

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 29, 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 also present.

Public notice of this meeting was published/posted in the Valley Voice, on the Gosper County Website, and the bulletin board located inside the Courthouse on October 16, 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.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the October 8, 2025, minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - October Payroll \$55,450.07 American Family Life Insurance \$288.76 Ameritas \$8,747.84 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,762.70 BCBS \$11,412.19 Delta Dental \$816.47 Empower \$100.00 First Concord \$567.00 First Concord, LLC \$725.83 IRS \$16023.41 Madison National \$62.75 Mutual of Omaha \$374.18 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,450.87 VSP \$191.93 Operating Expense - Amazon \$153.46 American Towers \$400.27 Applied Connective \$13719.60 ATC \$124.70 R. Beechner \$100.00 Black Hills Energy \$161.85 Buffalo Co Sheriff \$27.92 CAMAS Publishing \$615.23 Central NE Reporting \$495.00 K. Collins \$100.00 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$765.37 K. Corder \$142.80 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$150.00 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$2,520.00 DPPD \$902.87 C. Devries \$126.00 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 M. Garrelts \$45.00 ShoWorks \$379.50 Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Court \$36.00 M. Lawson \$100.00 S. Lowe \$100.00 MGT of America Consulting \$559.83 MIPS \$2,592.05 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,150.14 Pinnacle Bank \$7.20 Pinnacle Bank \$576.36 J. Richie \$45.00 C. Stabenow \$60.00 L. Swanson \$191.80 W. Throckmorton \$45.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$94.23 Aurora Coop \$1,916.84 Chase \$26.97 Dinges Fire Company \$910.76 Dollar General \$17.04 Eakes \$444.22 JL Embroidery \$196.00 PB Electronics \$1,014.00 Pinnacle Bank \$56.00 U-Save \$728.07 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - Anderson Ford \$38,908.00 AT&T \$387.37 Gosper Co Treasurer \$30.00;

ROAD FUND; Personal Services - October Payroll \$33,414.13 Ameritas \$4,707.26 BCBS \$7,359.60 Delta Dental \$445.35 First Concord, LLC \$502.50 IRS \$9,128.26 Madison National \$43.81 Mutual of Omaha \$287.22 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,255.33 Trustmark \$269.79 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expense - ATC \$49.24 Aurora Coop \$359.62 Black Hills \$113.99 Card Services \$175.47 DPPD \$226.77 D. McElhaney \$26.30 Medical Enterprises \$36.00 Nebraska Crane \$390.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$258.05 NMC \$13,949.57 Platte Valley Auto Mart \$216.20 PowerPlan \$691.61 Reliable Pest Control Services \$2,300.00 J. Schutz \$27.90 Twin Valleys Public Power \$52.50 Verizon \$119.96 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$178.54 Aurora Coop \$3,424.69 Bauer Built \$2,117.18 Bomgaars \$39.38 CHS INC. \$317.91 Hemelstrand's Inc \$43.96 Matheson \$46.35 Olmstead Development \$6,179.42 Paulsen, Inc. \$882.25 The Red Barn \$345.02 J. Schutz \$136.68 Southwest Farm & Auto \$42.46 St. PJ Supply \$673.12 Capital Outlay - NMC \$223.20 Oak Creek Engineering \$3,572.50 Paulsens, Inc \$56,466.14 Village of Elwood \$5,500.00

KENO/ LOTTERY FUND Operating Expense - Elwood Area Foundation \$1,000.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$522,720.93

Sheriff Joshua Richie presented information regarding the Axon Camera System and requested approval to sign a five-year contract for the purchase of the cameras. The contract totals \$15,877.00 per year and includes five body cameras and 8 vehicle cameras. The body cameras feature a live translator capable of translating in up to 50 languages. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall, to approve signing the contract and proceeding with the purchase of the Axon Camera System. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

Sheriff Richie requested the Board enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to enter closed session at 9:50 a.m. to discuss personnel. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 10:09 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried. Clerk Corder presented the additional Rates of Tax that are set and certified by other counties for FY 2025-2026. The following are the Rates of Tax set by Gosper County on Oct. 8, 2025 and Rates of Tax set and certified by other counties for FY 2025-2026: **Gosper County**: General-.160080; **Agricultural Society**: General-.003498; Sinking-.002497; Total-.005995; **Central Community College**: Capital Improvement-.020000; **Tri-Basin NRD**: General-.026089; **Village of Elwood**: General-.450000; **Village of Smithfield**: General-.227111; Bond-.090637; Total-.317748; **Sanitary and Improvement Dist. #1**: General-.041512; Bond-.054216; Total-.095728; **ESU#10**: General-.011912; **ESU #11**: General-

.011854; **Robb Cemetery:** General-.000956; **Rural Fire Protection Districts -Gosper-Elwood:** General-.015000; **Gosper-Phelps Bertrand:** General-.007839; Sinking-.007089; Bond-.025000; Total-.039928; **Holbrook/Edison/Arapahoe:** General-.011673; Sinking-.003537; Bond-.010435; Total-.025644; **Lexington:** General-.010000; **Oxford:** General-.025659; Sinking-.008392; Bond-.010895; Total-.044945; **School Districts: Lexington:** General-.0827377; Special Building Total-.050000; Total-.877377; **Eustis-Farnam:** General-.650753; Special Building -.086767; QCPU-.008677; Total-.746197; **Arapahoe:** General-.613755; Bond -.124581; QCPU-.038061; Total-.776397; **Cambridge:** General-.765734; Special Building -.043337; QCPU-.007119; Total-.816190; **Elwood:** General-.400080; Special Building-.060878; Total-.460958; **Bertrand:** General-.574939; Bond-.019985; Special Building-.074945; QCPU-.036223; Total-.706092 **Southern Valley:** General-.601589; Bond-.043820; Special Building -.020436; Total-.665845. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization.** Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Lerdall opened the public hearing for a Special Use Permit. Zoning Administrator Nicole Atterberry was present, along with Katrina Oaklund and Jim Lauby representing the Gosper County Ag Society. Following discussion, Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 10:40 a.m. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Special Use Permit for Gosper County Ag Society to install electrical camper and RV hookups. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan requested the Board enter into closed session to discuss potential litigation. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to enter into closed session at 10:38 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 10:56 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Hwy. Dept. Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. He reported meeting with Furnas County and Oak Creek engineering regarding the replacement of the Elk Creek Bridge, a shared project under an interlocal agreement with Furnas County. All parties are ready to proceed, and Oak Creek will be taking bids. The project will be bid as one contract, with Furnas and Gosper Counties each responsible for 50% of the cost. Project completion is scheduled for June 2026. Lehmann further reported that road employees are performing minor road repair work, will be installing a culvert east of Rd 433 on Rd 749, and will begin reinforcement of bridge pilings on the lateral canal bridges on Rd 434 and Rd 437 as weather permits.

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing a vacant property to relocate the County Shop. No action was taken pending contact with the property owner.

The Board approved an application for permit to Construct on County ROW for Dawson Public Power District.

The Board approved an application for permit to Construct on County ROW for Sweeney Land Company, Andrew Sweeney.

The Board received a letter from the Johnson Lake Playground Committee requesting Keno Funds for the expansion of the Johnson Lake playground to include two regulation-sized pickleball courts. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to allow \$0.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund for the Johnson Lake Playground Committee request. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allocate \$1,000.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation for the 2026 Gala. 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 November 12, 2025, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on November 26, 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 November 19, 2025.