

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on January 7, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on December 11, 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.

There was no old business so Chairman Tiemann declared 2025 session formally closed – SINE DIE.

County Clerk Dawn Hill assumed the meeting and called for nominations for Board Chairperson. Gary Lytle nominated Erich Tiemann for Chairman. Terry Jurgens nominated Emily Haxby for Vice Chairman and made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Erich Tiemann as Chairman and Emily Haxby as Vice Chair. Motion Carried 7-0.

Hill turned the meeting back over to Chairman Tiemann.

Consent Agenda included the following items: 1. General Agenda; 2. Minutes from previous meeting and committee meetings; 3. claims audit in the amount of \$568,222.80 except claim #2601000042 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$241.24 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve changing November 11, 2026, board date to November 12, 2026; 6. approve notice on changing pay dates to earlier on some months to keep payroll & Accts payable within that month; 7. approve appointing Patti Milligan to prepare levy requests; 8. approve appointing Dawn Hill to prepare the County Budget; 9. approve designation of official County Newspaper(s)(Beatrice Daily Sun); 10. approve designating Gage County's website (www.gagecountynet.gov) as an official method of providing notice of any meetings/public notices; 11. Approve Dawn Hill as the NIRMA contact person; 12. approve reappointing Mark Kuhnke as Gage Co. Highway Superintendent for 2026; 13. approve Bank Depositories: a. Adams State Bank b. BMO Bank c. Heartland Bank d. First Interstate Bank e. First National Bank of Omaha f. First State Bank of Nebraska g. NFIT – Union Bank & Trust h. NPAIT i. Pinnacle Bank j. Premier Bank k. Security First Bank l. Western National Bank; 14. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of December 2025.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	187,408.72
Blue Valley Door Co., Inc.	Shf door repair, labor	419.50
Blue360 Media	2026 NE Crim. & Trffc Law manuals	411.06
Capital Business Systems, Inc.	ROD copier lease	91.00
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	235.26
Cidnet	Jail commissary data purchased	999.90
City of Beatrice	Qtrly EMS svcs	45,000.00
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Conf. lodging	1159.60
CVSOAN	Vets offc dues	200.00
Diode Technologies	Evidence bldg. security	90.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	1233.65
First Wireless	Tower rental	440.00
Green Way Lawn Service	Mowing, fertilizing	760.00
Hampton Inn, Kearney	Conf. lodging	1999.20
Jerry Shelton, Atty	Atty fees	6297.50
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Ct microfilming	1603.78
NAEM	Emer Mgmt dues	75.00
NE Clks of Dist. Court Assn.	Dues	50.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender contract, dues	6546.15
Norris Public Power	Horvath Twr utilities	39.23

Physicians Lab	Autopsy labs	724.00
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc.	1500.00
Production Creek	Corrections uniforms	30.00
Quadient Finance USA	Shipping charges	172.46
Secretary of State	Title 177 cert copies	40.00
Spectrum Charter	EM cable TV	11.51
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	3210.96
The Emblem Authority	Shf uniforms	420.00
Verizon Wireless Cnty EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	325.19
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs	3366.50

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,485.26
Ace Irrigation/Eaton Metals	Culverts	12,594.00
Beatrice Concrete Co., Inc.	Ice sand, rock	9669.77
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	124.07
Blue Valley Door Co.	Overhead door repair	141.65
Bomgaars	Parts, supplies	208.21
Central States Hydraulic Svc.	Part	396.35
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	88.44
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	210.45
Fastenal Co., Inc.	Washers	35.38
First Wireless, Inc.	Repeater rental	350.00
Independent Salt Co.	Road salt	2742.00
Johnny's Welding	Hoses, fittings	241.24
Menards Lincoln South	Water heater	397.16
Michael Todd Ind. Supply	Supplies	197.45
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1707.00
Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Sales tax (hwy dept.)	54.55
Norris Public Power	Utilities	442.13
Pavers, Inc.	Cold mix asphalt	407.48
Rose Equipment, LLC	Parts	716.00

Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Ins.	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	81,062.90
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins. premiums, admin fees	39,864.63

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	1,711.24
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Federal Grant Fund – Transportation Development

Felsburg, Holt, & Ullevig	Prof. svcs., road projects	4952.50
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,632.70
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	13,719.79
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	62,831.47

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,002.75
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,270.46

Diversion Program Fund

Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	130.92
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Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve claim# 2601000042 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$241.24. This brings the total amount of claims paid through January 7, 2026, to \$568,464.04. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn & Dave Jones on Bldg & Grds, Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources, Jurgens on Finance, Keil Mick on Veterans Service, Lytle & Lisa Wiegand on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt & Haxby & Mark on Rd & Bridge. Items of discussion included winter lights off of the trees; date of National Weather Service on 2/26 at Homestead Monument; P&Z Mtg on 1/22.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve appointing Amanda Fanning as Gage County Attorney due to Roger Harris's retirement. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion took place on the Visitor Improvement Grant dollars available per grant. Haxby suggested a tiered process.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve Visitor Improvement Grants based on percentages. For grants that have a project total of up to \$50,000 they could receive up to 50% in grant dollars with a \$25,000 max and would have a (1) one-year waiting period before applying again. For grants that have a project total of up to \$150,000 could receive up to 35% in grant dollars with a \$52,500 max and would have a (2) two-year waiting period before applying again. For grants that have a project total over \$150,000 could receive up to 20% in grant dollars with a \$75,000 max and would have a (3) three-year waiting period before applying again. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve Visitors Improvement Grant to Beatrice Youth Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 for Hannibal Park Ballfield Initiative. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:32 a.m. Back in session at 9:42 a.m with Tiemann and Jurgens out of meeting.

Discussion took place on Professional Services relating to Residential and Commercial Property Configuration. Present and speaking with the board was Derek Neiderklein with MIPS.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. until January 21, 2026.

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 7th Day of January 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk