05
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc.	28,867.85
Nelson, Clark & Timan PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Nestor & Mercure, Attys	Atty fees	1301.50
Northeast Auto	Leased veh repairs	298.00
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess mdl ins	12,647.25
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	40.00
Pinpoint Comm.	Co. internet	270.17
Priority Printing	Bd env.	150.95
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	33.40
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	406.78
SE Nebr. Communications	Prob phones	118.11
Secretary of State	Cert copies	40.00
Shew Towing	Shf veh repair	60.00
Software Unlimited	Atty software maint.	5608.37
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.51
Nicole Stoner	Mlg	145.60
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meals	5947.25
The Voice News	Publication	24.91
TK Elevator Corp.	Elev. maint.	274.79
Tracker Products	Shf cloud-based CAL lic.	6251.18
U-Line, Inc.	EM supplies	77.10
US Post Svc. – Postmaster	Ext stamps	365.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	Cell phones	218.87
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	340.45
Windstream Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.99
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Oil chg	67.95
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.38
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Highway Department Employees	Salaries	43,301.03
Bauer Built Tire	Tires, svc call	3070.90
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	61,602.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, supplies, tools	606.27
Bomgaars	Tools, supplies	374.11
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	3357.55
City of Wymore	Utilities	85.84
Eakes Office Solutions	Towels, tissue	132.77
Echo Group	Fixtures, switch	689.86
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	28.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Inland Truck Parts	Parts, labor	5838.09
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	414.72
Johnny's Welding	Tubing	43.20
Lampton Welding Supply	Cyl rental	84.95
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	2445.00
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel & hauling	56,807.21
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	8332.92
Verizon Connect Fleet USA	Veh GPS	380.60

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscares, Inc.	Culvert proj., pay cert #4	346,450.19
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	3145.04
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Visitor's Improvement Fund

The NE Cattlemen's Ball	Vis. Impr. Grant	17,500.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	98,723.84
NE St. Treas. Unclaimed Prprty Div	Unclaimed property	72.11

Diversion Program Fund

Beatrice Public Schools	Diversion fees	1400.00
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,704.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,659.20
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	47,948.61

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,922.79
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,167.01
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	15,105.76

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #25070075 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$43.20. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #25070079 to R.L. Tiemann, Const. Inc. in the amount of \$56,807.21, bringing the total amount of claims paid through July 9, 2025, to \$1,187,753.16. 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 Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Lytle & Lisa W. on Law Enf. & Emergency Mgmt; Haxby on Rd. & Bridge. Items mentioned were lighting inside courthouse, handicap ramp update, boiler, Applied Connective projects, valuation protests, FOP negotiations, Lisa spoke at mtg. held at library on nuclear site, and mitigation funding.

Laureen Riedesel spoke on the Carnegie Center and the need for new flooring.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Visitors Improvement Fund Grant request from Carnegie Center Inc. for wood floor replacement in the amount of \$7,764.00. Motion carried 7-0.

The board thanked Harriet VanEngen for her 12+ years of service on the Tourism Advisory Committee as she resigned effective June 30, 2025.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve appointing Jeannette Dorn to replace Harriet VanEngen on the Tourism Advisory Committee. Her term is effective 7/1/2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Don Esau spoke to the board regarding the upcoming Gage County Fair.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve recommendation for four Special Designated liquor licenses for Gage County Ag Society, one for Gage County Fairgrounds beer garden on the Midway for the Gage County Fair, July 23-26, 2025, one for the Bull Riding Rodeo at the Horse Arena, July 23, 2025, and one for the track area for the Concert in the Grandstand on July 25, 2025. The fourth is for an alternate location of the lower (old) horse arena in case of inclement weather for either the Bull Riding on July 23rd or the Concert on July 25th. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STATEWIDE UPGRADING EXISTING
STOP SIGN LOCATIONS OF RURAL ROADS**

Gage County
Resolution No. 25-02

Whereas: Gage County and State entered into an agreement “Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads” (Program Agreement) for installation of STOP and/or STOP Ahead signing devices on county roads (the Project). Agreement Number BM2317 executed on October 2, 2023, and the purchase and installation of STOP and STOP Ahead sign devices. The project purchased the signs, and it is responsibility of the County to install all devices.

Whereas: the Gage County Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Project has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

Whereas: the Program Agreement requires that the County Board certify to State that the Project has been properly completed.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Gage County:

- 1) Installation of STOP and STOP Ahead signing has been completed by the County in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.

County Board, Chair is hereby authorized to sign the attached Certificate of Completion between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the County.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)

NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Description: Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Locations of Rural Roads

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2025 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The County Board of Gage County

/s/ Emily M. Haxby
/s/ Richard Clabaugh
/s/ Rex Adams
/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Gary Lytle
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/ Terry Jurgens

Board Member Adams moved the adoption of said resolution.

Member Clabaugh seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-02 for Certificate of Completion – Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Locations of Rural Roads. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve Radio Maintenance Contract for EM Management between FirstWireless Inc. and Gage County effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on whether they should charge Vogtscapes liquidated damages on incomplete culvert project.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve charging Vogtsapes liquidated damages on final completion (seeding, striping etc.). Motion carried 7-0.

Haxby spoke about the process and what has taken place with the funding on the BEAD grant.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve sending a letter to our representatives about the BEAD funding. Motion carried 7-0.

No action on the RFP for a Grant Writer. Will be on next agenda.

No action taken on Agreement between Gage County and Davis Design Inc. for Detention Center Design. Will be on next agenda.

Discussion took place on the FY 25-26 County Budget.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. until July 23, 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 9th Day of July 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk