

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 12, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Members Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. 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 on January 30, 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 29, 2025 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Avery Roberts and Lakyn Weissert appeared to request Keno Funds for a trip to Washington D.C. with Elwood Public School. Motion by Bader to allocate \$250.00 from the Keno Fund to each to attend, there being no second, motion not considered. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to allow \$400.00 each from the Keno Fund to attend the Washington D.C. trip. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allocate \$500.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation for the 2025 Gala. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to allocate \$250.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood High School Post Prom Party. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Crazy Marv's RV & Cabin Retreat, LLC for an event to be held on March 1, 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Bader, "Aye" Hofman, motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly Louthan was present to discuss a tort claim received on February 5, 2025 from JNR Adjustment Co., Inc., on behalf of Lumen Technologies/Century Link for alleged damages that occurred on November 9, 2023 by road grading work at 42369 Rd 739, Elwood, NE. Atty. Louthan reported the claim was turned over to NIRMA, Gosper County's insurance provider, who sent a denial letter to Century Link/JNR citing the Tort Claims Act which states every claim against a political subdivision shall be forever barred unless within one year after such claim is accrued the claim is made in writing to the governing body.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of January. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. He sent information to Jodi Gibson from NDOT and Dina Harris, Highway Programs specialist, regarding the inlet bridge. Dina's consultant team will investigate further into determining if the project would be a good fit for a Federal Discretionary grant application.

Following discussion, motion by Bader to pay Joshua Richie \$500.00 per month as Deputy Emergency Manager, there being no second, motion not considered. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve paying Joshua Richie the budgeted amount of \$759.82 per month as Deputy Emergency Manager Director. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Nay" Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.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 February 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.