

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on December 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. Also present was County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan.

Public notice of this meeting was published in the Valley Voice, posted on the Gosper County Website, and on the Courthouse bulletin board on November 27, 2025. The published notice included information regarding the availability of the agenda. All proceedings of the Board were conducted during a duly convened meeting open to 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.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes of November 26, 2025. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan was present to give a weed report.

Attorney Beverly Louthan, Sheriff Joshua Richie, Treasurer Niki Townsend, Assessor Pam Bogle and Clerk Karen Corder were present to discuss setting the salaries for elected county officials for the 2027-2030 term of office. After discussion, motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall, to approve **Resolution No. 25-15** - setting the annual salary for elected officials at \$74,000.00 effective Jan. 1, 2027, with an annual cost of living increase of 4% for years 2028-2030; set the salary for the County Sheriff at 120% of the salary of the County Clerk; set the salary for County Commissioners at \$24,000.00 with an annual cost of living increase of 4% for years 2028-2030; set the salary for the Deputies of the Clerk, Treasurer & Assessor at 80%, of the salary of the County Clerk; approve \$4,000.00 for completing the County Budget for years 2027-2030. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

County Attorney Louthan met with the Board to give an update.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader, 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 Hofman to approve Tax List Correction #1045. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Nicole Atterberry, Zoning Administrator, was present to discuss increasing building permit fees to match the Village of Elwood’s current rate. Following discussion, motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to increase the building permit fee to \$50.00. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Suellen Koepke with Healing Hearts & Families was present to give a program update and present a Memorandum of Understanding. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding for Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 with no monetary contribution from Gosper County. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was present to give a road report. Ron Fowler was also present. Lance Harter with Oak Creek Engineering joined the meeting by phone to discuss a proposed amendment to the original Agreement for Professional Services for a shared project with Dawson County. He explained that the original compensation was based on the preliminary cost estimate for the white topping project. After the Agreement was signed, it was determined that the project also needs drainage structure replacement along Rd 750 and a sizeable box culvert project on Rd 433. Because of the additional sight and observation services needed, he is asking for consideration for an increase in the hourly, not to exceed costs that were in the original agreement. After discussion, the Board tabled the matter pending further information.

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

After discussion, motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Judges of Gosper County and District Courts on behalf of the NE Supreme Court, and the Gosper County Board and Sheriff for security camera guidelines in the courtroom. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to reappoint Ed Houlden to the Gosper County Board of Adjustment. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to reappoint Scott Weissert to the Gosper County Joint Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 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 December 31, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.