

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 31, 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 also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on July 18, 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 July 10, 2024 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

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

As per State Statute 23-122 "Between July 15 and August 15 of each year, the employees job titles and the current annual, monthly or hourly salaries corresponding to such job titles shall be published".

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - July Payroll: Commissioner, \$1,864.92; Assr, Atty, Clerk, Treas \$5,192.92; Deputies for Assr, Atty, Clerk, Treas \$4,154.33; Clerk Clerical \$3,035.07; Clerk Clerical \$2,950.00; Ext Ofc Mgr \$17/hr; Bldg & Grounds Supt \$20.60/hr; Sheriff (incl uniform allow \$80) \$5,792.21; Shrf Clerical (incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$300) \$3,654.26; Sheriff's Chief Deputy (incl uniform allow \$80) \$5,130.71; Sheriff's Deputy (incl uniform allow \$80 & incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$300) \$5,111.14 + OT \$122.85; Sheriff's Deputy (incl uniform allow \$80 & incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$300) AFLAC \$802.31 Ameritas \$9,738.24 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,682.23 BCBS \$15,853.61 Delta Dental \$909.38 Empower \$200.00 First Concord \$3,075.04 First Concord, LLC \$847.50 IRS \$17,255.54 Madison National \$73.69 NE Dept. of Rev \$2,628.99 VSP \$211.10 Operating Expenses - ATC \$124.70 Black Hills \$161.54 C. Devries \$160.80 CAMAS \$273.02 C. Vossler \$45.00 Community Action Partnership \$785.55 Consolidated Management Co. \$396.95 D&N Lammels, LLC \$359.70 Das State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law, LLC \$250.00 Dawson Co Sheriff \$35,000.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$4,120.00 DPPD \$1,038.10 Derek Mitchell PC \$431.25 D. Davis \$45.00 Elwood Public Library \$916.75 Fye Law Office \$177.00 Gworks \$12,737.00 Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Court \$36.00 GTP \$384.87 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$25.00 J. Naputi \$45.00 J. Richie \$45.00 J. Collins \$46.90 Lincoln Co Clerk \$2,621.42 L. Swanson \$148.74 M. Garrelts \$755.20 MIPS \$1,999.08 NE Tech & Telecom \$984.51 Red Willow Co \$2,558.96 Region II Services \$4,032.00 R. McFarland \$45.00 S. Dannehl \$40.20 Steinbrink Landscaping \$5,486.57 T. Whitney \$40.20 Village of Elwood \$241.99 West Central NE Area Agency on Aging \$2,035.74 Woods Aitken LLP \$1,715.00 Woodward's \$35.00 Supplies - A. Moores \$47.87 Aurora Coop \$263.51 Chase \$65.99 Dollar General \$5.75 Eakes \$865.85 Emblem Enterprise \$152.66 GT Distributors \$1,331.05 J. Naputi \$9.92 Menards \$742.27 NE Law Enforcement Training Center \$250.00 Red Barn \$1,278.78 Tri-Tech Forensics \$74.80 Brite \$270.00 U-Save \$272.27 Xtreme Auto Body \$1,000.00 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$229.88 Capital Outlay - Chase \$79.99 Mead Lumber \$89.99 Verizon \$240.06 General Fund Total: \$201,632.58;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - July Payroll: Road Supt \$5,431.00; PT Laborer (3) \$20.71/hr; Blade Operator \$22.31/hr; Blade Operator (5) \$21.81/hr; Bridge Crew Laborer (3) \$21.81/hr; AFLAC \$39.10 Ameritas \$5,750.12 BCBS \$5,836.55 Delta Dental \$545.28 First Concord, LLC \$828.33 IRS \$12,378.74 Madison National \$53.29 NE Dept of Rev \$1,897.29 VSP \$99.39 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.45 Aurora Coop \$15.48 Black Hills \$138.74 CAMAS \$42.15 DPPD \$112.02 John Deere \$2,050.38 NE Tech & Telecom \$260.56 NMC LLC \$4,096.90 Powerplan \$1,643.08 Surplus Center \$303.43 TEC Equipment \$116.75 Twin Valleys \$55.73 Verizon \$133.69 Village Of Elwood \$59.44 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$110.40 Aurora Coop \$28,995.45 Bauer Built \$1,365.87 Card Services \$46.21 CHS \$209.18 John Deere \$233.10 Matheson \$40.68 Menards \$39.98 Olmstead Development LLC \$15,013.44 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$14,016.16 Red Barn \$106.20 Tractor Supply Co \$39.98 Capital Outlay - Menards \$89.94 Straight Line Striping \$22,198.75 Road Fund Total: \$161,858.71;

COVID FUND: Capital Outlay - Wilkins Archit Design Planning LLC \$5,388.75 Covid Fund Total: \$5,388.75 Grand Total: \$368,880.04

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$132,059.50.

The Board reviewed the FY 2024-25 budget request from Region II Human Service Behavioral Health.

The Board reviewed reports from District 11 Probation for the FY2023-2024 Budget Distribution and FY2024-2025 Budget Report.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted a list of Exempt Religious &/or Cemetery Purposes. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the list of Exempt Religious &/or Cemeteries. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Pam Bogle submitted a Letter of Resignation as the Gosper County Zoning Administrator. The Board thanked her for 10 years of service as the Administrator. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to accept the Letter of Resignation as Gosper County Zoning Administrator. Roll Call Vote: Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Sheriff Naputi was present and gave a Sheriff’s report on the following; wrecked patrol is repaired and back in service, the patrol in Ogallala should be finished this week, met with Phelps Co. Emergency Manager Justin Norris and got an estimate for installing lights, electronics, and video equipment on patrol vehicles. Discussion was held on the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Gosper County and the Village of Elwood for law enforcement services for FY 2024-2025. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the proposed agreement. Roll Call Vote: Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to go into closed session to discuss personnel at 10:37 a.m.. Roll Call Vote: Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to come of closed session at 11:11 a.m.. Roll Call Vote: Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Mike Dawson and Ricky Gennrich from the Gosper County Ag Society appeared to present information on plans for an addition to the south side of the Ag Barn and discuss options for requesting additional funds in their budget request. County Attorney Bev Bogle Louthan was present and discussion was held. No action was taken.

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.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. Road employees are blading roads, mowing, and will be installing a culvert on the intersection of Rd 434 & Rd 470. Discussion was held on a shared project on the county line with Dawson County on Rd 750 west of Rd 433.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance and **Resolution No. 24-7** from the NE Board of Public Roads. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Cynthia Evans was present and submitted her letter of resignation as Gosper County Clerk effective August 31, 2024. The Board thanked her for 43 years of dedicated service and for serving the citizens of Gosper County as County Clerk for 27 years.

The Board approved two Applications for Permit to Construct on County ROW for Blackhills Energy. The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.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 August 14, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on August 28, 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 August 21, 2024.