

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 25, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was also 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 February 12, 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 February 11, 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 - February Payroll \$50,400.28 American Family Life Insurance \$288.76 Ameritas \$8,070.71 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,845.58 BCBS \$11,412.19 Delta Dental \$816.47 Empower \$2,500.00 First Concord \$475.11 First Concord, LLC \$594.16 IRS \$14689.73 Madison National \$47.33 Mutual of Omaha \$374.18 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,004.44 UNL IANR Finance & Personnel \$6,616.33 VSP \$191.93 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$400.27 Applied Connective \$2,590.43 ATC \$144.70 M. Bellamy \$335.40 Black Hills \$747.54 CAMAS Publishing \$618.23 Clearly \$566.55 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$486.99 Das State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law \$384.80 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$1,240.00 DPPD \$636.38 C. Devries \$130.50 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 M. Garrelts \$45.00 MIPS \$2,222.54 Pinnacle Bank \$75.10 Pinnacle Bank \$5.00 PowerTech \$531.00 J. Richie \$45.00 L. Swanson \$174.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$184.38 Aurora Coop \$1,646.50 Eakes \$148.72 Nextoner \$148.00 Pinnacle Bank \$206.00 Quill \$116.99 U-Save \$233.79 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Quadient Leasing \$554.85 Capital Outlay - Applied Connective \$11,410.32 AT&T \$415.59 Hometown Leasing \$82.86 Village of Elwood \$50.00

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - February Payroll \$29,133.90 Ameritas \$4,400.38 BCBS \$14,220.12 Delta Dental \$409.49 First Concord, LLC \$348.33 IRS \$7,927.83 Madison National \$29.70 Mutual of Omaha \$193.62 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,017.44 Trustmark \$145.39 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.36 Aurora Coop \$1,028.94 Black Hills \$594.65 Bomgaars \$65.97 Clearly \$76.45 DPPD \$130.28 Eustis Body Shop \$263.01 Eustis Heating and Cooling \$8,495.00 Lofquist Welding \$56.20 Nebraska Tech & Telecom \$160.34 NMC \$3,524.47 Platte Valley Communications \$847.49 Twin Valleys Public Powe \$99.55 Verizon \$119.96 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$178.36 Aurora Coop \$1,164.99 Bauer Built \$107.00 Bomgaars \$280.35 CHS Inc. \$491.65 K. Lehmann \$41.12 Lofquist Welding \$231.76 Matheson Tri-Gas \$60.92 NMC \$13,056.57 D. Schwarz \$13.00 M. Kennicutt \$99.22 Capital Outlay - Bomgaars \$159.99 CAMAS Publishing \$35.40 Card Services \$450.00 Dept of Motor Vehicles \$195.00 Lexington Regional Health Center \$85.00 Medical Enterprises \$72.00 NMC \$446.40 Oak Creek Engineering \$12,520.50

VETERAN'S AID FUND: Operating Expenses - Aurora Coop \$1,038.78

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$2,044,886.71.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader, to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted Permissive Exemption Applications. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Exemption Applications. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to allocate \$300.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood High School Post Prom Party. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, "Aye" Hofman, "Aye" Bader, motion carried.

County Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan appeared regarding contract negotiations and had nothing to report.

Kelly Lehmann, Highway Superintendent, was present with his new office assistant, Robert Warner, to give a road report. Lehmann reported that he attended the bid opening at the Furnas County Board of Commissioners meeting for the Furnas/Gosper shared Elk Creek Structure No. C003330215 bridge replacement project. He noted the Furnas County Commissioners tabled all bids pending notification and review by the Gosper County Board of Commissioners.

Roger Powell, Emergency Manager, and Ranaye Dunlap, Office Manager, were present to discuss updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Calvin Devries, Extension Educator, and Lori Swanson, Extension Assistant, presented the annual review of the 4-H program.

Keith Rodehorst, Jan Rodehorst and Scott Johnson, all with Community First Keno, were present and gave a presentation requesting Community First Keno be considered as a new Lottery Operator for Keno in Gosper County. Paul Schumacher of Lotto Nebraska was present telephonically during the presentation.

Paul Schumacher addressed the Board telephonically and provided information regarding the current Nebraska Cooperative Government Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with NCG and Lotto Nebraska's role as the current lottery operator in Gosper County.

The Board adjourned at 12:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Clerk

(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be March 11, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on March 31, 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 March 24, 2026.