

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 28, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on June 15, 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 June 14, 2023 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Audit and approval were made for the following payrolls and claims:

GENERAL FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- June Payroll: \$70,009.59; AFLAC, \$840.21; Ameritas, \$7,926.60; BCBS, \$13,486.70; Delta Dental, \$876.63; Dept of Treas, \$39.06; Empower, \$200.00; First Concord, \$2,746.66; IRS, \$15,248.34; B. Bogle Louthan PC, \$2,604.11; Madison Nat, \$68.77; NE Child Suppt Sys, \$500.00; NE Dept of Rev. \$2,330.68; VSP, \$201.48; OPERATING EXPENSES- Applied Connect Tech, \$6,043.05; ATC, \$124.70; CAMAS, \$165.20; Chase, \$1,665.18; G. Chavez, \$45.00; J. Collins, \$397.49; Comm Act Prtnrshp of Mid NE, \$793.66; Consolidated Mgt, \$688.50; J. Daake \$2,000.00; DAS St Acct, \$43.64; D. Davis, \$45.00; Dawson Co Shrf, \$1,320.00; Dawson Co Weed, \$8,250.00; DPPD, \$512.07; Elwood Funeral Home, \$762.10; Elw Pub Lib, \$890.25; Furnas Co Emgcy Mgt, \$5,831.76; Fye Law Ofc, \$880.07; D. Glatter, \$50.00; Gosper Co CASA, \$750.00; Gosper Co Crt, \$84.00; GTP Acq, \$370.07; Heldt, McKeone, & Copley, \$10.00; Ideal Linen, \$91.47; Lex Reg Hlth Ctr, \$2,212.27; R. McFarland, \$45.00; MIPS, \$2,061.75; D. Mitchell P.C., \$940.00; J. Naputi, \$45.00; NACEB, \$100.00; NE St Patrol, \$72.00; NE Tech & Tele, \$859.29; NIRMA, \$29,919.00; Platte Valley Comm, \$5,807.30; E. Shultz, \$99.56; Stamm Romero & Assoc, \$375.00; N. Townsend, \$530.45; Urbom Law, \$636.60; Village of Elw, \$217.24; C. Vossler, \$45.00; Woodward's, \$35.00; SUPPLIES- Aurora CoOp, \$1,059.96; C. Evans, \$80.12; J&J Curbing, \$1,632.50; Mendars, \$293.85; Midwest Connect, \$343.00; Red Barn, \$36.78; Run-N-Iron, \$1,260.00; Svoboda's, \$79.92; USave, \$474.34; EQUIPMENT RENTAL- Hometown Lsg, \$229.88; Palmer Bros, \$1,580.00; CAPITAL OUTLAY- Verizon, \$200.05;

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- June Payroll: \$37,918.26; G. Brakhahn, \$1,288.07; S. Griffith, \$1,462.81; Aflac, \$39.10; Ameritas, \$4,097.05; BC/BS, \$5,354.80; Delta Dental, \$545.28; First Concord, \$945.83; IRS, \$8,534.00; Madison Natl, \$51.70; NE Dept of Rev, \$1,148.77; NIRMA, \$33,300.00; VSP, \$99.39; OPERATING EXPENSES- A&T Rpr, \$625.73; Advance Auto, \$32.96; Ag Valley CoOp, \$2,548.85; ATC, \$43.12; Aurora CoOp, \$2,864.33; Black Hills, \$127.82; Card Svc, \$147.60; DPPD, \$191.55; K. Lehmann, \$40.65; Lofquist Weld, \$749.04; McFadden Auto, \$844.42; NE Tech & Tele, \$244.51; NMC, \$6,492.35; TVPPD, \$45.81; Verizon, \$93.52; Vill of Elw, \$53.47; SUPPLIES- Ace Irrig, \$1,457.10; Bauer Blt, \$325.59; CDL Inc, \$96.74; CHS Agri Svc Ctr, \$309.24; Fastenal, \$44.36; Hemelstrands, \$12.99; Matheson, \$39.06; Michael Todd, \$371.09; Newman Traf Signs, \$2,819.63; Paulsen Inc, \$6,150.37; CAPITAL OUTLAY- Adams Const, \$1,824.00; Tilotson, \$23,270.00;

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: Core CPAs, \$892.50

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$299,128.84.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report.

Scott Prestidge with Tallgrass was present to review the Trailblazer Pipeline Conversion Project, converting the 400-mile natural gas pipeline to transport CO2 for permanent sequestration.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve **Resolution No. 23-5** Designating Elected Officials as fulltime employees for the Nebraska Public Employee Retirement System. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No. 23-6** transferring funds from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the General Fund for the County Veteran's Service in the amount of \$93.16. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to designate the State Print Shop as the vendor for printing the 2023 postcard. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board received a Membership Assessment Statement from West Central Nebraska Development District for annual dues. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to not become a member and pay the annual dues. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to ask the Board for their recommendation to Officials and Dept. Heads for completing the FY2023-24 budget. Discussion was held. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to recommend to County Officials and Dept. Heads, a 3% wage increase, effective Jan. 1, 2024 and no more than a

3% increase in the total budget request for FY 2023-24. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Blue Moose Bar & Grill for July 29, 2023. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Bader, Lerdall, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Old Cellar Vineyard LLC for July 29, 2023. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Bader, Lerdall, motion carried.

At 11:30, the Gravel Bid Letting was held. Present were Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder, Joe Moore, Paulsen Inc., Cozad, NE and Troy Olmstead, Overton Sand & Gravel Co., Overton, NE. The first bid opened was from Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$11.26 per ton. The second bid opened was from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$11.09 per ton. Hwy. Supt. Snyder recommended accepting the bid from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to award the bid to Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$11.09 per ton delivered to Gosper County roads July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Roll Call Vote “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The gravel contract stipulated that a performance bond be provided, based on an estimated 20,000 per ton of gravel.

Kylee Joyce, Executive Director for Region II Services and Laurie Preitauer, Director of South-Central Development were present and gave an annual update of services provided by their agency, numbers of persons served and reviewed the assessment costs to the County.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to reconvene as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle, Deputy Assessor Nicole Atterberry and Attorney Beverly B. Louthan were present. Lori Kuck was present and gave testimony regarding two protests - No. 23-2 & No. 23-3. No action was taken. Assessor Bogle reviewed protests No. 23-01 through No. 22-8. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to recess as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION until July 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Niki Townsend, Chair of the 150th Centennial Celebration was present and reviewed the July 11th schedule.

The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be July 12, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on July 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska to conduct a regular session and to audit claims. Claims to be audited shall be filed with the County Clerk by July 24, 2023.

