

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on August 14, 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. 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 1, 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 31, 2024 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, 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, Hofman, motion carried.

Linda Shaw from the Dawson/Gosper County CASA Program appeared with Mary Gruber to give a presentation and program updates.

Marty Craig and Kevin Hagan, Dawson/Gosper County Weed Dept. were present and gave a weed report.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to recess the meeting at 9:30 a.m. for a retirement coffee.

Chairman Lerdall called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m.

Trustee Tom Martin and Utilities Supt. Kirk Corder from the Village of Elwood were present to discuss a paving project on Rush Street and request the County pay for half of the project as it owns a portion of the road. Discussion was held. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to table the request. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Hwy Supt. Mike Snyder submitted a letter of resignation as Gosper County Highway Superintendent effective August 21st. The Board accepted his letter of resignation and thanked him for 37 years of service to Gosper County.

Hwy Supt. Mike Snyder was present with Kelly Lehmann to give a road report. Road employees are: mowing, blading roads, finished installing the culvert at the intersection of RD 434 & Rd 740, working on cleaning out ditches on Rd 736 east of Rd 428 and widening the road across the fill.

Sheriff Naputi was present and gave a Sheriff's report. Matt Garrelts will graduate from the Law Enforcement Training Academy on Friday, August 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Attorneys Pamela Bourne and Sarah Carstensen from Woods Aitken Law Firm were present. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to go into closed session to discuss personnel at 11:10 a.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader and seconded by Lerdall to come out of closed session at 12:43 p.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Chairman Lerdall called the meeting back to order at 1:15 p.m.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to go into closed session to discuss personnel at 1:17 p.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to come out of closed session at 1:58 p.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to review the FY2024-2025 budget expenditures and revenues. Hwy Supt. Mike Snyder, Treasurer Nicole Townsend and Kelly Lehmann were present. The Board reviewed the budget requests submitted by the officials and department heads.

Clerk Cynthia Evans submitted preliminary requests from the political subdivisions subject to the county levy for levy allocation. Discussion was held. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution No. 24-8**, approving the final allocation of levy authority for the following: Gosper County Agricultural Society; Elwood Rural Fire District No. 1, and Robb Cemetery District. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, “Abstain” Bader, motion carried.

Clerk Evans reviewed the FY2024-25 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.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 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 August 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.