

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 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.

Public notice of this meeting was published in the Valley Voice, posted on the Gosper County Website, and on the Courthouse bulletin board on June 18, 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 10, 2026 meeting were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader 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 - June Payroll \$58,713.88 Aflac \$288.76 Ameritas \$9,830.26 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,845.58 BCBS \$16,179.07 Delta Dental \$926.24 Empower \$2,500.00 First Concord \$2,150.84 First Concord, LLC \$594.16 IRS \$16,678.40 Madison National \$72.82 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,298.86 NIRMA \$18,215.00 Trustmark \$46.22 VSP \$214.08 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$416.28 Applied Connective \$2,714.43 AT&T \$95.00 ATC \$144.70 Black Hills \$382.62 Clearfly \$542.70 J. Collins \$45.00 J. Collins \$370.73 Community Action Partnership \$299.30 K. Corder \$269.70 Core CPAs CP \$102.00 C. Davis \$205.99 D. Davis \$45.00 DPPD \$736.32 Dawson Co Weed Control \$8,250.00 C. Devries \$108.75 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 FGH Law Office \$187.50 Furnas Co Emergency Management \$3,002.50 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co CASA \$1,000.00 Graczyk Lawn & Landscape \$6,345.67 Holiday Inn of Kearney \$239.90 J. Hudson \$45.00 M. Jones \$73.95 Lawn In Order \$1,065.00 T. Lerdall \$121.80 Lexington Regional Health Center \$246.71 Menards \$333.90 MIPS Inc \$2,803.03 Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr \$3,640.00 NACO \$1,928.66 National Assoc Extension 4-H Youth \$585.00 Nelson Law \$237.50 NIRMA \$21,542.00 Pinnacle Bank \$857.83 Pinnacle Bank \$274.00 J. Richie \$45.00 Shaw Law \$175.00 State of Nebraska \$395.03 Steinbrink Landscaping & Garden \$49.99 T-Mobile \$150.00 The CTK Group \$550.00 N. Townsend \$102.87 Village of Elwood \$261.91 R. Wheeler \$82.65 Woodward's \$127.50 Supplies - Amazon \$476.24 Aurora Coop \$2,970.65 H. Collins \$99.87 MARC \$401.58 Menards \$724.09 MIPS Inc \$514.78 The Red Barn & Motel \$55.01 U-Save \$21.38 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - AT&T \$527.27 Ernie's Body Shop \$171.20 Hometown Leasing \$82.86 Menards \$688.94 Pinnacle Bank \$1,384.49 Platte Valley Communications \$471.10 Weisheit Construction Co \$48,790.00 Interfund Transfer - Gosper Co Treasurer \$273,606.60

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - June Payroll \$51,170.20 Ameritas \$7,374.47 BCBS \$8,199.60 Delta Dental \$619.18 First Concord, LLC \$348.33 IRS \$14,378.23 Madison National \$19.17 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,106.01 NIRMA \$27,322.00 Trustmark \$145.39 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expenses - ATC \$48.31 Aurora Coop \$276.27 Black Hills \$166.65 Clearfly \$71.41 D&N Lammels \$9.62 DPPD \$118.59 Faw's Garage \$146.24 John Deere Financial \$189.75 K. Lehmann \$200.42 NE Tech & Telecom \$263.78 NIRMA \$16,898.00 NMC \$4,665.38 Norfolk Lodge & Suites \$220.00 Paulsen, Inc. \$478.38 Twin Valleys Power \$55.75 Verizon \$39.86 Village of Elwood \$267.45 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$7,848.67 Ag Valley Coop \$9,757.83 All Makes \$4,416.01 Aurora Coop \$8,158.09 Bauer Built \$176.00 Bomgaars \$62.96 Chs Inc. \$288.56 Evans Feed Co Inc \$1,309.50 Faw's Garage \$39.00 K. Lehmann \$55.42 Lofquist Welding \$14.40 Nippon Sanso Matheson \$59.84 Norder Supply \$700.00 Olmstead Development \$38,845.04 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$1,341.22 Paulsen, Inc. \$380.52 The Red Barn & Motel \$753.51 S & W Auto Parts \$171.50 Tractor Supply Credit Plan \$54.99 U-Save

\$33.71 Capital Outlay - Adams Construction Co \$22,605.00 Card Services \$29.48 NMC \$447.40 Oak Creek Engineering \$1,777.32 Paulsen, Inc. \$40,529.23

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$289,214.65

Haliegh Eschliman and Jeremy Eschliman of Two Rivers Public Health Department were present to provide a program update and review the services available to Gosper County residents.

At 10:05 a.m., the Gravel Bid Letting was held. Present were Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann; Kelly McCoy, Paulsen Inc., Cozad, NE; and Troy Olmstead, Overton Sand & Gravel Co., Overton, NE. The first bid opened was from Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$12.06 per ton. The second bid opened was from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$12.20 per ton. After discussion, motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to accept the bid from Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$12.06 per ton delivered to Gosper County roads July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The gravel contract stipulated that a performance bond be provided, based on an estimated 22,400 per ton of gravel.

Sheriff Richie appeared before the Board to give a Sheriff's report.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution No. 26-8** transferring budget authority within the General Fund from the Miscellaneous budget to the County Sheriff budget in the amount of \$8,983.80. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Alex Lindenstien with Oak Creek Engineering presented five design options for the approaches to the Johnson Lake Inlet Bridge and requested Board approval of the preferred design, as the County is responsible for the bridge approaches. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to approve Option5: Replace Bridge in a new location with an intersection on the south end. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was present to provide a road report. Robert Warner, Administrative Assistant, was also present. Lehmann reported that construction of Road 749A was completed and the road was opened to the public on June 26, 2026. The project required approximately 2,990 labor hours, 19,600 cubic yards of dirt hauled, and 137,700 gallons of water hauled. Lehmann also reported that the County's current road and bridge software program is no longer supported. Warner presented replacement software options from iWorQ, STAR, SchneiderGIS, and MIPS. After review, Lehmann and Warner recommended iWorQ, as it is web-based and meets the road department's needs. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve entering into a contract with iWorQ, pending review and approval by the County Attorney. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to designate the State Print Shop as the vendor for printing the 2026 Joint Public Hearing postcard. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Commissioner Hofman left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Clerk Karen Corder and Treasurer Nicole Townsend were present to ask the Board for their recommendation to Officials and Dept. Heads for completing the FY 2026-27 budget. Discussion was held. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to recommend to County Officials and Dept. Heads, a 4% wage increase, effective Jan. 1, 2027 and no more than a 4% increase in the total budget request for FY 2026-27. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, "Absent" Hofman, motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to reconvene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and reviewed the over/under value report. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to recess as the Board of Equalization until July 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement for District Court Bailiff services received from District Court Judge Heng for fiscal years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to authorize the Chairperson's signature on the Communication Operability Emergency Response BEAD letter to Governor Pillen. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 1:30 p.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 8, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on July 29, 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 July 22, 2026.