

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 4, 2026, at 8:46 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on February 19, 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 \$596,232.89; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. approve Utility Permit #1343 to K & K, Inc. K & K will be replacing and re-routing a 30" culvert that drains under Locust Road East of Hwy 77. K & K will be removing existing culvert, dig new trench for a new culvert angling the culvert outlet further to the Northeast for new driveway at the Southeast corner of Northern Natural Gas property. Location North of Section 22, T-3-N, R-6-E, Riverside Twp.; 6. receive and place on file the 2025 Annual Medical Services Report for Adams Rescue; 7. approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of February 2026; 8. approve and place on file the Noxious Weed Evaluation and authorizing chairman to sign.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	176,416.23
District Court Jurors	Jury fees/mlg	13,128.28
3 & 33 Mutual Aid	Assn dues	25.00
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	983.29
Applied Connective Technologies	Cths E sliding door, P&Z/EM laser printer	4238.18
AT&T	Investigative expns	95.00
AT&T Mobility Accounts	Shf veh internet, mobile hotspots	695.18
Badge and Wallet.com	Shf/Det. name plate	29.95
Beatrice Public Library	Final 2025 funding pmt.	3202.00
Black Hills Energy Det. 8852	Utilities	580.45
Black Hills Energy Ext. 5089	Utilities	388.65
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	924.05
Charter Communications Spctrm 2019	Jail cable TV	249.00
City of Beatrice	Ext Offc gbg svc	24.00
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical svcs	7317.73
Critical Hire	Pre-employment exam	25.00
CVSOAN	Conf. regis.	60.00
DAS St. Acctng Cntrl Fin 6507	Data proc.	196.00
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	125.00
Electronic Contracting Co.	Semi-annl fire alarm test	433.00
First Wireless Inc.	Twr rental, comm equip maint.	1179.38
Fox Funeral Home	Coroner svcs/supplies	400.00
GBE CPA	Auditing svcs	12,500.00
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	Dist Ct jury chgs	236.83
Jones Automotive	Shf veh equip uninstall/install	1325.29
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth hrng	125.00
Matthew Kosmicki Law	Atty fees	4002.01
Midwest Special Services	Inmate transport/meals	1893.60
MIPS, Inc.	Treas tax stmt prntng	12,857.74
NACEB	Ext Offc mbrshp dues	100.00
NE Health & Human Svcs.	St. Inst.	662.34
NE Weed Control Assn.	Spring trng	150.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Odell Vol. Fire & Rescue	Qrtrly EMS svcs x 3	4500.00
Pinpoint Communications	Co. internet	275.17

Quadient Finance USA	Shipping	425.88
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	433.73
Roger Harris	Offc equip	2000.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Secretary of State	Cert. copies	40.00
Spectrum (Charter)	EM cable TV	11.47
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	8775.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	12,756.36
Theodore Paben	Snow removal	120.00
Verizon Wireless EMS 8923-1	EM phones, hot spots	223.97
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	EM cell phones	325.16
Village of Adams	Qtrly EMS svcs	4500.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	42,765.89
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock	922.45
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	169.60
Black Hills Energy Hwy 8861	Utilities	626.28
Bomgaars	Supplies, tools	271.28
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Concrete Industries, Inc.	Sealant	2820.00
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	451.07
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	NSTM brdg insp.	46,620.00
Nebraska Machinery Co.	Parts	5879.23
Norris Public Power	Utilities	576.72
Sunrise Bakery	Cookies for Twp mtg.	175.40
Wrightsmen Plbg.	Furnace repair	642.32

Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	5837.36
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Visitor's Improvement Fund

Cortland Museum	Grant for vinyl siding	8000.00
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	50,290.15
Lucent Health Solutions, LLC	Ins premiums, admin fees	41,095.09

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2270.27
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,785.55
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,841.50
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	66,052.29

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,886.68
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,140.48

Diversion Program Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	101.62
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	173.67

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

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

Committee reports were given by Dorn & Dave Jones on Building & Grounds; Tiemann on Equalization & Human Resources; Haxby on update with Co. Court Records & Rd & Bridge; Lytle & Lisa Wiegand on Law Enf & Emg Mgmt. Topics discussed were lawn mowing bids later in meeting, closed session for possible litigation, grant updates & storm spotting.

Ted Fairbanks, City Councilman spoke on the Dempster building and the cost of getting it to a buildable site. It could be \$18 million before any building could be done. Some public have been mentioning the old Dempster site as a possible new Jail building site. Lytle & Haxby mentioned that no site has been chosen and would not be until they hear what the public thinks.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to close bids at 9:15 a.m. for Gage County 2026 CBC C-34(1095) & C-34(1103) Culvert projects. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Gus Const. Co. Inc. for total amount of \$540,237.65; MTZ Const., LLC in the amount of \$652,468.50; Brink Building Group, LLC in the amount of \$938,131.17; A&R Const. Co. in the amount of \$551,750.79; High Plains Structural Group in the amount of \$790,614.50; Vogt Ent. In the amount of \$494,778.00 and VanKirk Bros. Contracting in the amount of \$536,209.90.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to refer bids to highway dept for review and present recommendation in 2 weeks at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to close bids at 9:30 a.m. for Lawn Care bid. Motion carried 7-0.

One bid from Greenway Lawn Services was received.

Bid was referred to Building Supervisor Dave Jones for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Lytle to reject late fuel bid that was received on 2/24/26. Bids were opened on 2/18/26. Motion carried 7-0.

Dave Jones made recommendation to accept the bid from Green Way Lawn Services.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to accept and award bid received from Green Way Lawn Services for 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to receive Grievance filed by Deputy John Patsch and to give him an opportunity to speak at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried 6-0 with Dorn temporarily out.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Clabaugh to go into closed session at 9:47 a.m. for potential litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Jurgens and Haxby left during closed session.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 11:14 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m. until March 18, 2026.

Board minutes can also be viewed on the Gage County website at [www.gagecountyne.gov](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk