

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in an open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 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 also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on July 17, 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 July 9, 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.

As per State Statute 23-122 "Between July 15 and August 15 of each year, the employees job titles and the current annual, monthly or hourly salaries corresponding to such job titles shall be published".

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - July Payroll Commissioner, \$1,864.92; Assr, Atty, Clerk, Treas \$5,348.70; Deputies for Assr, Clerk, Treas \$4,278.96; Clerk Clerical \$3033.33; Clerk PT Clerical \$30.86/hr; Bldg & Grounds Supt \$21.22/hr; Sheriff (incl uniform allow \$80 & incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$613.30) \$6,576.88; Sheriff PT Clerical \$18.00; Sheriff Clerical (incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$613.30) \$4,068.19; Sheriff's Deputy (incl uniform allow \$80) \$4,777.33 + OT \$2,499.98; Sheriff's Deputies (incl uniform allow \$80 & incl cash-in-lieu of benefits \$613.30) \$5,425.3 + OT 184.28; \$5,373.3 + OT \$1,822.50; Emergency Manager \$759.82; Veteran's Svc Ofc, \$881.28; Zoning Admin, \$1,200.00; Budget Prep, \$3,700.00; Aflac \$288.76 Ameritas \$13,296.79 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBC \$11,412.19 Credit Management Services \$671.75 Delta Dental \$852.33 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$117.00 First Concord, LLC \$730.83 IRS \$18,972.90 Madison National \$62.75 Mutual of Omaha \$748.36 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,864.55 N. Townsend \$13.90 VSP \$201.55 Operating Expenses - Applied Connective \$2,819.1 ATC \$124.70 Benchmark Government Solutions \$58.70 Black Hills \$95.60 CAMAS \$207.81 J. Collins \$114.80 Community Action Partnership \$853.36 Core CPAS \$130.00 DAS State Acctg Central Finance \$167.75 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$1,880.00 DPPD \$893.74 Elwood Public Library \$944.33 Farm & Home Publishers \$270.00 FBI-LEEDA \$795.00 M. Garrelts \$45.00 American Towers \$400.27 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$1,212.50 Menards \$44.95 MIPS \$,063.53 NACO \$7.00 NE Law Enforcement Training Center \$150.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$984.78 Powertech \$1,039.62 Red Willow Co \$2,558.96 Region II Services \$4,089.00 J. Richie \$45.00 Schneider Geospatial \$21,122.00 W. Throckmorton \$45.00 Urbom Law Offices \$340.01 Village of Elwood \$252.71 C. Vossler \$45.00 West Central NE Area Agcy on Aging \$2,059.05 Woodward's Disposal Service \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$377.48 Applied Connective \$1,609.59 Aurora Coop \$1,466.97 Chase Card \$71.97 Eakes \$417.77 Menards \$328.16 The Red Barn \$455.03 The Radar Shop \$476.00 U-Save \$380.38 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Amazon \$925.37 AT&T \$387.53 Duncan Theis Construction \$1,0034.90 Rasmussen Mechanical Services \$12,000.00 Verizon \$240.06;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - July Payroll Road Supt \$30.16; PT Laborer (3) \$21.58; Laborer \$21.58; Blade Operator (5) \$22.68; Bridge Crew Laborer (2) \$22.68; Ameritas \$5,975.95 BCBS \$7,359.60 Delta Dental \$445.35 First Concord, LLC \$502.50 IRS \$12,002.58 Madison National \$43.81 Mutual of Omaha \$574.44 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,807.30 Trustmark \$269.79 VSP \$108.94 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.21 Aurora Coop \$1,189.46 Black Hills \$113.66 Bomgaars \$213.95 CAMAS \$216.00 DPPD \$115.46 John Deere Financial \$2,986.83 Jones Plumbing & Heating \$29.50 NE Tech & Telecom \$303.71 NMC \$438.28 Platte Valley Communications \$470.45 RDO \$30.55 S & W Auto Parts \$7.99 Twin Valleys \$50.00 Verizon \$133.72 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Village of Smithfield \$162.00 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$8,568.17 Ag Valley Coop \$152.54 Aurora Coop \$4,153.44 Bauer Built \$838.16 Bomgaars \$64.44 CDL, Inc \$65.80 CHS \$170.53 Lofquist Welding \$56.25 Matheson \$46.35 NMC \$276.00 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$22,618.95 Paulsen, Inc. \$7,786.98 The Red Barn \$109.00 S & W Auto Parts \$3.44 Capital Outlay - CAMAS \$90.33 Jack's Welding \$165.30 Oak Creek Engineering \$2,600.00;

LOCAL ASST & TRIBAL FUND: OPERATING EXPENSES - Duncan Theis Construction \$19,179.10;

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Gosper Co Rural Fire Dist. 1 \$5,000.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$199,568.21.

Sheriff Richie was present and gave a Sheriff's report on the following: He is considering purchasing a new vehicle through the State Bid program and is leaning toward a Dodge Ram rather than an F-150, as the Road Department typically purchases their used pickups, and the F-150 lacks the size and power to meet their needs. He also reported that all Flock cameras are installed and are operational, and the portable camera is expected to arrive soon.

Jodee Walbridge was present to request that her ditch along County Road 727 be cleaned out and to discuss the County Road Right-of-Way. Assistant Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann joined the meeting and referenced State Statutes regarding property owners' responsibility for ditch maintenance and County Road

Right of Ways. After discussion, the Board informed Ms. Walbridge that maintenance of the ditch is the responsibility of the landowner.

Treasurer Nicole Townsend was present to request Keno/Lottery Funds for the purchase of auto registration/insurance sleeves. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to allow \$349.14 from the Keno/Lottery Fund for the purchase of auto registration/insurance sleeves. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Safety Committee member Nicole Townsend presented bids for courthouse panic buttons from SecureTech and Applied Connective Technologies. Kelly Lehmann was also present. Following discussion, motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to accept the bid from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$20,083.00 with an annual service fee of \$3,250.00. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann was present and provided a road report. Road employees have completed the rebuild project on Rd 737 east of Rd 420 and are currently working on Rd 420 and Rd 738 to address excess water flowing over the roadway. The damaged guardrail on the Dam Road at Johnson Lake, caused by a vehicle accident, has been repaired.

The Board approved two Applications for Permit to Construct on County ROW for Great Plains Communications and Consolidated Companies, Inc.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to allow \$500.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood Pirates/Hi Line Booster Club. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted a Tax List Correction. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve Tax List Correction #1044. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the FY 2025-26 budget request from Region II Human Service Behavioral Health. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve Gosper County’s assessment for FY 2025-2026 in the amount of \$8,272.38. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

The Board received a Membership Assessment Statement from West Central Nebraska Development District for annual dues and membership. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to not become a member. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance and **Resolution No. 25-7** from the NE Board of Public Roads. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Karen Corder requested authorization to obtain a credit card through Pinnacle Bank for official county use. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the issuance of a credit card through Pinnacle Bank to Clerk Corder.

Clerk Corder and Treasurer Townsend were present to review the FY2025-2026 budget expenditures and revenues. The Board reviewed the budget requests submitted by the officials and department heads. Asst. Hwy Supt. Kelly Lehmann and Sheriff Joshua Richie were present.

The Board noted that Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Jeffrey Funke and Associate Justices will visit the courthouse to meet with the court community on August 13th, 2025.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 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 August 13, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on August 27, 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 August 20, 2025.