

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on February 4, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on January 22, 2026, 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 \$\$2,335,637.41, which does not include claim #2602000061 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$404.85 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve updated date of March 18, 2026, for bids on RFP for Grant Writer to be opened; 6. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of January 2026; 7. approve Utility Permit #1341 to Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline, LLC. Trailblazer will be installing a 10" pipeline across the Northern Part of Gage County from western county line to eastern county line. Trailblazer will bore a 10" diameter hole between 72" to 90" depths under all road crossing. Trailblazer will also be placing protective road crossing materials at each bore location for equipment to cross the roads without damage. Located in Sections W-6, N-7, E-7, E-8, E-9, E-10, E-11, E-12, T-5-N, R-5-E, Grant Twp. Located in Sections E-7, E-8, E-10, E-11, E-12, T-5-N, R-6-E, Holt Twp. Located in Sections E-7, E-8, E-9, N-10, E-3, N-2, T-5-N, R-7-E, Hanover Twp. Located in Sections E-35, N-35, E-25, T-6-N, R-7-E Nemaha Twp. Located in Section E-19, N-20, IN 17, E-17, N-16, E-9, N-10, E-2, T-6-N, R-8-E, Adams Twp.; 8. approve Utility Permit #1342 to Pinpoint Communications. Pinpoint has installed new fiber lines Arial attached to City of Beatrice Power Poles on Sargent Road between Hwy 77 and N. 1st Road. Pinpoint occupied Gage County ROW to install fiber lines to power poles. Located North of Section 27, T-4-N, R-6-E, Midland Twp.; 9. approve 2026 Township Policy; 10. approve Specs and call for bids on Gage County 2026 CBC C-34(1095) & C-34(1103) Culvert project. Bids to be opened on March 4, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.; 11. approve appointing Carol Hughes as a Governing Board member for Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging to fill vacancy of Harold McPherson; 12. approve agreement between Gage County and City of Beatrice for the distribution of unexpended GCED Economic development funds with 50% disbursed to the County and City with each entity using those funds for economic development purposes; 13. approve 2026 Pioneer Cemetery Caretakers.

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount Allowed</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Courthouse Employees | Gross pay | 175,511.48 |
| Amber Martin | Court transcript | 219.95 |
| Applied Connective Technologies | Install image scanner | 491.00 |
| Beatrice Board of Public Works | Annl fire sprinkler tap | 245.00 |
| Beatrice Community Hospital | Shf CPR classes | 375.00 |
| Beatrice Postmaster | Presort permit | 370.00 |
| Black Hills Energy Det 8852 | Utilities | 372.53 |
| Black Hills Energy Ext 5089 | Utilities | 319.25 |
| Black Hills Energy Shf 1674 | Utilities | 653.78 |
| Capital City Concepts, LLC | Prof svcs/expns | 6000.00 |
| Charter Comm. (Spectrum 2019) | Jail cable TV | 235.26 |
| Clerk of District Court | Court costs | 610.92 |
| Column Software | Publications | 320.53 |
| Community Memorial Healthcare | Pre-empl exam | 123.00 |
| Correctional Risk Services | Inmate medical | 370.00 |
| DataShield Corp. | Doc shredding | 48.00 |
| Dawgs Sports Specialties | Awards | 308.00 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Offc supplies | 8113.30 |
| Fankhauser Nelsen Werts, et al | Atty fees | 715.00 |
| First Wireless | Twr rent | 440.00 |
| Fox Funeral Home | Co. cremation | 1200.00 |
| Gage County | Fnd trnsfrs Co Bldg, 911, Rd/Brdg Snk, Ins. | 1,729,960.63 |

