

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on August 3, 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 July 25th Special and July 31, 2023 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to excuse member Glenn Hofman from the Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Scott Dicke, CNPP&ID was present to introduce himself and to inform the Board about a project to repair the dam at the Elwood Reservoir due to seepage, the start date is planned for Sept.

Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to review the FY2023-2024 budget expenditures and revenues. Several Co. Officials and Dept. Heads were present. The Board reviewed the budget requests submitted by the officials and department heads.

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing to consider proposed solar energy regulations, data mining regulations, wind energy modifications and recreational (RR) district modifications. Zoning Adm. Pam Bogle was present. A representative from DPPD and others were also present. Discussion was held. Pam reported that the proposed regulations were approved by the Planning Commission. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Data Mining/Data Center Operations Regulations. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Recreational District Modifications. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Solar Energy Regulations. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Wind Energy Modifications. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

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

Clerk Evans reviewed the FY2023-24 Budget Lid Computation Form. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to increase the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Clerk Cynthia Evans submitted preliminary requests from the political subdivisions subject to the county levy for levy allocation. Discussion was held. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve **Resolution No. 23-7**, approving the final allocation of levy authority for the following: Gosper County Agricultural Society; Elwood Rural Fire District No. 1; Robb Cemetery District and Miller Cemetery District. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. The Road employees have finished the project on Rd 730 west of Rd 438, they are moving equipment over to the project on Rd 730 between Rd 434 and Rd 435. They are blading their roads to get in shape for the start of school.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance and **Resolution No. 23-8** from the NE Board of Public Roads. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency, By-Laws and **Resolution No. 23-9** appointing Terry Lerdall as the representative and Bruce Bader as the alternate representative. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board reviewed reports from District 11 Probation for the FY2022-2023 Budget Distribution and FY2023-2024 Budget Report.

The Board reviewed the FY 2023-24 budget request from Region II Human Service Behavioral Health. The Board adjourned at 12:10 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 August 30, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.

