

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in an open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 29, 2026 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 Bogle 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 April 16, 2026. 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 April 8, 2026 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services- April Payroll \$59,533.41 Aflac \$288.76 Ameritas \$9,924.73 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,845.58 BCBS \$14,229.15 Delta Dental \$875.82 Empower \$2,500.00 First Concord \$4,427.50 First Concord, LLC \$594.16 IRS \$17,106.99 Madison National \$101.46 Mutual of Omaha \$420.22 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,333.29 Trustmark \$92.44 VSP \$204.46 Operating Expenses - Amazon \$41.95 American Towers \$416.28 Applied Connective \$2,701.53 ATC \$144.70 Black Hills \$465.66 CAMAS Publishing \$649.58 Clearlyfly \$541.06 J. Collins \$45.00 J. Collins \$132.73 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$703.46 K. Corder \$256.66 D&N Lammels \$687.60 Das Central Services as Materiel \$753.71 Das State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law \$423.40 D. Davis \$45.00 DPPD \$568.52 C. Devries \$87.00 Election Systems & Software \$4,229.20 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 FGH Law Office \$763.85 M. Garrelts \$45.00 J. Hudson \$45.00 Lien, Inc \$517.50 B. Louthan \$261.43 MGT \$780.20 MIPS \$2,222.54 Nelson Law \$608.93 Pinnacle Bank \$233.50 Pinnacle Bank \$20.25 J. Richie \$45.00 L. Swanson \$217.50 N. Townsend \$72.50 Urbom Law Offices \$465.01 Village of Elwood \$261.91 Western States Sheriffs' Assoc \$100.00 R. Wheeler \$78.30 Woods Aitken \$79.74 Woodward's \$67.50 Supplies - Amazon \$870.89 Aurora Coop \$1,979.39 Eakes \$665.79 M. Garrelts \$60.93 Heartland Radar \$135.00 Menards \$116.17 MIPS \$55.04 PB Electronics \$1,935.00 Pinnacle Bank \$978.43 The Red Barn \$183.92 Secretary of State - Election \$40.00 U-Save \$593.82 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 AT&T \$529.59 Capital Outlay - Charles Buchholz Family Farm, \$43,290.00 Hometown Leasing \$82.86 Platte Valley Communications \$30.00 UNL \$3,255.50

ROAD FUND: Personal Services- April Payroll \$39,068.12 Ameritas \$5,776.48 BCBS \$12,629.76 Delta Dental \$645.32 First Concord, LLC \$348.33 IRS \$10878.84 Madison National \$29.7 Mutual of Omaha \$169.96 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,618.34 Trustmark \$145.39 VSP \$118.56 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.31 Aurora Coop \$25.82 Black Hills \$264.73 Clearlyfly \$71.23 DPPD \$117.26 Faw's Garage \$387.46 John Deere Financial \$178.88 Lexington Regional Health Center \$25.00 Lofquist Welding \$224.00 McFadden Automotive Repair \$1,609.15 NACO \$25.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$168.24 NMC \$364.96 RDO Truck Centers \$61.10 Sidump'r \$1,138.40 Southwest Farm and Auto \$10.99 Twin Valleys PPD \$67.69 Verizon \$119.94 Village of Elwood \$64.05 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$1,638.30 Ag Valley Coop \$255.26 Applied Connective \$4,730.50 Aurora Coop \$4,816.32 Bomgaars \$512.67 Card Services \$676.93 CHS Inc. \$174.41 Graphic Arts Shop \$70.00 Nippon Sanso Matheson \$57.68 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$2,595.83 Paulsen, Inc. \$1,328.58 Peerless Wiping Cloth Co. \$268.54 Southwest Farm and Auto \$9.29 Capital Outlay - DPPD \$5,071.57 NMC \$879.03 Oak Creek Engineering \$1,756.00 Paulsen, Inc. \$155,968.36

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS- \$2,361,783.13.

Laurie Jauken, Board Member, Gosper County Senior Center was present to request Keno funds to offset the cost of insurance for the building. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to allocate \$3,764.00 from the Keno Fund to the Gosper County Senior Center. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Shawn Engberg, President of Big Johnson Brewery, LLC, appeared to request approval to become a lottery sales outlet. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve Big Johnson Brewery, LLC d/b/a Big Johnson Brewing Company, as a lottery sales outlet for the Gosper County component of the Nebraska Cooperative Government (NCG) joint keno lottery. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the public hearing for a Special Use Permit. Rick Bailey from Industrial Tower West and Zoning Administrator Nicole Atterberry were present. After discussion, Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve the Special Use Permit for Industrial Tower West to construct a cell tower at 74782 Rd 431. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

The Board approved two applications for permit to construct on County Road ROW one submitted by Chad Taubenheim and Waylon Bellamy, and one submitted by Rod Reynolds.

An email was received from Rod Reynolds of the Johnson Lake Fireworks Committee requesting approval to close a portion of Johnson Lake Dam Road during the fireworks show on Friday, July 3, with the rain date of Sunday, July 5th. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to approve the request. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Dedication for Road Right of Ways Purposes and a survey of approximately 4.81 acres located in the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 8 North, Range 23 West. The tract was purchased from Charles Buchholz Family Farm, LLC for construction of Road 749A, which will provide access around Johnson Lake while the inlet bridge is being replaced. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve signing the Dedication for Road Right of Way Purposes. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, “Aye” Bader, “Aye” Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 audit report completed by Contryman Associates . Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to accept the annual audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and to approve signing the Management Representation Letter. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Craig Ward, Elwood Volunteer Fire Department, appeared before the board to ask whether any county funds were available to assist with the purchase of a new fire truck valued at \$425,000.00. Discussion was held regarding the use of Keno Funds; however, no other county funds were considered appropriate, as the Gosper County Rural Fire Board, which would make the purchase, has its own taxing authority. No action was taken.

Asst. Hwy. Supt. Kelly Lehmann gave a road report. Road employees are blading roads, trimming trees and preparing the site for construction of Road 749A, which will serve as an access road while the inlet bridge is replaced.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Crazy Marv’s RV & Cabin Retreat, LLC for an event to be held on May 16, 2026. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, “Aye” Bader, “Aye” Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 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 May 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on May 27, 2026 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 May 20, 2026.