

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 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 B. Louthan was present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on June 12, 2025. Availability of the agenda was stated 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 June 11, 2025 meeting were read. Motion by Hofman, 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 - June Payroll \$56,451.95 Aflac \$385.51 Ameritas \$8,995.55 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBS \$11,412.19 Credit Management \$671.75 Delta Dental \$852.33 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$1,398.08 First Concord, LLC \$703.33 IRS \$16,777.53 Madison National \$76.66 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,523.74 NIRMA \$19,185.00 United States Treasury \$51.52 VSP \$201.55 Operating Expenses - Applied Connective \$2,774.10 ATC \$124.70 Black Hills \$90.69 C. Devries \$273.00 Chase Card \$1,318.68 CAMAS \$239.98 C. Vossler \$45.00 Daake Law Office \$2,000.00 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$1,680.00 Dawson Co Weed Control \$8,250.00 Dawson Co Climate Control \$1,283.17 DPPD \$624.90 D. Davis \$45.00 Elwood Public Library \$944.33 Family Advocacy Network \$660.00 Furnas Co Emergency Management \$3,002.50 Gosper Co CASA \$1,000.00 Gosper Co Court \$101.00 GTP \$400.27 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$541.25 J. Richie \$45.00 J. Collins \$86.80 K. Corder \$214.20 L. Swanson \$168.00 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Menards - Kearney \$399.93 MIPS \$3,530.80 NACO \$1,415.85 NE Co Attorneys Association \$550.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,118.67 N. Townsend \$253.40 NIRMA \$20,939.00 Powertech \$750.00 Schneider Geospatia \$4,500.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 W. Throckmorton \$45.00 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$42.84 Aurora Coop \$2,281.81 Bomgaars \$35.97 Chase Card \$513.52 Coast To Coast Solutions \$2,027.20 DetectaChem \$598.43 Flock Group \$3,500.00 Galls \$190.51 Mead Lumber \$71.94 Midwest Radar & Eqpt \$120.00 Pinnacle Bank \$174.93 Stop Stick \$2,147.00 StuntCams \$150.00 The Red Barn \$591.00 U-Save \$3,714.03 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - Applied Connective \$1,311.00 AT&T \$246.73 Cen Tec Cast Metal Products \$105.81 Decked, LLC \$4,319.97 U-Save \$399.00 Verizon \$240.12;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - June Payroll \$33,999.08 Ameritas \$4,714.40 BCBS \$7,359.60 Delta Dental \$445.35 First Concord, LLC \$495.00 IRS \$9,120.97 Madison National \$43.81 Nebraska Dept of Revenue \$1,272.89 NIRMA \$28,778.00 VSP \$89.70 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.63 Aurora Coop \$4.50 Black Hills \$164.47 Card Services \$49.41 Comfort Inn \$220.00 DPPD \$109.03 John Deere Financial \$447.58 K. Lehmann \$126.31 Lofquist Welding \$75.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$303.95 NIRMA \$17,976.00 NMC \$10,937.01 Platte Valley Glass \$200.00 RDO \$6,964.91 Twin Valleys \$47.01 Verizon \$133.73 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$11,557.00 Ag Valley Coop \$286.54 Aurora Coop \$4,467.34 Bauer Built \$1,095.27 CHS Inc. \$83.87 Faw's Garage \$29.50 John Deere Financial \$328.93 K. Lehmann \$37.79 Lofquist Welding \$35.20 Newman Signs \$5,808.04 Olmstead Development \$762.00 Overton Sand & Gravel \$17,027.41 Peerless Wiping Cloth \$310.76 The Red Barn \$620.10 Capital Outlay - Central Valley Irrigation \$1,703.00 NMC \$913.20 Oak Creek Engineering \$1,830.00;

LOCAL ASSISTANCE & TRIBAL FUND: Operating Expenses - Wilkins Archit Design Planning \$2,078.59

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Gosper Co Ag Society \$2,000.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$249,207.59

Kylee Joyce, Executive Director for Region II Services, and Laurie Preitauer, Director of South-Central Development were present and gave an annual update of services provided by their agency, numbers of persons served and reviewed the assessment costs to the County.

