

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in an open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 14, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Member Glenn Hofman. Absent: Bruce Bader. Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on April 24, 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 April 30, 2025 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Absent: Bader, motion carried.

Member Bruce Bader joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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

Sheriff Richie was present to give a Sheriff's report. He hired a new deputy that will start June 1st. He requested an increase in the Cash-In-Lieu amount paid to county employees in lieu of health insurance coverage. Discussion was held. Motion by Bader to approve paying 45% of the single coverage premium, there being no second, motion not considered. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall, to pay 50% of the single coverage premium. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Sheriff Richie asked for approval to hire a part-time employee to help digitize records and cover the office during absences. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve hiring a part-time records clerk. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve signing the Installation and Operation of Automated License Plate Reader on State Highway agreement with the State of NE, Department of Transportation and **Resolution 25-4** – authorizing the chairman of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff of Gosper County to execute the same. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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Calvin Devries, 4-H Educator, appeared to discuss the Extension Office Manager position. Discussion was held on raising the wage or the option of Gosper County paying the Phelps County Administrative Assistant to assume some of the duties. No action taken pending Calvin getting more information and submitting a proposal.

County Atty. Bev Louthan was present to give a County Attorney report. She reported that Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District submitted a proposal regarding the replacement of the inlet bridge at Johnson Lake. The Board discussed the proposal, and the County Attorney was directed to initiate further negotiations with Central concerning the terms of the proposal.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. The Board congratulated Kelly on successfully completing the required examination and becoming a Licensed County Highway Superintendent and expressed appreciation for his dedication and service to the county.

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

An email was received from Rod Reynolds of the Johnson Lake Fireworks Committee requesting approval to close a portion of Johnson Lake Dam Road to traffic during the Johnson Lake Fireworks show on Saturday, July 5th from 9:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. July 6th has been set as the rain date in case of bad weather. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the request. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, 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 on June 27, 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Bader, "Aye" Hofman, 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 on July 4, 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Bader, "Aye" Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield and Delta Dental employee health and dental insurance renewals. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to renew Gosper County's employee health insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield effective July 1, 2025, and to renew the group dental contract with Delta Dental of Nebraska effective July 1, 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to approve contributing an additional \$50.00 per month toward the employee portion of health insurance premium for spouse/child/ren coverage and an additional \$80.00 per month toward the employee portion of health insurance premium for family coverage. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, “Aye” Bader, “Aye” Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the letter of support to the Nebraska Broadband Office BEAD project. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding mowing the East Muddy cemetery.
The Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, County Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.