

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 26, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. 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 November 14, 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.

The Minutes of November 13, 2024 were read. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - November Payroll \$54,894.67 Aflac \$385.51 Ameritas \$3,594.66 Ameritas-Retirement Plans Div \$5,238.66 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,682.23 BCBS \$10,832.64 C. Remmenga \$217.50 C. Taft \$236.25 C. Schmeckle \$210.00 Delta Dental \$904.22 E. Halmes \$210.00 Empower \$100.00 First Concord Benefits \$90.00 First Concord Benefits, LLC \$592.50 IRS \$16,833.81 K. Horn \$217.50 K. Beck \$236.25 K. Scoville \$217.50 L. Hagan \$217.50 Madison National \$60.19 M. Atterberry \$221.25 M. Kleppinger \$241.25 NE Dept of Rev \$2,677.56 S. Remmenga \$210.00 V. Vonloh \$215.00 VSP \$208.33 Operating Expenses - ATC \$124.70 Black Hills \$177.11 CAMAS \$801.68 Chase \$2,351.44 Com Action Partnership \$985.65 CVSOAN \$100.00 S. Dannehl \$22.78 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law \$1,308.26 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$3,200.00 DPPD \$729.41 ES&S \$202.02 Elwood Public Library \$944.33 Fye Law Office \$63.19 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Crt \$149.00 GTP \$384.87 L. Hagan \$5.36 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$812.50 K. Horn \$13.40 M. Kleppinger \$16.75 T. Lerdall \$106.53 Menards \$93.07 MIPS \$1,999.08 D. Mitchell \$125.00 NACO \$1,359.17 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,027.39 Rasmussen \$1,375.82 J. Richie \$45.00 C. Schmeckle \$4.02 L. Swanson \$440.19 Urbom Law Offices \$940.02 Village Of Elwood \$241.99 C. Vossler \$45.00 Woodward's \$35.00 Supplies - Aurora Coop \$1,665.49 Chase \$640.55 Gosper Co Sheriff \$162.67 GT Distributors \$4,405.50 JL Embroidery \$30.00 Menards \$140.71 The Red Barn \$362.02 U-Save \$1,085.32 Equipment Rental - Quadient \$554.85 Capital Outlay - NE Storage \$80.00 Verizon \$240.06 General Fund Total: \$131,599.63;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - November Payroll \$33,478.99 Aflac \$39.10 Ameritas \$4,430.06 BCBS \$5,821.55 Delta Dental \$428.16 First Concord Benefits, LLC \$828.33 IRS \$8,873.30 Madison National \$48.97 NE Dept of Rev \$1,249.52 VSP \$99.39 Operating Expenses - ATC \$47.95 Aurora Coop \$503.09 Baum Hydraulics \$1,978.68 Black Hills \$232.94 Card Services \$17.61 DPPD \$109.04 John Deere Financial \$419.86 NE Tech & Telecom \$273.12 NMC \$8,106.57 Platte Valley Com \$277.25 RDO \$1,548.78 S & W Auto Parts \$75.98 Southwest Farm and Auto \$24.97 TEC Equipment \$400.00 Twin Valleys \$50.91 Verizon \$133.73 Village of Elwood \$59.44 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$167.94 Aurora Coop \$5,113.44 Bauer Built \$482.33 Card Services \$17.07 CHS \$164.84 K. Lehmann \$23.47 Matheson \$45.73 Olmstead Development \$10,455.12 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$11,186.29 M. Schutz \$55.35 TEC Equipment \$9.81 Capital Outlay - Midwest Equipment Auctions \$7,000.00 NMC \$223.20 Road Fund Total: \$104,501.88;

KENO LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Elwood Area Foundation \$1,000.00; Grand Total: \$237,101.51

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$193,981.08.

Melissa Vinzant, Elwood Area Foundation was present to request KENO funds for the Community Sign Project. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to allocate \$2,000.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation for the Community Sign Project. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Lerdall, "Nay" Bader, motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. A Bid Letting was held for Bridge Structure No. C003704505 Replacement. Present were Assist. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann, Alex Lindenstien, Oak Creek Engineering and Tony Jelinek, Saul Ramos Construction. The first bid opened was from KEA Constructors, Milford, NE. in the amount of \$204,046.10. The second bid opened was from Saul Ramos Construction Inc., Shelton, NE., in the amount of \$86,469.21, The third bid opened was from F & A Concrete in the amount of \$82,510.0. The fourth bid opened was from Midlands Contracting, Kearney, NE., in the amount of \$121,848.78. Discussion was held. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to table a decision on the bids until the next Commissioner meeting on Dec. 11, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Aye, Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Asst. Hwy. Sup. Kelly Lehmann was present to give a road report and present information requested from the Board at the Nov. 13th meeting regarding a Track Skid Steer from NMC. Discussion was held on leasing for 1 year, a lease to own option, and the possibility of adding tracks to the County owned 271 Bobcat Skid Steer. The Bobcat is not compatible for tracks so Kelly requested leasing the skid steer from NMC for 1 year/250 hours for \$8,250.00. The Board asked Kelly to check into the cost of purchasing a used one.

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present and gave a Sheriff's report. Information was provided and discussion was held on Flok Safety Cameras, updating and training on policy manuals, implementation of Coffee With a Cop program, and updates to the system allowing us to switch to the Nebraska State Patrol system to eliminate problems with issuing citations.

Co. Atty. Beverly B. Louthan appeared and requested the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to go into Closed Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss personnel. Roll Call Vote: Aye, Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to come out of closed session at 11:30 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Aye, Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Todd Whitney and Calvin Devries, Extension Educators, Brandi Hilton-Hegemann with UNL Extension and Sandy Dannehl, Extension Office Manager were present. Discussion was held regarding an employment matter.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be Dec. 11, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on Dec. 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 Dec. 20, 2024.