

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on September 17, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on September 4, 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 \$953,669.41 which does not include claim #2509000181 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$70.32, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of August 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	172,756.47
911 Custom, LLC	Shf uniforms	239.97
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	8096.67
All Copy Products	Copier leases	598.20
Applied Connective Technologies	IT Svcs, data proc.	12,851.63
Beatrice Area Solid Waste BASWA	Brush disposal	30.00
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Metal, w/s replacement	470.44
Beatrice Postmaster/US Postal Svc.	EM box rent	126.00
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Ext Offc utilities	58.66
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	210.00
City of Beatrice	Utilities, Prob rent, Qtrly EMS svcs	48,366.50
Clearly Communications	Phones	2854.53
Column Software	Publications	496.07
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	17,534.77
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	139.00
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	90.89
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	2811.42
Echo Group, Inc.	Ballast, bulbs	89.90
Farmer's Cooperative	Shf oil changes, tire repairs	995.29
Gage County	Fund trnsfrs Gen to 911 Emer Mgmt	100,000.00
Garcia Clinical Lab	Inmate medical	105.00
GBE, CPA	FY 2025 audit plan	450.00
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob phones	79.90
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing	580.00
Guardian RFID	Supplies	16.50
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	636.98
ISolved Benefit Services	FBA Admin fees	163.89
Jacie Milius	Mlg reimb.	453.60
Jamie Fugate	Mlg reimb.	534.10
Ken's Pest Control	Jail pest control	400.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law, PC LLO	Child Suppt. Enf Atty, pstg	3094.44
Kristine Riekenberg	Depo transcript	278.00
Lammel Plumbing	Water fountain w/ bottle refill	2582.06
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Court costs	67.46
Lincoln Journal Star	Jail subscr.	645.00
Marshall & Swift Boeckh, LLC	Valuation & Resid. cost handbooks	1082.15
Mattson, Ricketts Law Firm	Prof. legal svcs	2058.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts microfilming	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	104.12
MIPS, Inc.	Property protest referees	57,281.70
Murray Law, PC LLO	Atty fees	1845.00
NE Health & Human Services	St. Inst.	93.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15

Noakes Heating & A/C	Vet's A/C repair	594.90
Norfolk Lodge & Ste., LLC	Lodging	250.00
Norris Public Power Dist.	Horvath Twr utilities	40.41
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	176.50
Pinpoint Communications	Internet svc.	270.17
Production Creek	Screen printing	440.00
Quadient Leasing USA	Pstg meter machine qrtrly lease	2907.96
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	159.34
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	47.42
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	252.74
Quill – Treas	Offc supplies	7.74
Region V Systems	Substance abuse & mntl hlth svcs	12,518.28
Sack Lumber	Supplies	71.96
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf fuel	246.66
Saunders Co. Shf.	Svc fees	56.37
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	129.98
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith, Schafer, Davis, LLC	Atty fees	613.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	15.75
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	2430.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	12,928.92
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library sftwr	3619.54
T.K. Elevator Corp.	Elevator Maint.	274.79
Twin Rivers Chry, Jeep, Dodge	Brackets	50.56
UNL – Haskell Ag Lab	UNL Extension forum	115.00
U.S. Bank – Purchase cards	Travel, suppl., meals, equipment, etc.	4632.84
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones	480.12
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones, hot spots	325.13
Veteran's Information Svc.	Annl book & newsletter	70.00
Washington Co., KS Shf.	Housing inmates	18,795.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies, tools	543.87
Windstream – Wilber Prob.	Phones	54.79
Zoellner Ford of Beatrice	Shf veh repairs	1634.18
Zultys, Inc.	Prob. phones	473.47

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,598.41
All Copy Products	Copy overage	28.35
Beatrice Area Solid Waste BASWA	Rubbish disposal	60.00
Beatrice Concrete – Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	98,221.19
Beatrice Iron & Metal Co., Inc.	Parts, tools, supplies	540.72
Capital One, NA	Supplies	56.50
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	11,523.14
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	85.44
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	225.58
Farmers Cooperative	Propane	55.65
Fastenal Company, Inc.	Supplies	51.29
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	296.22
Inland Truck Parts & Svc.	Parts	30.10
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts, hand cleaner	325.23
Johnny's Welding	Parts	70.32
Larry's Tire & Svc.	Mount/dismount	30.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Knob	33.99
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	Alcohol test	5.00
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Fuel pump repair	1302.94
NE Machinery Co.	Parts	2059.27
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	608.72
RDO Truck Center	Parts	179.11
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	5768.06
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, filters	27,136.34
Tractor Supply Co.	Chemicals	299.98
Truck Equipment Svc.	Supplies	60.15
Verizon Connect Fleet	Veh GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	49.50
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	45.50

Visitor's Improvement Fund

Carnegie Bldg. Wood Flooring Rplc	Replace wood flooring in Carnegie Bldg.	7764.00
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

U.S. Bank Purchase Card	Bookcase	223.70
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	41,658.64
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin. fees	39,864.63
Mutual of Omaha	Volunteer ins premiums	535.51

911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 svc. dispatch, utilities, etc.	59,809.66
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,531.60
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,450.34
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	63,803.84

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,010.39
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,270.28

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to approve claim #2509000181 to Johnny's Welding Inc. in the amount of \$70.32, bringing the total amount of claims paid through September 17, 2025 to \$953,739.73. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

No public present for comment or request for future agenda items.

