

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on March 18, 2026, at 8:48 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on March 5, 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 \$683,286.19 which does not include claim #2603000172 to Johnny’s Welding Inc in the amount of \$20.80 to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1344 to ANG Farms. ANG Farms will be installing a new electrical service for irrigation on SW 72nd Road just South of Aspen Road. ANG will contract out a bore crew to bore under SW 72nd Road approximately 1,245’ South of Aspen Road. Contractor will bore a 2 ½” diameter by 84” deep under SW 72nd Road. All other work is on private property. Located East of Section 23 and West of Section 24, T-6-N, R-5-E Clatonia Twp.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	172,100.77
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail onsite medical svcs	10,972.83
All Copy Products	EM copier lease	169.40
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Dist Ct supplies	142.21
Applied Connective Technologies	Security/IT mgmt, repairs	11,838.40
AutoZone	Supplies	67.98
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	5275.21
CASA of Gage County	Qrtrly prog funding	3828.74
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob. internet	220.67
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc.	378.00
City of Wymore	Qrtrly EMS svc	10,000.00
Clatonia Rescue Squad	Qrtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Clerk of Dist. Court	Court costs	659.16
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	1067.96
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	141.00
Davis Design	Prof. svcs.	15,376.76
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	62.94
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, equip.	10,608.45
Farmer’s Cooperative	Supplies	240.35
Gage Co. Sheriff	Shf fees/mlg	233.85
Garcia Clinical Lab	Lab svcs	47.50
Glenwood Telecommunications	Prob phones	79.90
Hometown Leasing	Atty & Prob copier leases	610.97
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin fees	157.82
Jamie Fugate	Mlg reimb.	62.35
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, postage	3114.36
Lammel Plumbing	Ramp maint., plbg repairs	1248.70
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Dist Ct costs	52.35
Lincoln Journal Star	Publications	1281.47
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	213.28
MIPS, Inc.	Data processing/prog.	5404.65
NACO	Mtg regis	40.00
NE Machinery Co.	Shf & cths generator tests	3812.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan, PC	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes Htng & AC	Repairs	384.40
Norfolk Lodge & Ste.	Lodging	260.00

Norris Public Power	Horvath Twr utilities	40.86
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	153.25
Pickrell Rural Fire Dist.	Qtrly EMS svc	1700.00
Plymouth Electric & Auto, Inc.	LED lighting proj.	7236.71
Priority Printing	Pallet of copy paper	1580.00
Quadient Leasing USA	Pstg meter lease	2907.96
Quill – EMS	Offc supplies	511.96
Quill – Prob.	Offc supplies	7.32
Quill – Treas.	Offc supplies	34.08
Region 5 Systems	Funding, admin fees	13,052.12
Sack Lumber	Wood, hardboard, blktp patch	174.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00
Sapp Bros Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	2153.66
SE NE Communications	Falls City Prob phones	116.64
Sheridan Industries	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	120.00
Smith Schafer Davis, et al	Atty fees	933.75
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop/rag cleaning	59.50
Stanard Appraisal Services	Appraisal maint., TERC reviews	5130.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	6242.16
Tad Eickman	Atty fees	2810.40
The Voice News	P&Z publications	29.95
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Center	Law Library subscr.	4116.97
UNITI	Prob phones	54.88
UNL Nebraska Extension	Internet connectivity 25-26	1200.00
US Bank Purchase Cards	Supplies, meals, fuel, etc.	2730.07
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Shf cell phones, mobile access	930.44
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	325.16
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	312.93
Washington Co. KS Sheriff	Boarding inmates	12,600.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Bldg, janitorial supplies	489.32
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs	31,346.95
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	473.83

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	42,996.98
Beatrice Area Solid Waste Agency	Waste disposal	36.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	716.78
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock	3811.08
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Parts, tools, supplies	340.40
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	163.78
Diversified Safety & Compliance	Drug/alcohol testing	250.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc supplies	206.56
Farmer's Cooperative	Svc call, repair	824.00
Heartland Tires & Treads	Tires	1237.06
Interstate Power Systems	Labor	963.83
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Parts	73.80
Johnny's Welding	Supplies	20.80
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	120.43
Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	66,582.92
Mead Lumber	Supplies	6.79
Michael Todd Industrial Supply	Rubber for tar squeegee	132.77
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Nutrien Ag Solutions	Weed chemicals	162.50
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, tools, supplies	879.00
RDO Truck Center	Parts, supplies	3065.49
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil, anti-freeze	23,159.63
Verizon Connect	Vehicle GPS	380.60
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	122.68
Zoellner of Beatrice	Parts, labor	998.43

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Canon 24 lb bond paper	91.64
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online w/ numerical indexes	228.27

Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	63,499.29
Mutual of Omaha	Life ins premiums	529.51
<u>Diversion Program Fund</u>		
Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2,058.44
<u>General Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,446.44
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,517.47
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	66,052.27
<u>Road Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,902.29
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,158.16
<u>Diversion Program Fund</u>		
Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	97.90
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	157.48