At 10:00, the Gravel Bid Letting was held. Present were Kelly Lehmann, Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly McCoy, Paulsen Inc., Cozad, NE and Troy Olmstead, Overton Sand & Gravel Co., Overton, NE. The first bid opened was from Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$11.83 per ton. The second bid opened was from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$11.90 per ton. Asst. Hwy. Supt. Lehmann requested the Board enter closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to enter closed session at 10:14 a.m. to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations. The Board returned to open session at 10:22 a.m. Following open session, Asst. Hwy Supt. Lehmann recommended awarding the gravel bid to Paulsen, Inc. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to accept the bid from Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$11.83 per ton delivered to Gosper County roads July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The gravel contract stipulated that a performance bond be provided, based on an estimated 22,400 per ton of gravel.

Greg O'Brien, representing NE Machinery Co., appeared to present a quote for the purchase of a new motor grader. Discussion was held. Bidding requirements were waived as the purchase qualifies under a cooperative purchasing agreement through the Nebraska State Purchasing Contract. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Sales Agreement for a new 2025 Caterpillar 140-15 motor grader and to trade in the 2010 Caterpillar 140M. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann gave a road report. Mowing shoulders and guardrails at Johnson Lake has been completed, blade operators are blading roads with focus on road access to wheat fields and road employees are working on replacing the collapsed culvert on Rd 432 north of Rd 735.

Craig Ward was present to discuss road maintenance concerns on Road 739. Discussion included the location and size of the grader windrow along the roadside, the depth and frequency of cutouts being made, and the overall width of the roadway.

Sheriff Richie appeared before the Board to request approval to sign a contract with Flock Safety for a Flexible License Plate Recognition (LPR) camera. The camera has been ordered and is designed to be mobile, allowing it to be deployed at various locations throughout the county as needed for law enforcement purposes. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve signing the contract with Flock Safety. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan requested the Board enter closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to enter closed session at 11:05 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 11:11 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Ron Fowler was present. County Attorney Louthan provided an update on the inlet bridge project. Attorney. Louthan will be working with Charles Brewster, legal counsel for Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District to finalize the agreement.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve two Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Crazy Marv’s RV & Cabin Retreat, LLC for events on July 19, 2025 and August 9, 2025. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board approved an application for permit to construct on County Road ROW for Dawson Public Power District.

The Board reviewed proposals for independent audit services received from Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA and Contryman Associates P.C.. Following discussion, motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to enter into an agreement with Contryman Associates P.C. for audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027 with a fee schedule of \$15,000-\$17,000; \$15,500-\$17,000; and \$16,000-\$17,000 respectively. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.
At 1:00 p.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to reconvene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle and Deputy Assessor Nicole Atterberry were present. Assessor Bogle reviewed protests No. 25-01 and No. 25-02. A request to extend the homestead exemption filing deadline was presented. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the request and extend the homestead exemption filing deadline to July 20, 2025. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The Board reviewed a Hearing for an Appeal from the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the valuation protest filed by Betty Warren. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to recess as the Board of Equalization until July 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and signed an execution agreement for the amended and restated Welfare Benefit Plan submitted by First Concord Benefits Group. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader, to approve **Resolution 25-6**, adopting the amended plan effective January 1, 2025, and instructing the plan administrator to take any actions deemed necessary and proper to implement the plan and to establish adequate accounting and administrative procedures for the provision of benefits under the plan.

Clerk Karen Corder was present to ask the Board for their recommendation to Officials and Dept. Heads for completing the FY 2025-26 budget. Discussion was held. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to recommend to County Officials and Dept. Heads, a 3% wage increase, effective Jan. 1, 2026 and no more than a 3% increase in the total budget request for FY 2025-26. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to designate the State Print Shop-CSG as the vendor for printing the 2025 postcard. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 1:50 p.m.
ATTEST:

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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 July 9, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on July 30, 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 July 23, 2025.