

The Gage County Board of Supervisors met on August 19, 2026, at 8:45 a.m. as per public notice given on the county website and in the Beatrice Daily Sun on August 6, 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 \$1,080,309.50 which does not include claim #2608000181 to Hard Rock Quarries LLC in the amount of \$3,436.79 & claim #2608000187 to R.L. Tiemann Const. Inc. in the amount of \$23,154.09, to be voted on separately; 4. approve correspondence received and place on file; 5. Receive and place on file FY. 24-25 Audit Report; 6. Approve changing designation of Patti Milligan to Laurie Wollenburg to prepare FY 26-27 levy requests; 7. approve appointing Peggy Shores to the Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging Governing Board to replace Marlene Gakle; 8. approve Utility Permit #1353 to In-Line Construction, In-Line Construction will be boring a new water line 2" in diameter by 4-5' deep under Olive Road, then excavate an open trench water line placement along trail in the outer edge of trail's right-of-way for roughly 3,000', then bore under B-Line Road/Olive Lane to the South grader ditch and continue work on private property. Located North & in Section 16, T-2-N, R-7-E, Blue Springs/Wymore Twp.; 9. approve receiving County Offices Inventory Statements and place on file; 10. approve EMS Agreement extension letters and authorizing chairman to sign letters.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>
Courthouse Employees	Gross pay	174,112.04
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Jail on-site medical svcs	11,593.90
Applied Connective	IT consulting, equip, labor, etc.	54,850.19
Asure Operations, LLC	Shf software	999.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	6768.84
Beatrice Daily Sun	Publications, subscr.	3129.96
Benchmark Gov Solutions	Shf meals at trng	564.60
Capital Business Systems	Copy overage	25.30
Capital City Transfer Svcs.	Coroner/autopsy fees	700.90
Charm-Tex, Inc.	Inmate provisions	903.16
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc, prob offc utilities	3403.11
Clearly Communications	Co. phones	2842.70
Clerk of District Court	Court costs	952.18
Column Software	Publications	1419.70
Correctional Risk Services	Inmate medical	458.95
Culligan of Lincoln	Water cooler	197.00
Davis Design, Inc.	Prof. svcs	6913.48
Defense Technology, LLC	Shf cont. ed.	1725.00
Deluxe Corp.	Dist Ct checks	518.23
Diode Technologies	Monitoring	62.94
Dr. Eric Thomsen	Mntl hlth bd hrng	125.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Offc suppl.	543.53
Farmer's Coop	Tires, repairs, grease, oil, etc.	1418.68
First Wireless	Radio maint.	995.79
Gage County	Trnsfr funds to 911 Comm.	127,038.90
GBE, CPA	FY ending 2025 audit	10,000.00
Glenwood Telecomm.	Prob phones	79.90
Green Way Lawn Services	Mowing, fert.	921.00
Harman Wright Mortuary	Removal, bag	75.00
Hometown Leasing	Atty copier lease	152.41
ISolved Benefit Svcs.	Admin fees	216.58
Jerry Shelton Atty	Atty fees	2392.50

Ken's Pest Control	Ext Offc spray	130.00
Kraviec, Maurstad Law	Child Suppt Enf Atty, pstg	3127.62
Kristine Riekenberg	Mntl hlth bd hrng	315.00
Lancaster Co. Shf.	Ct costs	11.06
Land Survey Tech	Co Surveyor oper. expns	7316.13
Lepant Law Offc.	Mntl hlth bd hrng	125.00
Mead Lumber Co.	Equip rental	114.97
Megan Overbeck	Clean Ext Offc	250.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems	Courts scanning equip rent	457.00
MIPS, Inc.	Data proc.	5732.02
NACO	Mtg regis.	120.00
NACO	Mtg regis.	40.00
Nelson, Clark & Timan	Public Defender	6346.15
Noakes Htng & A/C	Suppl., repairs, parts, labor	6161.62
Northeast Auto	Tow, sticker removal	700.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts	176.99
Paper Tiger Shredding	Doc shredding	103.00
Physicians Lab	Autopsy lab svcs	370.00
Police Officers Assn. of NE	Handbooks	236.00
Pro-Gard Products	Restraint chair	2677.40
Quadient, Inc.	Equip maint.	1255.32
Quill – Ext.	Offc suppl.	75.77
Quill – EMS	Offc suppl.	262.98
Quill – Prob.	Offc suppl.	906.67
Radiology Associates	Inmate medical	35.00
Region 5 Systems	Co funding	12,518.00
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Shf/Jail fuel	2314.14
SE NE Comm.	Prob phones	109.15
Security Services	Monitoring	70.00
Sheridan Ind.	Ext Offc janitorial svcs	90.00
Soap Opera Laundry	Mop & rag cleaning	35.00
Summit Food Svc.	Jail meal svc.	6333.75
Tad Eickman	Atty fees	925.40
TEK84, Inc.	Scanner svc agrmt	11,800.00
Thomson Reuters West Pmt Ctr	Law Library	3763.97
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Suppl., trng, equip, etc.	2586.48
Verizon Wireless EMS 6384-1	Cell phones	325.18
Washington Co. NE Shf.	Boarding inmates	2015.00
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	412.99
Zultys, Inc.	Prob phones	474.68

Road Fund

Highway Department Employees	Gross pay	44,993.63
Ace Irrigation & Mfg./Eaton Metals	Culverts	3855.00
BASWA	Plank disposal	180.00
Beatrice Board of Public Works	Utilities	497.71
Beatrice Concrete Sand & Gravel	Rock, gravel	51,073.22
Beatrice Iron & Metal	Supplies	271.37
Cather & Sons Const.	Asphalt	7543.56
Central States Hydraulic Svcs.	Parts	281.17
City of Beatrice	Gbg svc	78.00
City of Wymore	Utilities	88.69
Column Software	Publications	150.01
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Div.	Utilities	28.44
Deborah Kai	Easements	179.87
Farmers Coop.	Svc call, fuel	476.37
Gage Co. Register of Deeds	Filing fees	22.00
Gage Co. Equipment	Parts	130.31
Hard Rock Quarries, LLC	Rock & gravel	3436.79
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	Supplies	399.97
Landmark Implement, Inc.	Parts	222.30
Larry's Tire & Service	Tires, repairs, mounts	565.00
MIPS, Inc.	Hwy Program	192.32
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Parts, suppl.	788.61
R.L. Tiemann Const.	Twp gravel, hauling	23,154.09
RDO Truck Center	Part	440.51
Rock On, Inc.	Hauling material	6818.73
Sapp Bros. Petroleum	Fuel, oil	27,426.62

Sta-Bilt Const.	2026 Armor coat cert #2, final	141,781.61
Truck Center Companies	Part	10.30
U.S. Bank Purchase Cards	Chemicals, safety supplies	626.52
Verizon Connect Fleet USA, LLC	Veh GPS	1112.94
Village of Adams	Utilities	25.00
Village of Odell	Utilities	60.75
Westlake Ace Hardware	Supplies	23.69

Register of Deeds Preservation & Modernization Fund

Capital Business Systems	Copier lease, copy overage	358.09
MIPS, Inc.	Deeds online	228.27

Insurance Fund

Gage County Health Insurance	Empl. hlth ins claims paid	54,863.14
Mutual of Omaha	Ins premiums	525.62

Diversion Program Fund

Diversion Employees	Gross pay	2205.96
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911 Emergency Management Fund

City of Beatrice	Qtrly 911 EMS svc	63,031.63
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General Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	12,527.87
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	12,429.55
Gage County Clerk – Health Plan	Co. share of Empl. health ins. – Gen & Road	139,764.48

Road Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	3,037.07
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	3,260.84

Diversion Program Fund

Ameritas	County share of Employees Retirement	106.58
Security First Bank	Co. share of Empl. Soc. Sec. & Medicare	168.75

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Lytle to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to approve claim #2608000181 to Hard Rock Quarries, LLC in the amount of \$3,436.79 & claim #2608000187 to R.L. Tiemann Const., Inc. in the amount of \$23,154.09, bringing the total amount of claims paid through August 19, 2026, to \$1,106,900.38. Motion carried 6-0-1 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, Jurgens and Tiemann on Finance/Insurance, Tiemann on Human Resources/Employee Relations, Lytle and Lisa Wiegand on Law Enforcement/Emergency Management.

Break in committee reports for timed agenda item.

Motion by Lytle, seconded by Dorn to close bidding at 9:20 a.m. and accept, reject or award bid for 2026 Culvert Project Group 1. Motion carried 7-0.