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| Kraviec, Maurstad Law | Child Suppt Enf Atty | 3076.92 |
| Kristine Riekenberg | Ct reporting, bills of exception | 526.25 |
| Lynn Peavey Co. | Shf supplies | 90.00 |
| Marian DeBuhr | Prior svc retirement | 69.24 |
| MIPS, Inc. | Checks, IRS forms | 666.97 |
| Murray Law | Atty fees | 3453.00 |
| NACO | SE Dist Mtg. fees | 120.00 |
| Natl. Public Safety Info Bureau | Directory | 159.00 |
| NE Assn. of Clerks, Reg of Deeds | Dues | 100.00 |
| NE Health & Human Services | St. Inst. | 372.00 |
| Nelson, Clark & Timan | Public Defender | 6346.15 |
| Petersen Reporting | Transcript | 298.80 |
| Priority Printing | Perforated card stock | 147.65 |
| Quadient Finance, USA | Shipping costs | 397.16 |
| Quill – Ext. | Offc supplies | 127.99 |
| Quill – Prob. | Offc supplies | 225.60 |
| Radiology Assoc. | Inmate medical | 22.59 |
| Secretary of State | Cert. copies | 40.00 |
| Smith Schafer Davis, LLC | Atty fees | 763.00 |
| Soap Opera Laundry | Mop/rag cleaning | 31.50 |
| Summit Food Service | Jail meal svc. | 9450.90 |
| The Murder Mystery Co. | Recog. dinner | 2499.00 |
| Thelma Loemker | Prior svc retirement | 57.70 |
| Thomas & Thomas Court Reporters | Depo. transcript | 177.45 |
| TreviPay | Prob. offc equip | 411.11 |
| Tri County Credit Bulletin | Subscr. | 172.25 |
| U-Line, Inc. | Ice melt spreader | 637.46 |
| UNL IANR Finance & Personal | Ext Offc qtrly employee expns | 21,161.33 |
| U.S. Postal Svc | Postage for county meter | 25,000.00 |
| Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Inc. | Prob. WRAP wkbks | 461.61 |
| Woods & Aitken, LLP | Prof. legal svcs. | 4391.20 |
| Zoellner Ford of Beatrice | Shf veh repair | 102.67 |

Road Fund

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| Highway Department Employees | Gross pay | 44,486.59 |
| All Copy Products | Copy overage | 21.18 |
| Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel | Rock & gravel | 5358.55 |
| Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863 | Utilities | 155.33 |
| Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861 | Utilities | 329.37 |
| Bomgaars | Bolts | 8.39 |
| Fastenal Company, Inc. | Supplies | 45.36 |
| First Wireless | Repeater rental | 350.00 |
| Johnny's Welding, Inc. | Hoses, iron | 404.85 |
| NE Machinery Co. | Parts | 414.80 |
| Norris Public Power | Utilities | 542.79 |
| Tractor Supply Co. | Hose | 44.99 |

Visitor's Promotion Fund

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| Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce | Lodging tax | 23,435.58 |
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Insurance Fund

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| Gage County Health Insurance | Employee hlth ins claims paid | 46,736.43 |
| Lucent Health Solutions, LLC | Ins. premiums, admin fees | 42,281.06 |

Diversion Program Fund

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| Diversion Employees | Gross pay | 2,247.25 |
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911 Emergency Management Fund

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| City of Beatrice | Qtrly 911 svc | 61,494.27 |
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General Fund

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| Ameritas | County share of Employees Retirement | 12,685.82 |
| Security First Bank | Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 12,768.86 |
| Gage County Clerk – Health Plan | Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road | 66,801.77 |

Road Fund

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| Ameritas | County share of Employees Retirement | 3,002.84 |
| Security First Bank | Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 3,272.11 |

Diversion Program Fund

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| Ameritas | County share of Employees Retirement | 103.28 |
| Security First Bank | Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare | 171.92 |

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

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve claim #2602000061 to Johnny's Welding in the amount of \$404.85, bringing the total amount of claims paid through February 4, 2026, to \$2,336,042.26. 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 Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources; Jurgens on Finance/Insurance; Lytle on Law Enf/Emg Mgmt.; & Haxby on Rd. & Bridge. Topics included the introduction of Economic Development Director Caleb Fjone and Deputy Director Cally Smith; Tiemann talked about the grants that Haxby had applied for thru Senator Fischer Office & that were awarded in excess of eight million.

Nicole Stoner, Extension Educator, presented the Extension Annual Report along with Carly Applegarth.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to receive and place Extension Office annual report on file. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Gage County and Freeman, Southern & Diller-Odell Public Schools for School Resource Deputy, for a term beginning August 1, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Jurgens to approve Visitors Improvement Grant to Keep Beatrice Beautiful for Pickleball Shading Structure in the amount of \$11,000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:27 a.m. Back in session at 9:33 a.m. with all members previously listed present except Jurgens.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 9:34 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 5-0 with Haxby temporarily absent.

Clabaugh left meeting.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to come out of closed session at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until February 18, 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 4th Day of February 2026.

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/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk