

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 30, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Member Bruce Bader. Member Glenn Hofman was absent. Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. County Atty. Beverly B. Louthan was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on October 17, 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 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.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes. 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.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - October Payroll \$57,996.68 Aflac \$677.62 Ameritas \$9,442.94 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,682.23 BCBS \$10,832.64 Delta Dental \$778.38 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$425.39 First Concord, LLC \$592.50 IRS \$17,537.25 Madison National \$60.19 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,753.43 UNL \$6,395.70 VSP \$169.71 Operating Expenses - Applied Connect \$2,536.30 ATC \$124.70 Aurora Coop \$4.81 Black Hills \$80.64 CAMAS \$741.87 Chase \$500.00 H. Collins \$96.48 J. Collins \$127.97 Community Action Partnership \$1,849.77 Consolidated Management Co \$11.35 S. Dannehl \$68.34 DAS State Acctg-Central \$837.75 Davis Law, LLC \$1,214.90 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$3,520.00 DPPD \$1,055.56 C. Devries \$121.27 Dollar General \$20.45 ES&S \$8,210.17 Elwood Public Library \$944.33 Furnas Co Emergency Management \$3,002.50 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Court \$36.00 GTP \$384.87 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$500.00 La Quinta Inn \$229.90 Menards \$75.42 MIPS \$1,999.08 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center \$50.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,026.93 Nebraska.Gov \$8.50 J. Richie \$45.00 Urbom Law Offices \$308.76 Village Of Elwood \$241.99 C. Vossler \$45.00 T. Whitney \$80.40 Woods Aitken LLP \$7,450.00 Woodward's \$35.00 Supplies - Aurora Coop \$1,724.71 Chase \$439.40 Eakes \$727.59 Menards \$620.10 U-Save \$490.24 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$229.88 Capital Outlay - Verizon \$240.06 General Fund Total: \$152,592.65 ROAD FUND: Personal Services - October Payroll \$40,461.45 Aflac \$39.10 Ameritas \$5,421.08 BCBS \$5,821.55 Delta Dental \$428.16 First Concord, LLC \$808.33 First Concord Benefits Group, LLC \$20.00 IRS \$11,453.87 Madison National \$48.97 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,764.94 VSP \$99.39 Operating Expenses - A&T Repair \$57.50 ATC \$47.82 Aurora Coop \$47.87 Black Hills \$43.75 CAMAS \$10.03 DPPD \$111.82 Eustis Mechanic Shop \$388.36 K. Lehmann \$476.52 Lofquist Welding \$201.20 Medical Enterprises \$35.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$273.12 NMC \$2,397.19 Powerplan \$799.35 RDO \$2,243.26 S&W Auto Parts \$3.99 Twin Valleys \$48.08 Verizon \$133.73 Village Of Elwood \$59.44 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$10,679.00 Ag Valley Coop \$179.91 Aurora Coop \$3,540.75 Bauer Built \$793.95 Card Services \$479.62 CHS \$212.87 Eustis Mechanic Shop \$12.68 John Deere Financial \$98.42 K. Lehmann \$53.15 Matheson \$44.70 Mead Lumber \$10.38 NMC \$6,100.92 Olmstead Development \$9,920.40 Overton Sand & Gravel \$16,425.11 U-Save Business \$322.01 Capital Outlay - NMC \$171,273.20 Oak Creek Engineering \$5,200.00 Road Fund Total \$299,091.94 KENO/LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Chase \$349.14 Grand Total: \$452,033.73

Chief Deputy Joshua Richie was present and gave a Sheriff's Report.

Treasurer Nicole Townsend was present to request Keno/Lottery Funds for the purchase of auto insurance sleeves. She reported a request for funds was made in August but the company previously used went out of business so additional funds were needed to purchase from a new vendor. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve an additional \$79.14 from the Keno/Lottery Fund for the purchase of auto insurance holders. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board received a letter from the Elwood Area Foundation regarding the 2024 Give Big Elwood. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to allow \$500.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation – 2024 Give Big Elwood. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board received a letter from the Elwood TeamMates regarding a request for a donation to the program. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to allow \$500.00 from Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood TeamMates. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Clerk Corder presented the additional Rates of Tax that are set and certified by other counties for FY 2024-2025. The following are the Rates of Tax set by Gosper County on Oct. 9, 2024 and Rates of Tax set and certified by other counties for FY 2024-2025: **Gosper County**: General- .0182041; **Agricultural Society**: General-.003700; Sinking-.001361; Total-.005061; **Central Community College**: Capital Improvement-.020000; Total-.020000; **Tri-Basin NRD**: General-.028710; **Village of Elwood**: General-

.500000; **Village of Smithfield:** General-.288096; Bond-.145651; Total-.433747; **Sanitary and Improvement Dist. #1:** General-.070372; Bond-.062816; Total-.133188; **ESU#10:** General-.012718; **ESU #11:** General-.013253; **Robb Cemetery:** General-.001156; **Rural Fire Protection Districts -Gosper-Elwood:** General-.015000; **Gosper-Phelps Bertrand:** General-.007839; Sinking-.007089; Bond-.025000; **Holbrook/Edison/Arapahoe:** General-.013174; Sinking-.003992; Bond-.011977; Total-.029143; **Lexington:** General-.010000; **Oxford:** General-.027350; Sinking-.008945; Bond-.012298; Total-.048592; **School Districts: Lexington:** General-.0892866; Special Building Total-.050000; Total -.942866; **Eustis-Farnam:** General-.641170; Special Building -.099090; QCPU-.009909; Total-.750169; **Arapahoe:** General-.649304; Bond -.145789; QCPU-.018885; Total-.813979; **Cambridge:** General-.831003; Special Building -.038516; QCPU-.030000; Total-.899519; **Elwood:** General-.430052; Special Building-.068210; Total-.498262; **Bertrand:** General-.653180; Bond-.023328; Special Building-.087480; QCPU-.042282; **Southern Valley:** General-.641427; Bond-.046941; Special Building -.019615;

Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted two Tax List Corrections. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Tax List Correction #1041 and #1042. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Hwy. Dept. Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. Road employees have been blading roads and have completed a culvert installation on Rd 748 SW of the Johnson Lake Dam between Rd 425 and Hwy 283 on Plum Creek. Representatives from CNPPID will be at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the inlet bridge at Johnson Lake.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve **Resolution No. 24-15** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Gosper and Dawson County for road surface maintenance purposes on Road 750, beginning at Dawson County Road 433 and proceeding east to the intersection of Gosper County Road 433.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to sign the Agreement for Professional Services with Oak Creek Engineering for the Road 433/750 Project.

Emergency Manager Roger Powell was present to present information on Government ID Badges. They are made in Furnas County at no cost and include a QR code that can track equipment and personnel responding to a disaster. Discussion was held, no action was taken.

The Board reviewed the four applications received for the Gosper County Sheriff.

At 12:00 the Board recessed for lunch.

Chairman Lerdall called the meeting back to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Board conducted interviews of all four applicants for the Gosper County Sheriff.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to appoint Joshua Richie, Chief Deputy, to fill the unexpired term of Jesse Naputi effective November 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Corder, Clerk

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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be November 13, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on November 27, 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 November 19, 2024.