Bids were received from Metal Culverts, Inc. of Jefferson City MO in the amount of \$354,852.43, Ace/Eaton Metals of Kearney NE in the amount of \$325,427.68, and Contech Engineered Solutions of Roca NE in the amount of \$399,533.87. Bids were referred to the Hwy Supt. for review and recommendation later in the meeting.

Break at 9:27 a.m. Back in session at 9:30 a.m., all members listed above were present.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Clabaugh to open public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to hear support and/or opposition to the 1 & 6-Year Plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Lytle left meeting.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to close public hearing at 9:38 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #26-15

WHEREAS, the Gage County Highway Superintendent has presented a One and Six Year Highway Improvement Plan to the County Board of said County, and,

WHEREAS, the said Board deems it to be in the best interest of the County to adopt said plan as presented,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska, that said plan be and hereby is approved and accepted.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19th day of August, 2026.

Motion by: Jurgens

Second by: Dorn

Vote: Aye - 6

Nay - 0

(SEAL)

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Erich Tiemann, Chairperson

ATTEST:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill, Gage County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #26-15 adopting the 1 & 6-Year Highway Improvement Plan. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2629

Gage County

Resolution No. 26-16

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-3305(11)

NDOT Control Number: 13662

NDOT Project Description: Clatonia-DeWitt Transportation & Safety

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2026 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Gage County, Nebraska

/s/ Eddie Dorn

/s/ Emily M. Haxby

/s/ Terry Jurgens

/s/ Rick Clabaugh

/s/ Rex Adams

/s/ Erich Tiemann

(SEAL)

Board Member Jurgens moved the adoption of said resolution. Member Dorn seconded the motion.

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest:

/s/ Dawn Hill

Signature County Clerk

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #26-16 for Signing of the Project Program Agreement – BL2629, Project #DPS-3305(11). Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve Program Agreement for Clatonia-DeWitt Transportation & Safety – Control #13662, Project #DPS-3305(11). Motion carried 6-0.

Extension Educator Nicole Stoner gave an Extension Office update.

Committee reports resumed with Haxby on Road & Bridge. Committee topics included replacing sprinkler heads, generator work, and overseeding the lawn.

Discussion on Public Defender Contract. Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve the Public Defender Contract effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030, \$172,500 per year for years 1 & 2, then \$180,000 yearly for years 3 & 4. Motion carried 6-0.

Hwy Supt. Kuhnke gave a recommendation to award the bid for 2026 Culvert Project Group 1 to Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$325,427.68 as it was the low bid.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Jurgens to approve awarding bid for 2026 Culvert Project Group 1 to Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$325,427.68. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Clabaugh to receive and place on file a copy of the valuations for the political subdivisions for 2026. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Jurgens, seconded by Adams to receive preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board from Townships, Rural Fire Districts, the Gage County Historical Society and the Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION #26-17, 2026

Whereas, Nebr. State Statute 77-3443(3) requires all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority to submit a preliminary request for levy allocation; and

Whereas, the political subdivisions that are subject to Gage County Levy authority are agricultural society, historical society, rural fire districts and townships; and

Whereas, the Gage County Board of Supervisors has determined that due to the number of political subdivisions and taxing parcels that would be affected, that a levy will be established and if the subdivisions request is over that levy, their levy will be reduced to respective amounts as set out herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gage County Board of Supervisors that the levy rates will be as follows:

Agricultural Society**	0.002558
Historical Society*	0.000587
Rural Fire Districts	0.030000
Townships	<u>0.075000</u>
Total	0.108145

Motion by Adams to adopt Resolution #26-17, 2026, seconded by Dorn.
Voting yes were Adams, Clabaugh, Haxby, Tiemann, Dorn, Jurgens
Voting no were None

Motion carried 6-0.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

/s/ Erich Tiemann

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk

Motion by Adams, seconded by Dorn to approve adopting Resolution #26-17 setting the final allocation of levy authority for the following: Townships, Rural Fire Districts, Gage County Historical Society, and Gage County Agricultural Society. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on FY 2026/2027 County Budget.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Jurgens to move into closed session at 10:31 a.m. for litigation update. Motion carried 6-0.

Jurgens left during closed session.

Motion by Dorn, seconded by Haxby to come out of closed session at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman declared Board of Supervisors meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. until September 2, 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 19th day of August, 2026.

(SEAL)

/s/ Dawn Hill

Dawn Hill

Gage County Clerk