

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on July 8, 2026, at 8:47 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on June 25, 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, and Eddie Dorn present, 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 \$807,589.97; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Approve District Court Summary Fee Report & Register of Deeds Fee Report for the month of June 2026; 6. Receive and place on file the 2025 Annual Beatrice Fire & Rescue Report.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	186,278.09
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	11,593.90
Amazon Capital Svcs.	Co Ct cr cd – supplies	78.01
Applied Connective Technologies	Security equip., labor	1475.10
Beatrice Daily Sun	Subscr.	306.00
Bomgaars	Chemicals	190.92
Capital Business Systems	ROD copier lease	91.00
Capital City Concepts	Prof. legal svcs	3000.00
Charter Comm. Spectrum 2019	Jail cable TV	249.00
Clabaugh Pharmacy	Inmate medical	37.18
Clearly Comm.	Co. phones	2863.41
Clerk of District Court	Ct costs, jury fees	2914.60
Collision & Crime Forensic Sol.	Subscr.	1236.75
Dept. of Health & Human Svcs.	Renewal	100.00
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth hrng	375.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Suppl.	276.94
Extreme Motorsports	EM supplies	30.00
Farmer's Cooperative	Grease, oil, fuel, supplies, repairs	780.53
First Wireless	Twr rental	1179.38
Glenwood Telecomm.	Prob. phones	79.90
Hometown Leasing	Prob copier leases	458.56
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	4547.50
Johnson Co. Shf.	Boarding inmates	1690.00
Jones Automotive	Shf veh upfit	7277.89
Joyce Kassing	Prior svc retirement	20.00
Justice Data Solutions	Jamin software	4200.00
Kraviec Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty	3076.92
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth bd hrng	250.00
Lammel Plumbing	Det. Ctr. shower repair	470.55
Lepant Law Office	Mntl hlth bd hrng	375.00
Lynn Peavey Co.	Suppl.	265.00
Megan Overbeck	Ext Offc janitorial svc	100.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts' scanning equip rent	457.00
Midwest Process Services	Civil Proc. fees	213.78
MIPS, Inc.	IT svcs.	5732.02
NE Public Health Env. Lab	Blood alc test	105.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Nicole Stoner	Mlg reimb	150.80
Norris Public Power	Utilities – Horvath Twr	42.23
P.E.R.U.	Inmate excess medical ins.	13,432.00
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	43.00
Sandra Eltiste	Prior svc retirement	12.00

General Fund cont.

SE NE Adult Drug Ct.	Share of budget	8466.67
Stanard Appraisal Svcs.	Appraisal maint.	4725.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc	12,908.13
The Voice News	Publications	77.25
UNITI	Prob phones	54.79
Veritext, LLC	Transcripts	105.75
Verizon Wireless GCSO	Cell phones	1471.02
Verizon Wireless Prob 339-1	Cell phones	312.81
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	1365.00

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	42,884.67
All Copy Products	Copy overage	15.69
Beatrice Concrete Co.	Rock & gravel	16,794.79
Black Hills Energy Hwy 6863	Utilities	78.01
Bomgaars	Supplies	537.36
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	5721.96
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div	Utilities	28.15
First Wireless	Repeater rental	350.00
Mainelli Wagner & Assoc.	Engineering consulting	87,888.16
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy program	192.32
Motor Fuels Division	Diesel tax	1523.00
Norris Public Power	Utilities	336.20
Pavers, Inc.	Asphalt	973.60
Summit Fire Protection	Extinguishers	828.75

Road & Bridge Sinking Fund

Mainelli Wagner & Associates	Engineering consulting	15,571.38
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Visitor's Promotion Fund

Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce	Lodging tax	4892.99
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Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online	228.27
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Insurance Fund

Gage Co. Petty Cash	Lucent Hlth Sol. premiums, admin fees	40,854.21
Gage Co. Health Ins.	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	142,356.64
Lucent Health Solutions	Ins premiums, admin fees	41,469.44

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2,236.29
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Federal Grant Fund – Transportation Development Fund

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	Urban Dev. projects	322.50
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	13,377.60
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,842.38
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	76,882.45

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	2,894.72
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,135.66

Diversion Program Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	99.97
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	171.08

Motion made by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Committee reports were given by Tiemann on Equalization and Finance/Insurance, Lytle & Lisa W. on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management, Haxby on Road & Bridge. Topics included 3 & 33 Task Force, rope rescue training funded by Farmer's Coop, \$22.7 million grant award for county, and Aug. 10th motor grader training.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Haxby to approve recommendation for four (4) Special Designated liquor licenses for Gage County Ag Society. One SDL for Gage County Fairgrounds outdoor enclosed beer garden for July 22-25, 2026, one for the Bull Riding Rodeo at the old Horse Arena, July 22, 2026, and one for the track area for the Tractor Pull in front of the Grandstand on July 23, 2026. The fourth is for an alternate location of the upper (new) horse arena in case of inclement weather and/or for lighting issues for Bull Riding on July 22nd. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-13

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a request and application from the City of Beatrice for a modification to the boundaries of a Wellhead Protection District Overlay in the areas of Blakely Township (4-5), Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17; and Grant Township (5-5), Section 32 and 33, through special use permit (SUP) #2026-4, to remove portions of real property from said Wellhead Protection District Overlay, requiring Board approval according to section 4 of the Gage County Zoning Regulations;

WHEREAS, the Gage County Planning and Zoning Commission has held a public hearing to consider this application, the date of said public hearing being May 20, 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 application to modify the Wellhead Protection District Overlay, finding the application to remove approximately 8,500 acres from the existing Wellhead Protection District Overlay was due to the City of Beatrice no longer using certain wells in the protected wellfield for municipal public drinking water due to high nitrate levels and that the application was in compliance with the Gage County Zoning Regulations and the application did not change the character of the district in accordance with the Gage County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Gage County Board of Supervisors on June 10, 2026, at 9:15 a.m., held a public hearing to take input on this application to modify the Wellhead Protection District Overlay after proper notice and publication of said hearing for approving or disapproving modification of the boundaries contained in the application for Special Use Permit #2026-4; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for public comments was heard in support of, as neutral to, and in opposition to the application 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 application to modify the boundaries of the Wellhead Protection District Overlay to remove said Wellhead Protection District Overlay in the areas of Blakely Township (4-5), Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17 and Grant Township (5-5), Section 32 and 33; and on June 24, 2026, by official action of the County, the following change to the Official Zoning Map to reflect said modification, which entry shall be signed by the Chairperson of the County Board and attested by the County Clerk, 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

Absent: Jurgens

/s/ Erich Tiemann
Chairman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of July, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #26-13 granting Special Use Permit 2026-4 for modifications to the City of Beatrice Wellhead Protection Planning Area Map, to include areas in Blakely (4 – 5) Township of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17; and of Grant (5 – 5) Township, Sections 32 and 33. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve appointing David Swavely, Nolan Schafer and Zachary Vacha to the Public Defender Contract Policy Review Board for a 2-year term. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Lytle to approve the County Health Insurance Plan for 2026-2027. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on the FY 2026-2027 County Budget.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to move into closed session at 9:26 a.m. for contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0.

Lytle left during closed session.

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

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until July 22, 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 8th day of July, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill
Dawn Hill
Gage County Clerk