

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 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, Cambridge, NE on February 20, 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 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 February 26, 2025 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan, Dawson/Gosper County Weed Supt. was present and gave a weed report.

Health Director Jeremy Eschliman & Home Visitation Supervisor Haleigh Eschliman from Two Rivers Public Health Department presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding public swimming pool inspections. Information was provided on the transition of environmental oversight for public swimming pools from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) to Two Rivers. After discussion, the Board took no action and requested more information.

Treasurer Niki Townsend appeared to report on the 2025 tax sale. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Gosper County Treasurer Tax Sale Report for 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Treasurer Townsend also reported paying interest fees in the amount of \$2.85 to the Department of Revenue for boat sales tax that was accidentally omitted when fees were paid in November, 2023.

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present and reviewed a letter from NIRMA stating the Gosper County Sheriff's Department had not applied for or received agency accreditation by January 1, 2023 as required by state statute. He has written and implemented new policies, updated manuals, submitted paperwork and completed all steps of the accreditation process. He also reported Matthew Garrelts will be promoted from Deputy to Sergeant effective March 14, 2025.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehman appeared and gave a report on the following: Road employees are blading roads; doing sign maintenance; Rd 436 box culvert bridge project has the foundation poured and walls are being formed; received word from Dina Harris, the Highway Programs Specialist with NDOT that the Johnson Lake inlet bridge project has tentatively been moved into the top tier of potential grant funding projects.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for February 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve Resolution 25-2 which declares certain property as surplus and authorizes the Building and Grounds Superintendent to dispose of the surplus property by public or private sale. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be March 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.