Tiemann made a statement on the violence that has been happening. I've struggled with our current political discussions federally to make a statement here, and I don't think we need to touch on anyone personally necessarily, but we also need to make sure that we're all very aware people are upset about things on both sides, instead of engaging in open debate with respect to both sides and mutual respect for both sides. People are taking up violence, not just now, but in the past, also. Regardless of which side of the spectrum you're on, there's nothing more un-American than stifling something through violence. You have a point, and we've maintained this in this boardroom every time I've ever walked in, whether it's the popular point or not, you'll be heard. You'll be allowed to openly debate it. You'll be able to express your ideas without fear of violence to yourself or any retribution. I think it's really important that we all get back to that, not just in this room, but around the country, we aren't going to agree. Stop throwing a fit. Engage in debate. Get your point out there. Express yourself however you want to. Let's get away from the violence.

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Jurgens & Haxby on Finance/Insurance, Lytle on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby and Mark Kuhnke on Road & Bridge. Items brought forward included snow removal bids today; quotes for tree removal; courthouse LED lights project going well; handicap ramp project to get underway; storage issues; BEAD grant statement; bridge match projects.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:15 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid on snow removal for the 25-26 season around the Courthouse, Sheriff Dept., Veteran's Office, Evidence Bldg., and parking lots. Motion carried 7-0.

One bid was received from Beatrice Lawn Care.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve accepting and awarding bid to Beatrice Lawn Care for snow removal for the 25-26 season around the Courthouse, Sheriff Dept., Veteran's Office, Evidence Bldg., and parking lots. Motion carried 7-0.

Rachel Kreikemeier, NGage Executive Director, presented the NGage Quarterly Report. Paused report for timed public hearing agenda item.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2025-1 for the operation of a commercial kennel located on a tract of land located in the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 8–6–5 of Clatonia Township in Gage County, Nebraska.. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Administrator Lisa Wiegand spoke on the SUP. Alayna Kechley, 12154 W Ash Rd., Clatonia NE, spoke on the commercial kennel business. She stated that she has previous law enforcement and military experience.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close public hearing at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to Rachel Kreikemeier for questions regarding NGage. Paused Q&A for timed public hearing agenda item.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 9:47 a.m. to hear support &/or opposition for the appointment of Ben Kidder, Robert Moran & Tammy Zarybnicky for a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2031. Motion carried 7-0.

No public present for public hearing. A petition supporting the appointments was presented and verified by the County Clerk's Office.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to close public hearing at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the appointment of Ben Kidder, Robert Moran & Tammy Zarybnicky for a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of Hospital Authority No. 1, term commencing October 1, 2025, and terminating September 30, 2031, and to place the petition on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Back to Rachel Kreikemeier to answer questions regarding NGage.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve placing the NGage Quarterly Report on file. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2025

Resolution No. 25-06

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be It Resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Gage County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2025 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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

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

County Board Member Jurgens moved the adoption of said Resolution. Member Lytle 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 Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #25-06 for the signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Bd. of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Lytle to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to NE Bd. of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

GAGE COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS
#25-07

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17th day of September, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Gage County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

COUNTY BOARD

<u>/s/ Terry Jurgens</u> <u>/s/ Gary Lytle</u> <u>/s/ Eddie Dorn</u> <u>/s/Erich Tiemann</u>	<u>/s/ Emily M. Haxby</u> <u>/s/ Rick Clabaugh</u> <u>/s/ Rex Adams</u>
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Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #25-07, adopting the County Budget for FY 2025-2026. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST
RESOLUTION NO. 25-08

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of GAGE County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of GAGE County resolves that:

1.

General Fund

The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

\$ 11,495,347.50

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2.

The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 16.3 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.229285 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. GAGE County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.234958 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of GAGE County will decrease last year's budget by -3.93 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to adopt Resolution #25-08.

Voting yes were:
/s/ Emily M. Haxby
/s/ Rick Clabaugh
/s/ Rex Adams
/s/ Gary Lytle
/s/ Eddie Dorn
/s/ Terry Jurgens
/s/ Erich Tiemann

Voting no were:
None

Dated this 17th day of September, 2025.

Attest: /s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve adopting Resolution #25-08, setting the 2025-2026 tax request at a different rate than the 2024-2025 tax request. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion on EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Agreements. Haxby explained that the allocations for each provider were set in the past according to services provided. Haxby suggested an equal payment for those that have an ambulance might be more appropriate. A committee will be formed to review agreements and provide suggestions on moving forward.

Short recess at 10:30 a.m. Back in session at 10:38 a.m. with all members previously listed present.

Motion by Clabaugh, seconded by Adams to move into closed session at 10:38 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0 (Haxby temporarily out).

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to come out of closed session at 11:18 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. until October 1, 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 17th day of September, 2025.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk