

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 McPheron; 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

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 qrtrly 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

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

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

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

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2,247.25
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qrtrly 911 svc	61,494.27
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General Fund

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

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

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.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk