

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 26, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Deputy Clerk Karen Corder 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 13, 2024. 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 Deputy 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 12, 2024 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Kara Brockman was present to request Keno/Lottery funds to attend the National FCCLA Conference in Seattle, Washington. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to allow \$300.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood School, FCCLA. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Vicki VonLoh, Veteran's Service Officer was present to request emergency relief funds for a Veteran. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the relief request in the amount of \$500.00 from the Veteran's Aid Fund. 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 \$60,947.68 AFLAC \$802.31 Ameritas \$10,27.52 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,682.23 BCBS \$15,799.61 Delta Dental \$909.38 Empower \$200.00 First Concord \$516.29 First Concord, LLC \$827.50 IRS \$17,796.31 Madison National \$73.69 NE Dept of Rev \$2,731.71 NIRMA \$13,338.00 US Treasury \$45.00 VSP \$211.10 Operating Expenses - UNL \$299.50 Applied \$2,663.50 ATC \$124.70 Bruce Bader \$26.80 Kathy Beck \$17.42 Black Hills \$110.11 CAMAS \$950.98 City Of Lexington \$100.00 Clerk Of District Court \$36.00 Community Action Partnership \$775.13 Consolidated Management Co \$503.60 Karen Corder \$330.68 Duncan, Walker, Schenker, & Daake \$2,000.00 Sandy Dannehl \$29.48 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law, LLC \$983.92 Duana Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$7,560.00 Dawson Co Weed Control \$8,250.00 DPPD \$708.46 Calvin T. Devries \$120.60 Elwood Public Library \$916.75 Cynthia Evans \$173.19 Family Advocacy Network \$660.00 Furnas Co Emergency Management \$2,958.00 Fye Law Office \$112.60 Matthew Garrelts \$528.07 Gosper Co CASA \$750.00 Gosper Co Clerk \$16.00 Gosper Co Court \$120.00 GTP \$384.87 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$941.20 Robert McFarland \$45.00 MIPS \$1,953.54 Derek Mitchell PC \$693.75 NACO \$1,359.17 Jesse Naputi \$45.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$967.89 NIRMA \$18,769.00 Pinnacle Bank \$785.72 Ramada GI \$214.00 Joshua Richie \$45.00 Lori Swanson \$120.60 Nicole Townsend \$140.70 Urbom Law Offices, P.C. \$125.00 Village Of Elwood \$241.99 Colton Vossler \$45.00 Woodward's \$65.00 Supplies - Aurora Coop \$1,966.99 Chase \$410.13 Sandy Dannehl \$10.64 Dollar General \$16.50 Galls \$155.95 Red Barn \$99.02 Those Blasted Signs \$760.00 U-Save \$880.18 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$229.88 Capital Outlay - Agri Computer Sales \$659.93 Chase \$542.82 Verizon \$240.06 General Fund Total: \$191,861.10;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - June Payroll \$32,514.80 AFLAC \$39.10 Ameritas \$4,309.46 BCBS \$5,806.55 Delta Dental \$545.28 First Concord, LLC \$818.33 IRS \$8,998.36 Madison National \$53.29 NE Dept of Rev \$1,270.37 NIRMA \$20,006.00 VSP \$99.39 Operating Expenses - ATC \$47.73 Aurora Coop \$277.94 Black Hills \$180.03 DPPD \$110.65 Holdrege Auto Parts \$254.35 John Deere Financial \$1,458.09 Kelly Lehmann \$13.82 Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency \$585.75 Lofquist Welding Inc \$170.35 NE Tech & Telecom \$259.81 NIRMA \$15,052.00 NMC LLC \$30,817.02 RDO \$2,511.59 S & W Auto Parts \$160.73 Justin Schutz \$19.97 Michael Snyder \$5.00 Tri City Auto Parts Inc \$65.00 Twin Valleys \$54.34 Valentine Hospitality, LLC \$282.24 Verizon \$133.65 Village Of Elwood \$59.44 Weathercraft Co \$650.00 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$4,601.82 Ag Valley Coop \$259.26 Aurora Coop \$4,332.41 Bauer Built \$2,039.31 Card Services \$336.61 CHS Inc. \$232.35 Dultmeier Sales LLC \$132.66 Gothenburg Tire & Service \$265.00 Holdrege Auto Parts Inc \$5.27 John Deere Financial \$176.12 Lofquist Welding \$100.00 Matheson \$41.57 Menards \$155.76 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$15,814.32 S & W Auto Parts \$25.04 Capital Outlay - Bader's Highway & Street \$1,925.00 NMC LLC \$223.20 Road Fund Total: \$158,296.13;

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Elwood FCCLA Keno/Lottery Fund Total: \$300.00

COVID FUND Capital Outlay - Duncan Theis Construction \$5,194.00 Wilkins Archit Design \$8,001.67 Covid Fund Total: \$13,495.67;

VETERAN'S AID FUND: Operating Expenses - Hazel Debban \$500.00 Veteran's Aid Fund Total: \$500.00 Grand Total: \$364,152.90;

The Board reviewed an Engagement Letter received from Pam Bourne of Woods Aitken LLP.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for District Court Bailiff received from District Court Judge Heng. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to designate the State Print Shop-CSG as the vendor for printing the 2024 postcard. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

At 10:00, the Roof Bid Letting was held. Present were Building & Grounds Supt. Justin Collins and Jacob Sertich, Wilkens Architecture. The first bid opened was from Spartan Commercial Roofing in the amount of \$97,866.00. The second bid opened was from Duncan Theis Construction in the amount of \$206,900.00. Discussion was held. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to table a decision on the bids until the next Commissioner meeting on July 10, 2024. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

At 10:30, the Gravel Bid Letting was held. Present were Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder, Kelly McCoy, 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 \$11.83 per ton. The second bid opened was from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$11.35 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 \$11.35 per ton delivered to Gosper County roads July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Roll Call Vote “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The gravel contract stipulated that a performance bond be provided, based on an estimated 22,400 per ton of gravel.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. Blade operators are blading roads, road employees are mowing, finished the culvert repair on Rd 433, fixed the undermine at Rd 430 and Rd 744 intersection, installed culvert at Rd 739 and Rd 434, installing culverts on Rd 433 and Rd 424A and will clean out ditch on Rd 741.

Roger Powell was present to give an update. Discussion was held regarding the Sheriff’s Dept. radios and getting them on the Statewide Radio System. He recommended contacting Justin Norris, Phelps County Emergency Manager and having him look at the radios.

Sheriff Naputi was present and gave a Sheriff’s report. He presented information from the office of the OCIO/Public Safety with pricing and a coverage area map for Statewide Radio Services. An update was given on uniforms, the status of wrecked patrol and the patrol in Ogallala.

Clerk Cynthia Evans and Deputy Clerk Karen Corder were present to ask the Board for their recommendation to Officials and Dept. Heads for completing the FY 2024-25 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, 2025 and no more than a 3% increase in the total budget request for FY 2024-25. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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 and Deputy Assessor Nicole Atterberry were present. The following were present and gave testimony regarding their protests: Sherri Andreasen -No. 24-1; Galen Killion -No. 24-2; Kurt Wolf -No. 24-3; Ed Berglund –No. 24-5; Jane German – No.24-11; Amber Ackerson – No.24-12; Jeffrey & Betty Warren – No.24-13; Bryan & Deb Darnall –No. 24-15. No action was taken. Assessor Bogle reviewed protests No. 24-01 through No. 24-19. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to recess as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION until July 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Deputy Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be July 10, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on July 31, 2024 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 23, 2024.

