

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 29, 2025, 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 Louthan was present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on January 16, 2025. 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 January 8, 2025 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman 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.

GENERAL FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- January Payroll: \$71,245.59; AFLAC, \$385.51; Ameritas, \$8,354.75; BCBS, \$10,832.64; Delta Dental, \$1,012.62; Empower, \$100.00; First Concord, \$1,197.74; IRS, \$15,459.39 B. Bogle Louthan PC, \$2,762.70; Madison Nat, \$75.26; NE Dept of Rev. \$2,298.65; UNL Bus Ctr, \$6,420.85; VSP, \$169.71 OPERATING EXPENSES- Applied Connect Tech, \$2,550.30 ATC, \$124.70; Black Hills, \$791.79; Blue to Gold, \$799.00; CAMAS, \$212.40; Comfort Inn, \$1,124.55; Davis Law, \$456.92; DAS St Acct, \$167.75; D. Davis, \$45.00; Dawson Co Shrf, \$1,760.00; DPPD, \$682.58; Elwood Pub Lib, \$944.33; FGH Law, \$125.89; Furnas Co. Emgcy Mgt, \$3,002.50; M. Garrelts, \$45.00; GTP Acq, \$384.87; Heldt, McKeone, & Copley, \$2,618.90; KRVN; \$50.00; NE Assoc Co Treas, \$75.00; Mid-States, \$100.00; MIPS, \$2,313.58; D. Mitchell P.C., \$581.25; NACO Plan & Zone, \$40.00; NE Assoc Co Assr; \$100.00; NE Clrk of Dist Crt, \$50.00; NE Shrf Assoc, \$290.00; NE Tech & Tele, \$1,019.43; Quadient, \$4,000.00; Rassmussen Mech, \$197.82; J. Richie, \$45.00; Village of Elw, \$250.75; C. Vossler, \$45.00; West Cntrl Dist Assr Assoc, \$25.00; Western St Shrf Assoc, \$100.00; Woodward's, \$35.00; SUPPLIES- Aurora CoOp, \$1,510.01; Chase, \$141.75; Midwest Cnct, \$256.00; Red Barn, \$230.00; StuntCams, \$150.00; USave, \$266.53; EQUIPMENT RENTAL- Eakes, \$491.22; CAPITAL OUTLAY- Amazon, \$754.70; Flock Grp, \$21,365.00; NE Strg, \$40.00; Verizon, \$240.06 ;

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- January Payroll: \$50,219.44; Aflac, \$39.10; Ameritas, \$5,514.67; BC/BS, \$8,150.17; Delta Dental, \$493.66; First Concord, \$495.00; IRS, \$10,778.41 Madison Natl, \$69.49; NE Dept of Rev, \$1,587.26; VSP, \$99.39; OPERATING EXPENSES- ATC, \$48.25; Aurora CoOp, \$2,587.03; Black Hills, \$721.62; DPPD, \$130.47; John Deere Fin, \$800.80; Lofquist Weld, \$949.60; Mead Lumb, \$103.77; Medical Ent, \$72.00; NE Tech & Tele, \$273.34; Powerplan, \$64.16; RDO Truck Ctr, \$886.78; SW Farm & Auto, \$8.99; TVPPD, \$60.28; Verizon, \$133.74; Vill of Elw, \$61.42; Village of Smithfield, \$92.00; SUPPLIES- Ag Valley, \$1,197.21; Bauer Blt, \$537.83; CHS, \$265.13; J. Koch, \$40.56; K. Lehmann, \$82.93; Matheson, \$45.73; NMC Exch, \$3,234.78; Olmstead Dev, \$1,127.28; Overton Sand & Grav, \$10,230.18; S&W Auto, \$5.37; CAMAS, \$56.00; CAPITAL OUTLAY- KRVN, \$312.50;

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK- Ace Irrig, \$13,505.07;

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$166,606.51.

Sheriff Joshua Richie appeared to give a Sheriff's report and short presentation on the Flock security cameras and how they will be utilized. He reported one camera has been approved, the remaining four are pending approval from the Department of Transportation. He is continuing to work on the mitigation plan for the two dams in Gosper County with Emergency Manager Roger Powell and Jim Brown from Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

Calvin DeVries and Brandi Hilton-Hagemann from UNL Extension were present to propose an option to consider regarding the Extension Office Manager position. The proposal included increasing the hourly rate to \$19.00 and working 2-3 days per week. The Board inquired about the Extension Assistant working in the office two days and there being more of a presence of Extension Educators in the county. Discussion was held. No action taken.

Ron Fowler with the Johnson Lake Hike & Bike Trail appeared with Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann to review the proposed options for the inlet bridge at Johnson Lake and discuss possible locations of the hike & bike trail. No action taken.

Asst. Hwy. Supt Lehmann gave a road report on the following; road employees have been doing shop and maintenance work, cutting trees in road ditches, and prepping the side dump trailer for use.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve signing the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract with F&A Concrete Finish, LLC for Structure No. C003704505 Replacement Project. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Bader, Hofman, Lerdall, motion carried.

Charles McGraw, Transportation Director for RYDE Transit-Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska was present and submitted a request for local match in the amount of \$14,200.00 and a resolution for public transportation in Gosper County for FY 2025-2026. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution 25-1**, which instructs Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, to apply for Federal and State funds for RYDE Transit for FY 2025-2026. Roll Call Vote “Aye” Bader, Hofman, Lerdall, motion carried.

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 February 12, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on February 26, 2025 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 February 19, 2025.