

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 11, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Members Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. 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 January 29, 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 January 28, 2026, were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan was present to give a weed report.

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present to give a Sheriff's report. Duana Davis and Sandra Dannehl were also present. Sheriff Richie reported on potential new hires and discussed Legislative Bill LB 784, which proposes changes to county sheriff residency requirements and continuing education hour requirements.

Sheriff Richie requested the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel. Motion by Lerdall, seconded Hofman to enter into closed session at 9:18 a.m. to discuss personnel. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 9:32 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

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

Vicki VonLoh, Veteran's Service Officer, was present to request emergency relief funds for a Veteran. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the relief request in the amount of \$1,038.78 from the Veteran's Aid Fund. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to enter into closed session at 10:02 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 10:34 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a report on the study for closing the eastern 2,024 feet of County Road 198 as carried in the Gosper County Road book located in the Gosper County Clerk's Office. This portion of road is located between the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 22 West, and the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 22 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., also identified as Road 732 in the 911 road numbering system. Following completion of the study, Lehmann recommended that this portion of Road 198 be closed, with the right-of-way to remain the property of Gosper County. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve **Resolution No. 26-2** to grant Alex Carlson permission to install gates at each end of the eastern 2,024 feet of the public right-of-way located between the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 22 West, and the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 22 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. with the right-of-way remaining the property of Gosper County.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Corder, Clerk

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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.