

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on May 27, 2026, at 8:47 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on May 12, 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, Erich Tiemann, Eddie Dorn, present. Emily Haxby, Gary Lytle and Terry Jurgens absent.

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 \$581,532.37 which does not include claim #2605000189 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$23,989.12 to be voted on separately ; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve Utility Permit #1351 to Clark Boesiger, Mr. Boesiger will be hiring a boring contractor to bore a new 4” ~~water~~ electrical line by 60” deep under Apple Road. Located South of Section 2 and North of Section 11, T-6-N, R-7-E, Nemaha Twp.

Haxby and Lytle joined meeting at 8:49 a.m.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	173,414.18
American Legion Emblem Sales	Flags, grave markers	415.93
Applied Connective Technologies	ROD computer equip.	2345.99
AT&T	Shf phones	695.18
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	4015.33
Black Hills Energy Det 8852	Jail utilities	188.72
Black Hills Energy Ext 5089	Utilities	80.30
Black Hills Energy Shf 1674	Utilities	55.15
CASA of Gage County	Prog. funding	447.68
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Prob internet	220.62
Cidnet	Inmate phone data	999.90
City of Beatrice	Utilities	378.00
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	539.93
Column Software PBC	Publications	908.16
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	7107.28
Crowne Plaza Kearney	Lodging	929.70
Davis Design, Inc.	Prof. svcs	3208.65
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth bd hrng	125.00
Election Systems & Software	Elec ballot layout	1334.31
Garrison Law Firm	Atty fees	3762.75
Governmental Law, LLC	Atty fees	296.00
Great Plains Reporting	Cert. copies	314.72
Green Way Lawn Services	Lawn care	874.00
ISolved Benefit Services	Admin fees	151.75
Jamie Fugate	Mlg	116.00
Jones Automotive	Shf trvl/fuel	80.02
Ken’s Pest Control	Jail pest control	400.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt. Enf Atty	3076.92
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth bd hrng	125.00
Lancaster Co. Youth Svcs Ctr	Juv. court costs	4509.00
Lepant Law Offc.	Mntl hlth bd hrng	125.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil process fees	272.88
NE Health & Human Services	St. Instit.	702.00
NE Weed Control Assn.	Conf. regis.	150.00
NE St. Fire Marshall, Elev. Div.	Annl elevator inspection	120.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Northeast Auto	Shf veh lease	550.00
Physicians Laboratory	Autopsy expns	3781.25

Pinnacle Bank	Co Ct deposit books	162.82
Quadient Finance	Shipping chgs	181.94
Quadient Inc.	Enf. opener maint agrmt	1255.32
Quill – Ext.	Offc supplies	1024.21
Quill – Prob	Offc supplies	427.75
St. of NE, St. Fire Marshall	Annl boiler cert. x 2	72.00
Summit Food Service	Jail meal svc	6176.52
Sunrise Bakery	Elec. supplies	29.37
Tad D. Eickman	Atty fees	1262.20
The Crete News	Publication	15.45
The Fairbury Journal	Publication	14.25
TreviPay	Prob supplies	19.99
Verizon Wireless VSAT	Investigative expns	575.00
Village of Adams	Qtrly EMS svc	4500.00
Washington Co., KS Shf. Offc.	Boarding inmates	13,500.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Parts, supplies	95.43
Woods & Aitken	Prof. legal svcs	43,259.65

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	43,374.13
BASWA	Rubbish disposal	222.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	395.64
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock & gravel	53,623.77
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	61.38
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
Grainger	Parts	248.54
Landmark Implement	Overage hours on loader rental	12,280.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, supplies	1469.82
R.L. Tiemann Construction	Twp gravel & hauling	23,989.12
Rose Equipment Inc.	Parts	3687.10
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Applied Connective Technologies	Printer	494.50
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Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Employee hlth ins claims paid	70,599.89
Mutual of Omaha	Life Ins premiums	529.51

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	1998.06
Yellow Cab of Beatrice, Inc.	Safe Ride vouchers	210.00

General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,379.59
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,482.44
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	64,624.44

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,927.76
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,179.61

Diversion Program Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	98.32
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	152.85

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to approve the consent agenda with a correction in item #5 from water line to electrical line. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Adams to approve claim #2605000189 to R.L. Tiemann Construction in the amount of \$23,989.12, bringing the total amount of claims paid through May 27, 2026 to \$605,521.49. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Tiemann abstaining due to conflict of interest.

