

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in an open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 8, 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. Others present were County Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan.

Public notice of this meeting was published in the Valley Voice, posted on the Gosper County Website, and on the Courthouse bulletin board on July 2, 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 June 30, 2026 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Kevin Hagan from the Dawson County Weed Dept. was present to provide a weed report.

Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel for NACO, provided legislative updates and information regarding upcoming NACO events.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to designate publication in the Valley Voice, posting on the Gosper County website, and posting on the bulletin board located inside the Gosper County Courthouse as the methods for providing reasonable advance publicized notice of meetings. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Kaylee Gibson and Matt Bright, representing Summit Carbon Solutions, were present to introduce themselves to the Board and provide information on the company's proposed multi-state carbon dioxide capture and transport pipeline project. Bright reported the project is in the early stages of planning and that the exact route of the pipeline has not yet been determined. He stated the proposed pipeline would extend from Minnesota through Iowa and Nebraska, ending in Wyoming, where the captured carbon dioxide would be stored underground.

At 10:05 a.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to reconvene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and reported that no valuation protests had been received. Bogle submitted a list of properties for exemption under religious and cemetery purposes, along with the Three-Year Assessment Plan. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve the list of exempt religious and cemetery properties as presented. Roll Call Vote: Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to acknowledge receipt of the County Assessor's 2027-2029 Three-Year Assessment Plan. Roll Call Vote: Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofmann to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was present and provided a road report.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of June 2026. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for April through June 2026. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present and provided information regarding identification badges for county employees and court room security.

The Board reviewed the FY 2026-27 budget request from Region II Human Service Behavioral Health. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve Gosper County's assessment for FY 2026-2027 in the amount of \$8,335.10. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, 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 July 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.