

Gage County to pay Beatrice 6 judgement early

(KLZA)-- It appears Gage County will be able to complete its payments to six people wrongfully convicted in a 1985 murder, earlier than expected.

KETV in Omaha reports that if the Gage County Board of Supervisors approves the 2023 Fiscal Year budget, a half-cent sales tax enacted to help pay the settlement, would expire January 1, 2023.

The Beatrice 6 were awarded a total of \$28.1 million. The final cost was approximately \$30 million for the county due to attorney fees.

The sales tax has generated about \$150,000 per month. Those funds combined with insurance and about \$4 millions in a special allocation from the state will allow the debt to be paid in 4 years rather than the originally anticipated eight years.

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