Motion made by Jurgens, seconded by Haxby to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0 with Dorn temporarily out.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Adams to approve claim #2603000172 to Johnny’s Welding Inc in the amount of \$20.80, bringing the total amount of claims paid through March 18, 2026, to \$683,306.99. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Jurgens abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Dorn back in meeting at 8:52 a.m.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg & Grounds/Winter Lights, Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources/Employee Relations, Jurgens on Finance/Insurance, Lisa W and Shf Gustafson on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, and Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included courthouse sliding door, flood lights going out, World Down Syndrome Day, tree grant, detention center dishwasher, fire activity, and jail open house on March 21 & 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Paul Garnett, with the former Gage County Industrial Corp., which became Gage County Economic Development, presented a check to Gage County in the amount of \$15,973.12. An agreement between the City of Beatrice and Gage County allowed for the disbursement of unexpended funds that GCED had available prior to the entity being disbanded.

Monte Murkle was unable to attend the meeting to talk about World Down Syndrome Day which will be observed on March 21, 2026.

Jerad Reimers based out of the Nebraska City office, presented an update from Congressman Smith.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve closing RFP’s for a Grant Writer at 9:16 a.m. and accept, reject or award RFP. Motion carried 7-0.

1 bid was received from Merchant McIntyre & Associates.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve receiving all RFP’s and refer them for review until the next meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Break at 9:27 a.m. Back in session at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to close bidding at 9:30 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for Round 9 CMP Box Culvert Project C-34(1268) and C-34(1271). Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Gus Construction Co., Inc. of Casey, IA in the amount of \$692,461.25; High Plains Structural Group of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$933,642.55; MTZ Construction, LLC of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$813,789.20; M E Collins Contracting Co., Inc. of Wahoo, NE in the amount of \$852,850.48; Van Kirk Bros. Contracting of Sutton, NE in the amount of \$724,800.20; Vogt Enterprises, Inc. of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$738,178.70; and Nemaha Sports Construction, LLC dba Nemaha Infrastructure of Lincoln, NE in the amount of \$913,835.10.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve receiving the bids and refer to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close bidding at 9:46 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for 2026 Armor Coating Project. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Midwest Coatings Company, Inc. of Modale, IA in the amount of \$877,702.17; and Sta-bilt Construction Co., of Harlan, IA in the amount of \$797,253.71.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to refer bids to Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Hwy Supt. Mark Kuhnke gave his recommendation of Vogt Enterprises' bid for Gage County 2026 CBC Culvert Projects C-34(1095) and C-34(1103) in the amount of \$494,778.00, which was received at the March 3, 2026, meeting. Mark spoke of the response from Vogt about having the projects completed on time.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve awarding the bid to Vogt Enterprises' for Gage County 2026 CBC Culvert Projects C-34(1095) and C-34(1103) in the amount of \$494,778.00, with clarification that they adhere to their timeline of Aug. 31, 2026 for C-34(1095) and Sept. 30, 2026 for C-34(1103), and maintain 50 calendar dates work per site. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to open public hearing at 10:02 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition from the public on Special Use Permit 2026-1 for the placement of a Commercial Agriculture Business to be located on a tract of land located on a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 24-6-7, Nemaha Twp. Motion carried 7-0.

P&Z Admin., Lisa Wiegand, gave an overview of the SUP and gave the P&Z's recommendation for approval of the permit. The applicant, Bob Graves, speaking on the permit. He will have seed and some chemicals.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close public hearing at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Deputy John Patsch was present to discuss a grievance that he had filed with the Board. He had previously filed with the Sheriff.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to take the grievance under advisement and to consult with legal counsel, then come back on record with a final decision. Motion carried 6-0 with Haxby temporarily out.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave his recommendation on box culvert bids of Gus Construction.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to accept recommendation of and award bid on Round 9 CMP Box Culvert Project C-34(1268) and C-34(1271) to Gus Construction Co. in the amount of \$692,461.25. Motion carried 6-0 with Haxby temporarily out.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke recommended Sta-bilt Construction Co. for the 2026 Armor Coat bid as the lowest bid.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve awarding bid for 2026 Armor Coat Project to Sta-bilt Construction Co. in the amount of \$797,253.71. Motion carried 5-1 with Clabaugh voting nay and Haxby temporarily out.

Jurgens left meeting.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Clabaugh to move into closed session at 11:13 a.m. to consult legal counsel on pending litigation. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle left meeting at 1:20 p.m. during closed session.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to come out of closed session at 2:17 p.m. Motion carried 5-0 with Jurgens and Lytle absent.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn, to approve making a contract offer to the FOP subject to the revisions discussed by the board. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. until April 1, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill  
Dawn Hill  
Gage County Clerk