

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 26, 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 present.

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 13, 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.

The Minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting were read. Discussion was held regarding the prior motion approving the quote for the new maintenance shed. Clerk Corder clarified that the minutes accurately reflected the action taken at that meeting. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to rescind the Board's previous action approving the quote from Weisheit Construction Co., Inc. for the construction of a new shed. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to direct Building Superintendent Justin Collins to obtain additional quotes for the construction of a new maintenance shed. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - November Payroll \$56,040.90 AFLAC \$288.76 Ameritas \$8,859.41 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBS \$11,412.19 Delta Dental \$816.47 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$269.92 First Concord, LLC \$725.83 IRS \$16,338.25 Madison National \$62.75 Mutual of Omaha \$374.18 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,496.39 UNL Finance & Personnel \$6,610.03 VSP \$191.93 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$400.27 Applied Connective \$2,319.60 ATC \$124.70 Aurora Coop \$64.99 Black Hills \$272.78 CAMAS \$165.57 J. Collins \$173.60 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$709.63 Daake Law Office \$2,000.00 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$150.00 Davis Law \$721.10 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$2,160.00 DPPD \$704.85 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 FBI-Leeda \$795.00 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$312.50 Innovative Drone Solutions \$595.00 Integrated Security Solutions \$186.00 Menards \$325.64 MIPS \$2,222.53 NACO \$1,415.85 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,160.42 Pinnacle Bank \$999.31 Pinnacle Bank \$35.47 K. Psota \$160.00 J. Richie \$45.00 L. Swanson \$126.00 W. Throckmorton \$45.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$404.50 Aurora Coop \$1,680.65 Carrot-Top Industries \$379.24 Coast To Coast Solutions \$740.44 DSLR Pros \$3,999.00 Eakes \$36.35 JL Embroidery \$165.00 Lynn Peavey Co \$81.55 Menards \$141.26 Pinnacle Bank \$134.42 Quill \$23.83 U-Save \$533.71 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Quadient \$554.85 Capital Outlay - AT&T Mobility \$387.93 911 Custom \$1,815.31

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - November Payroll \$32,390.86 Ameritas \$4,566.40 BCBS \$7,359.60 Delta Dental \$445.35 First Concord, LLC \$502.50 IRS \$8,844.06 Madison National \$43.81 Mutual of Omaha \$287.22 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,233.48 Trustmark \$269.79 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expenses - ATC \$49.12 Aurora Coop \$45.05 Black Hills \$202.41 Bomgaars \$39.98 C & S Truck & Salvage \$243.35 Card Services \$260.00 John Deere Financial \$55.98 Lexington Regional Health Center \$35.00 Lofquist Welding \$3,057.60 Mead Lumber \$64.99 NACO \$25.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$317.28 NMC \$4,748.00 Platte Valley Communications \$565.00 Twin Valleys \$51.41 Verizon \$119.96 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$301.16 Aurora Coop \$17,442.75 Bauer Built \$316.32 Bomgaars \$259.86 CHS \$195.41 Hemelstrand's Inc \$60.94 John Deere Financial \$271.95 Matheson Tri-Gas \$46.71 Mead Lumber \$37.48 NMC \$997.42 Overton Sand & Gravel \$21,676.44 Piedmont Plastics \$875.00 St. PJ Supply Inc. \$168.28 U-Save \$360.26 Capital Outlay - Paulsen Inc \$76,000.20

REGISTER OF DEEDS: Supplies - Amazon \$194.06

KENO/LOTTERY: Operating Expense - Elwood Area Foundation \$1,000.00 Elwood Legion Aux Post #290 \$300.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$187,129.77.

Jarvis Culler & Will Zoucha, representing Applied Connective, presented a proposal for a new Courthouse phone system. They explained that the system is internet-based and serves as an alternative to traditional phone lines. They reported that it offers higher reliability, lower cost, and additional features not typically available from other providers. Following discussion, motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to switch to Applied Connective for the Courthouse phone system. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly Louthan, Treasurer Niki Townsend, Assessor Pam Bogle and Clerk Corder were present to discuss setting the salaries for elected county officials for the 2027-2030 term of office. Assistant Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was also present. The Board reviewed the recommendations from the Nebraska Association of County Officials salary committee, which recommends a benchmark salary range of \$73,084.00 to \$77,138.00 for county officials. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried. Motion by Bader and seconded by Hofman to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Townsend for Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska for a 2017 Dodge Wagon and 2018 Dodge Caravan. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from NIRMA regarding an upcoming Board vacancy. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to authorize Chairman Lerdall to sign a letter of authorization to prior auditor Donald Wilson. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was present to give a road report. He reported that the Johnson Lake Inlet Bridge was closed on November 15, 2025. Serious deterioration of the structure’s pilings had been found since the previous inspection in December 2024. The Bridge no longer met the minimum federal load limit standard of 3 tons, requiring immediate closure. Road employees installed permanent barricades and cement bunkers at both ends of the bridge, along with ‘Bridge Closed ’ and ‘Road Closed Ahead’ signage and hazard lights.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Corder, Clerk	Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson
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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be Dec. 10, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on Dec. 31, 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 Dec. 22, 2025.