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

Committee reports were given by Dave Jones on Bldg. & Grounds, Tiemann on Equalization and Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lisa W. on Emergency Management, and Mark K. on

Road & Bridge. Topics included painting Ext. Offc. done; Alice L. from MIPS reported on parcel changes; storm damage in county; discussion on transferring vehicle to Emer. Mgmt.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve recommendation for a Special Designated Liquor License to Bottle Rocket Brewing, LLC for an event to be held at The Barn Event Center, Cortland NE, on June 13, 2026. Motion carried 5-0 with Adams temporarily out.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request and application for a special use permit, (SUP) #2026-3 for the placement of a Commercial Business, with a stated intended purpose requiring the approval of an SUP according to section 5.15 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations;

WHEREAS, this special use permit application is for a tract of land in a general agriculture use zoning district (A1), located in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 24-3-7, of the Rockford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has held a public hearing to consider this special use permit, the date of said public hearing being April 23, 2026, at 7:15 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors meeting room;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of this special use permit #2026-3, finding the application was in compliance with the Gage County Zoning Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on May 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., held a public hearing to take input on this special use permit after proper notice and publication of said hearing for approving or disapproving Special Use Permit #2026-3; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public comments was heard in support of, as neutral to, and in opposition to the special use permit and were considered by the Gage County Board of Supervisors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GAGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that the special use permit #2026-3 for the placement of a Commercial Business, located on a tract of land in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 24-3-7, of the Rockford Township, shall be;

- approved for the reasons stated on the record.
- approved with conditions: _____.
- disapproved for the reasons stated on the record.

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to adopt the foregoing Resolution. All members present as listed and voted as follows:

Yea: Adams, Clabaugh, Haxby, Tiemann, Lytle, Dorn

Nay: None

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #26-06 granting Special Use Permit 2026-3 for the operation of a commercial public assembly building located on a tract of land in the Southwest quarter of the NW ¼ of Section 24-3-7 of Rockford Township in Gage County, Nebraska. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2623

Gage County

Resolution No. 26-07

Whereas: Gage County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and,

Whereas: Gage County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and,

Whereas: Gage County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Gage County that:

Erich Tiemann, Chair, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Gage County and NDOT.

NDOT Project Number: DPS-3220(7)

NDOT Control Number: 13640

NDOT Project Description: Hickory Road Improvements

Adopted this 27th day of May, 2026 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska.

/s/ Gary Lytle

/s/ Emily M. Haxby

/s/ Eddie Dorn

/s/ Erich Tiemann

/s/ Richard Clabaugh

/s/ Rex Adams

Board Member Haxby moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Lytle seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Signature County Clerk

Exhibit “B”

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve adopting Resolution #26-07 on the signing of Project Program Agreement – BL2623 – Hickory Road Improvement. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to approve LPA Program Agreement – Federal Aid Funds – Project #DPS-~~34(37)~~ 3220(7) – ~~Adams Bypass~~ Hickory Road Improvement (corrections from what was on the agenda). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve Community Based grant in the amount of \$51,733 and authorizing Chairman to sign. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion took place on the process of the negotiations. The following statement was read by Haxby: *The Fraternal Order of Police has accepted the County's offer, and the Board is pleased to announce the formal execution of a new collective bargaining agreement.*

This agreement is a four-year contract, providing stability for both parties. Given that the County is already approximately two years into the process due to the extended timeline of negotiations, the parties will likely return to the negotiating table within eighteen months. The Board genuinely appreciates the dedication of our law enforcement personnel and values their service to the County. Over the past several years, the Board has taken significant steps to increase wages and ensure compensation remains competitive with comparable counties.

Throughout this process, the Board worked to bring compensation as close to comparables as possible while also evaluating the full picture of total compensation. This included not only wages, but also the substantial value of the benefits provided, which is an area that is often overlooked despite representing a significant investment by the County.

This agreement will result in a meaningful increase in wages and will have a real impact on the Sheriff’s Office budget and day-to-day operations. The Board is confident that with careful fiscal management by the Sheriff, the County will continue to deliver effective law enforcement services while upholding its responsibility to taxpayers.

Reaching this agreement has required significant time and effort to work through the details and ensure a responsible outcome. The final contract reflects a thoughtful balance between supporting law enforcement personnel, maintaining competitiveness, and upholding the County’s responsibility to taxpayers. The Board looks forward to continuing its productive relationship with the FOP.

Motion by Haxby, seconded by Lytle to approve signing Gage County’s 4/13/26 offer to the FOP for a 4-year agreement effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Haxby to move into closed session at 9:16 a.m. for negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Tiemann left meeting during closed session.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to come out of closed session at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chairman Haxby declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until June 10, 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 27th day of May, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk