

Minutes of the Budget Hearings and Board Meeting - Gosper County Board of Commissioners
September 13, 2023

Budget Hearings

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened to hold the Budget Hearings in open and public session at 9:00 am on September 13, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse. 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 also present.

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.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition for the FY2023-2024 Gosper County Budget. The Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary document was published in the Valley Voice on August 31, 2023. Clerk Cynthia Evans preparer of the budget was present to review the proposed budget. No others appeared. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m.

At 9:16 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1601.02 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, to adopt a property tax request different than the prior year tax request. The Notice of the of the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was published in the Valley Voice on August 31, 2023. No others appeared. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 9:25 am.

Regular Board Meeting

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:25 a.m. on September 13, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Member Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings. Also present was Co. Attorney Beverly B. Louthan.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on August 31, 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 August 31, 2023 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Jesse Naputi was present to report he has hired a new certified deputy; he will start on Sept. 25th. He has another candidate who is interested in becoming a certified officer, he would like to increase the number of deputies back to four. Discussion was held regarding the reduction in officers to three that was approved under Sheriff Craig Ward to allow for an increase of wages. Sheriff Naputi stated that when a deputy is out on sick or vacation leave, they are short of help and he would not increase his budget. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to allow the Sheriff to hire another deputy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bader, Hofman. Nay: Lerdall. Motion carried.

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

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

Jerad Reimers, Dist. Coord. for Rep. Adrian Smith was present to give an update and answer questions.

Brice Barton, with 39North was present to discuss the proposed Canady Solar Project located in Gosper and Dawson County. Assessor/Zoning Adm. Pam Bogle and Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder were present.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No 23-10** to adopt the FY2023-2024 Gosper County Budget. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No. 23-11** setting the Property Tax Request for FY 2023-2024 at \$2,055,981.80. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No. 23-12** which states the FY2023-2024 budget was adopted with \$397,022.33 funds budgeted in the County General Miscellaneous Fund necessary for

maintenance of county roads and bridges, which is hereby transferred from the County General Fund to County Road and Bridge Fund. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Lerdall, Bader Hofman, Nay: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Clerk of the District Court Report for August. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, Nay: None. Motion carried.

The Board approved an Application for Permit to Construct on County ROW for Miles Peterson.

The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

(Seal)

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be September 27, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.