

Budget Hearings

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened to hold the Budget Hearings in open and public session at 9:00 am on September 10, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse. 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.

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.

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-512 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or suggestions for the FY2025-2026 Gosper County Budget. Notice of the Budget Hearing and Budget Summary was published in the Valley Voice on August 28, 2025. Clerk Corder and Treasurer Nicole Townsend, preparers of the budget, were present to review the proposed budget. Present were Duana Davis, Sandra Dannehl, Sheriff Joshua Richie and Deputy Clerk Hadley Martin. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 9:10 a.m.

At 9:11 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing in compliance with the provision of State Statute Section 77-1632, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or suggestions to adopt a property tax request different from the prior year tax request. Notice of the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request was published in the Valley Voice on August 28, 2025. Present were Duana Davis, Sandra Dannhel, Sheriff Joshua Richie and Deputy Clerk Hadley Martin. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 9:20 am.

Regular Board Meeting

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:21 a.m. on September 10, 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. Co. 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 August 28, 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 August 27, 2025, were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No 25-9** to adopt the FY2025-2026 Gosper County Budget. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve **Resolution No. 25-10** setting the Property Tax Request for FY 2025-2026 at \$2,059,401.62. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution No. 25-11** which states the FY2025-2026 budget was adopted with \$1,094,426.38 funds budgeted in the County General Miscellaneous Fund necessary for maintenance of county roads and bridges, which is hereby transferred from the County General Fund to the County Road and Bridge Fund. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

Sheriff Joshua Richie and Treasurer Townsend presented Distress Warrant Reports to the Board.

Sheriff Richie presented a Sheriff's Dept. report. He advised the Board that, following prior discussion, he is proceeding with the purchase of new patrol vehicles and will present the purchase contract for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve Tim Heinemann as the seventh member of the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve a Special Designated Liquor License application for Crazy Marv's RV & Cabin Retreat, LLC for an event on September 20, 2025. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann presented a road report. He noted that work continues toward meeting the requirements of the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant requirements for the Johnson Lake Inlet Bridge. For the Boards review he provided a draft press release and public engagement letter requesting community input through a survey and letters of support for replacing the bridge. Lehmann explained that the Federal Highway Administration uses public support letters to help determine the need for a new bridge and to ensure federal grant funds are allocated efficiently.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No. 25-12** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Gosper County and the Village of Elwood for the restoration and replacement of West Rush Street between the First Ave and Second Ave intersections. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Liza Spivey, Gosper County Senior Center Director reported on upcoming facility repair needs, including replacement of the handicap-accessible door, kitchen updates to meet state health codes, and gutter replacement.

She stated that once project needs and cost estimates are identified, she will return to request support, possibly through KENO funds.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to approve the Clerk of the District Court Report for August. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk (Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be September 30, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.