

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in an open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Deputy Clerk Hadley Martin 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 March 26, 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 March 31, 2026 were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan, Dawson/Gosper County Weed Supt. was present and gave a weed report. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to sign the Reports and Requirements Summary Sheet from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present to give a Sheriff's report.

Ben Martin was present to discuss Road 424 Drive A and Road 741. A culvert and drop tube will be added to improve drainage.

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

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for January through March. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Central Community College-Hastings Campus President, Christopher Waddle, provided information regarding the new Automotive Technology building under construction on the Hastings Campus and invited the Board to the September 11, 2026 ribbon cutting. He noted that Gosper County was one of the original seventeen counties that voted in favor of establishing CCC, and that the original Gosper Building, formerly used for diesel and heavy equipment programs, was removed in 2009. The new facility is being constructed on the same site and will be named the "Gosper Building." The Board expressed their appreciation for the honor of having the building named after Gosper County.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the **Board of Equalization** (BOE). Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present to set dates for review of personal property schedules and decisions to be made on written protests pursuant to section 77-1502 of the Nebraska Statutes. Filed protests must be heard by the BOE on or before July 25th. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to set June 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to review Personal Property Schedules and Protests, set June 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. as the first hearing for Property Valuation Protests and set July 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. as the second hearing for Property Valuation Protests and Final Decisions on Protests. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan presented Resolution 26-5 and an Interlocal Agreement with Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to authorize the Chairman to sign **Resolution 26-5** and the Interlocal Agreement for removal and replacement of the inlet bridge and closure/removal of Bridges #C003733720 and #C003744110. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the survey for land being purchased from Charles Buchholz Family Farm, LLC, as approved in Resolution 26-4. The purchase includes 4.81 acres.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann presented a road report. He reported that the Elk Creek Bridge (Structure #C00333025) replacement project has begun with an expected completion date of June 30, 2026. The Gosper/Furnas County line Rd 426, between Rd 425 and east of Highway 283 will be closed until further notice during construction.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the Chairman signing the Agreement for Professional Services from Oak Creek Engineering, LLC for the Lake Access Road Grading project. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board approved two applications for permit to construct on County Road ROW for Mark Dannehl.

The Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Hadley Martin, Deputy Clerk Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be April 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.