



Gage County Board Minutes

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 3, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on August 19, 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 \$966,818.09 which does not include claim #2508000189 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$8,680.72 & claim #2508000190 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$204.54 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve specifications and call for bids on 2025-2026 snow removal for the courthouse, Sheriff/Jail, Veterans Office, Former Buss Stop location and parking lots. Bids to be opened September 17, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Salaries plus fringe	170,128.97
Advanced Digital Forensics Sol.	Cont. ed.	695.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf mobile equip.	691.53
AutoZone	Shf/EM veh suppl., repairs	319.88
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Jail utilities	450.50
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Shf utilities	97.64
Capital One NA	Prob supplies	59.74
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Shf cable TV/phones; Prob internet	680.52
Cidnet	Jail data for inmate purch	999.90
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	220.00
Community Memorial Healthcare	Pre-empl exam	123.00
Community Physicians Clinic	Pre-empl exam	121.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medcl procedures	1923.95
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	392.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Prob offc supplies	443.32
Electronic Contracting Co.	Semi-annl fire alarm inspec.	433.00
Extreme MotorSports	EM sign & decal	55.00
First Wireless, Inc.	Tower rental	440.00
Fox Funeral Home	Autopsy transport	283.50
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob. phones	79.90
Governmental Law, LLC	Prof legal svcs	3426.50
Hometown Leasing	Prob. copier leases	463.56
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	4783.75
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf. Atty	3076.92
Kristine Riekenberg	Transcript	272.00
Lepant Law Office	Atty fees	1089.00
Lincoln Journal Star	Publication	231.36
MIPS, Inc.	Computer progr/IT svcs	5404.65
Murray Law PC LLO	Atty fees	693.50
NASASP (St Agency Surplus Prop.)	Dues	39.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	715.21
NE Title Co.	Title search	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Polaris Law Group	Juv. Ct. costs	931.00
Precision Signs & Graphics	Shf. graphics	348.00

Quadient, Inc.	Enf. opener lease	1004.25
Quadient Leasing, USA	Shipping transactions	164.47
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	103.25
Ray’s Welding	Jail repair	185.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
SE NE Communications	Prob phones	125.28
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Juv Ct Atty fees	905.00
Turf Paradise	Backflow Shf evidence bldg. sprnklr system	180.00
Verizon Wireless – Prob.	Prob. cell phones	312.83
Washington County KS Shf.	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.86
Woods & Aitken, LLP	Prof. legal svcs.	7740.00
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	473.47

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Salaries	44,756.05
Ace Irrigation & Mfg.	Culverts – Proj. C-34(1243, 1253)	64,515.70
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	110,177.43
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	75.16
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	47.90
Bomgaars	Supplies, bolts, weed killer	174.26
Cather & Sons Construction	Asphalt	7274.59
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	30.84
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Grainger	Supplies	92.37
Hard Rock Quarries	Twp rock	8680.72
Johnny’s Welding	Hose, fitting	204.54
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Drug testing	108.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy pkg.	192.32
Norris Public Power	Utilities	263.39
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	24,013.86

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Vogtscapes, Inc.	2024 Culvert projects, pay cert. #5	275,000.00
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Visitor’s Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	9359.43
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Cornhusker State Industries	Desk	4846.00
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	99,028.28
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General & Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	15,335.85
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	15,530.18
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health insurance	63,803.85

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve claim #2508000189 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC. in the amount of \$8,680.72. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #2508000190 to Johnny’s Welding in the amount of \$204.54, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 3, 2025, to \$975,703.35. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Margaret Haith, 104 W Granville Ave., Beatrice NE, spoke under public comments. She said that when she speaks at meetings, she’s not just speaking for herself but is also speaking for others who can’t attend. She asked for clarity on when people can speak and when they can’t.

Committee reports were given by Lytle and Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization, Jurgens, Tiemann, & Adams on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Jurgens on Road & Bridge. Topics brought up were Plymouth Electric began working on

Courthouse LED Lighting Project; door installation on Oct. 20th (no handicap ramp use during that time); getting quotes for removal of 5 trees; and storage space issues. Haxby asked about Clatonia support letter for CMBP Grant.

Don Vetrovsky and Greg Leach were present with Vetrovsky speaking about Big Give Gage Day in Gage County, which is a 24-hour timeframe where patrons can give back to their favorite local nonprofit organizations in the county who may have limited resources to obtain necessary funding. Over the past years, over \$2 million has been raised for agencies through BGG Day. There are 82 agencies on the list for this year's event, and Vetrovsky encourages everyone to give to their favorite organization during the Big Give Gage Day event which is scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Chairman Tiemann read a Proclamation of the Board, declaring September 11, 2025, as Big Give Gage Day in Gage County.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to approve putting a temporary hold on Visitor Improvement Grants. Discussion was to put a temporary hold on Grants until a new Tourism Director is hired, and an approved grant application and award process is in place. Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to table the issue until the next meeting for further review and discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on setting a meeting with the Beatrice City Council to discuss the proposed merger of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, Gage Area Growth Enterprise (NGage), and Main Street Beatrice. It was decided that a delegation of three county board members should be appointed to head the discussion with the city.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to approve setting a meeting between the City of Beatrice and three county board members as a delegation, to be selected by the Chairman, to discuss the merger of these organizations. Motion carried 7-0. Discussion followed that Erich Tiemann, Rex Adams, and Rick Clabaugh would be the 3-member delegation.

Break at 9:46 a.m. Back in session at 9:53 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Discussion on FY 25-26 County Budget. Discussion included where the budget request was at currently, also discussed to hold overtime to zero or to a minimum.

Jurgens left meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 10:28 a.m. for personnel and contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Haxby left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Dorn to come out of closed session at 11:13 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. until September 17, 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 3rd day of September, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk