

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on September 30, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Member Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. Co. Atty. Beverly B. Louthan was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on September 19, 2024. 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 September 10, 2025, were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Audit and approval were made for the following payrolls and claims:

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - September Payroll \$55,756.53 American Family Life Insurance \$288.76 Ameritas \$8,812.56 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBS \$11,412.19 Delta Dental \$816.47 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$463.82 First Concord, LLC \$725.83 IRS \$16188.19 Madison National \$57.33 Mutual of Omaha \$374.18 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,470.47 VSP \$191.93 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$400.27 Applied Connective \$2,915.85 ATC \$124.70 Black Hills \$96.79 P. Bogle \$70.00 CAMAS Publishing \$485.05 CAMAS Subscription \$50.00 G. Chambers \$1,200.00 Chase \$510.00 J. Collins \$88.20 Community Action Partnership \$791.46 K. Corder \$249.55 Das State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law \$362.50 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$1,400.00 Dawson County Sheriff's Office \$35,000.00 Dawson Co Weed Control \$8,250.00 DPPD \$1,017.32 Elwood Public Library \$972.63 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co CASA \$1,000.00 Gosper Co Court \$68.00 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$675.00 Innovative Drone Solutions \$295.00 H. Martin \$148.40 MIPS \$2,063.53 NE Tech & Telecomm \$1,107.22 Pinnacle Bank \$590.00 J. Richie \$45.00 Secretary of State \$145.00 StuntCams \$500.00 L. Swanson \$292.60 W. Throckmorton \$45.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$20.49 Aurora Coop \$1,707.30 Chase \$5.35 Coast to Coast Solutions \$877.69 K & K Emergency Systems \$170.00 Lawn In Order \$400.00 Menards \$73.38 PB Electronics \$1,735.00 The Red Barn \$342.00 U-Save \$228.58 Zero9 Holsters \$479.50 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - AT&T \$387.37 Evans Rentals \$80.00 Inter Fund Transfer - Gosper Co Treasurer \$273,606.60

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - September Payroll \$40,416.98 Ameritas \$5,808.74 BCBS \$7,359.60 Delta Dental \$445.35 First Concord, LLC \$502.50 IRS \$11,688.46 Madison National \$43.81 Mutual of Omaha \$287.22 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,753.99 Trustmark \$269.79 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expenses - A and T Repair Inc. \$862.44 ATC \$48.21 Aurora Coop \$328.96 Black Hills \$119.73 DPPD \$114.55 John Deere Financial \$3,191.78 K. Lehmann \$42.79 Lofquist Welding \$160.20 Mead Lumber \$8.29 NE Tech & Telecomm \$303.67 NMC \$2,800.37 PowerPlan \$3,060.57 RDO \$8,777.26 S & W Auto Parts \$20.99 Twin Valleys Power \$49.20 Verizon \$119.95 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Supplies - A and T Repair Inc. \$65.20 Ag Valley Coop \$205.13 Aurora Coop \$2,123.64 Bauer Built \$469.14 Card Services \$118.31 CDL, Inc \$52.56 CHS \$169.65 Holdrege Auto Parts \$33.38 John Deere Financial \$584.99 K. Lehmann \$16.56 Lofquist Welding \$130.00 Matheson Tri-Gas \$47.43 Newman Signs \$8,629.47 Olmstead Development \$5,088.00 Overton Sand & Gravel \$543.49 Paulsen, Inc. \$11,822.32 Capital Outlay - NMC \$921.10

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND: Capital Outlay Garcia Chicoine Enterprises \$12,449.24 Leising Inc. \$2,280.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$105,543.49

Duana Davis, Office Manager for the Sheriff's Department, was present to discuss the County's vacation and sick leave policies. Also present was Sandra Dannehl. Davis noted the County handbook points out the importance of periodic time away from work to provide the employee a break and allow them to return to work refreshed. Davis presented comparison information from other counties and a proposal to adjust the vacation accrual rate. Following discussion, the Board tabled the matter pending updates to the County Handbook.

County Treasurer Nicole Townsend presented a Delinquent Tax Report. One parcel was offered at Public Sale, but remains unsold for want of bidders. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader, to instruct Treasurer Townsend to issue Tax Sale Certificates on all delinquent taxes and special assessments for 2023. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. The Board further instructed Treasurer Townsend to maintain the Certificates and to purchase all subsequent taxes as they become delinquent.

Co. Attorney Beverly B. Louthan presented a Notice of Mutual Termination between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Gosper County regarding IV-D Child Support Enforcement Services. She reported that Gosper County child support cases will be transferred to YoungWilliams under the Department's contract with DHHS. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to authorize Attorney Louthan to sign the Mutual Termination. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Sheriff Joshua Richie presented a contract for the purchase of two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles. Following discussion, motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the purchase of two patrol vehicles. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Bidding requirements were waived as the purchase qualifies under a cooperative purchasing agreement through the Nebraska State Purchasing Contract.

JoDee Walbridge was present to discuss fences and crops located in the County Right of Way. Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report.

The Board approved an application for permit to Construct on County ROW for Reynolds Inc. Commissioner Glen Hofman left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the Public Hearing for the One- and Six-Year Road Hearing. Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann was present. No others appeared. Lehmann reviewed the One- and Six-Year Road projects. Discussion was held. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 11:55 a.m. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to approve **Resolution No. 25-13** in accordance with Chapter 39, Article 21 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska and prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, “Absent” Hofman, motion carried.

After discussion and review of a quote from Applied Connective Technologies for annual cybersecurity services under the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant (Round 2) funding, motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve signing the annual Service Order Form. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, “Absent” Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter and an attached packet regarding renewable energy development in Gosper County received from the Center for Rural Affairs.

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.
ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk	Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson
(Seal)	
The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be October 8, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on October 29, 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 October 22, 2025.	