COURTHOUSE ELWOOD, NEBRASKA NOVEMBER 10, 2026

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 10, 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 Bogle Louthan was also present.

Notice of the regular meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026 was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on October 29, 2026. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were conducted while the meeting was 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 by Chairman Lerdall, who informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available for review on the bulletin board next to the Commissioners' table in the meeting room.

Motion by Bader**,** seconded by Hofman, to approve the October 28, 2026 minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Elwood High School Junior Class participated in the Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' County Government Day program. Throughout the day, students visited County offices and participated in a Family Feud-style game featuring questions related to county government.

Kevin Hagan, Dawson/Gosper Weed Superintendent was present to give a weed report.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve the Clerk of District Court Report for the month of October. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Nicole Townsend presented Resolution No. 26-19. After discussion, motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall, to approve **Resolution No. 26-19** directing the Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Nicole Townsend submitted a written Distress Warrant Report. Sheriff Joshua Richie was also present.

Isaac Hansen and Travis Elfgren from Oak Creek Engineering were present to review bridge inspection findings and discuss repair options for Bridge Structure C003720405, located on Rd 749, one-half mile east of Rd 436. Scott Dickie from Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District was also present. Hansen reported the inspection found significant deterioration of the bridge's support pilings, with approximately 50% loss due to corrosion. He explained that bridges may be closed once piling loss exceeds 50%, making timely repairs important to extend the life of the structure. Hansen stated the recommended repairs would involve sandblasting corrosion from the bridge supports and encasing portions of the existing substructure in concrete to strengthen and protect the bridge from further deterioration. After discussion, the Board approved moving forward with the project.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann gave a road report and presented three informal bids for the purchase of a semi-truck. Lehmann requested approval to purchase a 2021 International LT in the amount of $42,500.00. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to approve the purchase of the 2021 International LT semi-truck. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Junior Class and County employees were lunch guests of the Pfeiffer Morgan American Legion Auxiliary Post #290, held at the Civic Center.

ATTEST:

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Karen J. Corder, County Clerk (Seal) Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be November 30, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.