

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on April 27, 2023. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The undersigned Clerk hereby certifies that these minutes were written and available for public inspection within ten (10) working days after the date of said meeting.

The meeting was duly called to order and Chairman Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

The Minutes of April 26, 2023 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Marty Craig, Dawson/Gosper County Weed Supt. was present and gave a weed report.

Daren Hatch, Elwood School Supt. was present to request Keno funds for an Adaptive Playground equipment. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allow \$2,000.00 from the Keno Fund to the Elwood Public School. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of April. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield and Delta Dental employee health and dental insurance renewals. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to renew Gosper County's employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield effective July 1, 2023, to increase the minimum hours an employee must work from 32 hours to 35 hours per week to be eligible for health coverage and to renew the group dental contract with Delta Dental of Nebraska effective July 1, 2023. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Niki Townsend was present to discuss entering into an agreement with Core CPA's PC, a consulting/compliance firm to assist Gosper County with regards to the SLFRF aka the ARPA funds. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the agreement with Core CPA's PC. Roll Call Vote: "Aye", Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Niki reviewed the schedule for the 150th Centennial celebration to be held on Tuesday, July 11th, at the Courthouse and reported that the Elwood Chamber is planning to set off their fireworks display after the events.

A letter was received from the Johnson Lake Fireworks Committee requesting approval to close a portion of Johnson Lake Dam Road to traffic during the Johnson Lake Fireworks show on Monday, July 3rd from 9:45 p.m. until conclusion of fireworks. The rain date of July 8th has been set in case of bad weather. The Board and Sheriff Naputi approved the request.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted a Tax List Correction. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve Tax List Correction #1038 for Roger D Houser. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Bogle presented a Resolution to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adopt **Resolution No. 23-4** Tri-Basin NRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Jeremy Eschliman, Director Two Rivers Public Health Dept. was present and reviewed the services they offer.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allow \$250.00 from the Keno Fund to Kamryn Carroll to attend the Nat'l Youth Leadership Forum. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. Road employees are crack sealing on RD 433 north of Smithfield, they will start blading roads after they finish crack sealing, will start mowing around the lake and cemeteries', are near completion on the project on RD 420 EW south of RD 742EW, they are graveling on RD 433 north of Smithfield. Mike discussed the two quotes he received to seal the roofs on the County shops. The Board approved going ahead with the quote from Tillotson Roofing to seal the three county shop roofs. Discussed purchasing a new side dump from NMC for \$65,000, no action was taken. The Board approved two Applications for Permit to Construct on County ROW for ATC.

Bldg. Supt. Justin Collins was present and continued the discussion regarding updating the Courthouse restrooms, HVAC repairs and removal of trees and bushes at the Courthouse.

The Board approved a request from the Elwood Chamber to use the east side of the Courthouse lawn for the Community Garage Sales on June 2 & 3. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Adjournment was at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.

