A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 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. County Attorney Beverly B. 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 September 3, 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 Hofman, seconded by Bader, to approve the October 14, 2026, minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Audit and approval were made for the following payrolls and claims:

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services October Payroll $55,663.21 American Family Life Insurance $445.26 Ameritas $9,184.95 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. $2,845.58 BCBS $13,230.27 Delta Dental $795.94 Empower $2,500.00 First Concord $2,145.80 First Concord, LLC $740.82 IRS $16264.26 Madison National $72.82 NE Dept of Revenue $2,247.90 Trustmark $512.95 VSP $182.24 Operating Expenses - American Towers $416.28 Applied Connective $3,560.81 ATC $144.70 B. Bader $128.18 Black Hills $99.98 Blue To Gold $1,249.00 CAMAS Publishing $1,662.43 Clearfly $543.08 J. Collins $100.17 J. Collins $171.15 K. Corder $73.52 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance $800.51 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance $167.75 D. Davis $45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing $720.00 DPPD $965.22 C. Devries $500.25 Election Systems & Software $4,042.75 Elwood Public Library $1,004.84 FGH Law Office $657.76 Furnas Co Emergency Management $3,002.50 M. Garrelts $554.60 Gosper Co Clerk Of Dist Court $104.00 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley $412.50 La Quinta Inn And Suites $636.00 T. Lerdall $150.80 Menards $74.97 A. Miller $45.00 MIPS $2,309.12 Nelson Law $575.00 Physicians Laboratory $2,875.00 Pinnacle Bank $310.00 Pinnacle Bank $512.37 Rasmussen Mechanical Services $2,830.99 J. Richie $45.00 State of Nebraska $410.40 L. Swanson $110.20 Verizon $225.00 Village of Elwood $261.91 R. Wheeler $43.50 Woodward's $37.50 Supplies - Amazon $517.44 Aurora Coop $2,202.58 Bomgaars $94.44 Eakes $471.19 Jack's Uniforms & Equipment $657.73 Menards $106.44 Pinnacle Bank $367.57 Pinnacle Bank $259.98 Pro Printing & Graphics $92.00 Secretary of State $52.00 U-Save $73.77 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing $217.61 Capital Outlay - AT&T $579.05 Bomgaars $309.95 Hometown Leasing $82.86;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - October Payroll $36,935.56 Ameritas $5,221.71 BCBS $8,988.00 Delta Dental $619.18 First Concord, LLC $622.49 IRS $10,030.26 Madison National $19.17 NE Dept of Revenue $1,465.53 Trustmark $491.94 VSP $89.70 Operating Expenses - A and T Repair Inc. $244.50 ATC $48.77 Aurora Coop $428.82 Black Hills $124.85 CAMAS Publishing $75.44 Card Services $373.00 Clearfly $81.45 DPPD $116.98 N. Evans $533.60 Great Plains Hydraulics $717.66 John Deere Financial $209.53 Lofquist Welding $17.60 NMC $7,355.54 RDO $1,555.59 Southwest Farm and Auto $282.98 Twin Valleys Power $53.87 Vander Haags Inc. $3,436.62 Village of Elwood $64.05 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop $133.09 Aurora Coop $7,022.08 Barco Municipal Products $2,062.80 Bauer Built $73.00 CHS $227.78 N. Evans $225.51 Holdrege Auto Parts $122.18 Nippon Sanso Matheson $60.92 Paulsen, Inc. $16,440.27 D. Schwarz $17.61 Capital Outlay NMC $417.40 Oak Creek Engineering $25,780.00;

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: Operating Expenses - Elwood Area Foundation $1,000.00 Elwood Legion Aux Post #290 $300.00;

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: $493,430.40

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Clerk Corder presented the additional Rates of Tax that are set and certified by other counties for FY 2026-2027. The following are the Rates of Tax set by Gosper County on October 14, 2026 and Rates of Tax set and certified by other counties for FY 2026-2027: **Gosper County**: General- .149278; **Agricultural Society**: General-.003051; Sinking-.001051; Total-.004102; **Central Community College**: Capital Improvement-.020000; **Tri-Basin NRD**: General-.025529; **Village of Elwood**: General-.450000; **Village of Smithfield**: General-.229877; Bond-.088995; Total-.318872; **Sanitary and Improvement Dist. #1**: General-.038646; Bond-.048581; Total-.087227; **ESU#10**: General-.011386; **ESU #11**: General-.010598; **Robb Cemetery**: General-.000786; **Rural Fire Protection Districts -Gosper-Elwood**: General-.015000; **Gosper-Phelps Bertrand:** General-.007839; Sinking-.007089; Bond-.025000; Total-.039928; **Holbrook/Edison/Arapahoe**: General-.012570: Sinking-.003755; Bond-.009468; Total-.025793; **Lexington**: General-.015000; **Oxford:** General-.025571; Sinking-.008363; Bond-.010155; Total-.044089; **School Districts: Lexington:** General-.0761318; Special Building-.050000; QCPU-.030000; Total-.841318; **Eustis-Farnam:** General-.630882; Special Building-.085968; QCPU-.007815; Total-.724665; **Arapahoe:** General-.665327; Bond -.111240; Special Building-.022668; Total-.799235; **Cambridge:** General-.730322; Special Building-.140000; Total-.870322: **Elwood:** General-.375505; Special Building-.059790; Total-.435295; **Bertrand:** General-.521069; Bond-.018326; Special Building-.071343; Total-.610738; **Southern Valley:** General-.598653; Bond-.042633; Special Building -.029933; Total-.671219. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization.** Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader, to approve the 2026 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent and adopt **Resolution No. 26-17**. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Corder presented the Surplus Property Sale Report listing county property sold, purchasers, and sale proceeds. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to approve the Surplus Property Sale Report. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Dawson/Gosper County CASA program.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann was present and gave a road report. Administrative Assistant Robert Warner was also present. Lehmann reported that three bridges near Smithfield on the E65 Canal need repairs or replacement. He also reported the 9200 International semi-truck is experiencing continued mechanical issues and requested approval to purchase a replacement. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to approve the purchase of a semi-truck. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Lehmann also presented **Resolution 26-18** approving fees for Permits to Construct on County Right-of-Way. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve Resolution 26-18. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Warner updated the Board on the new iWorQ software program used by the Highway Department and requested approval to add the Road-Based Asset Management module to the current agreement, allowing bridges and culverts to be added to the system. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Lerdall, to approve the agreement with iWorQ adding the Road-Based Asset Management module. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board approved an application for permit to Construct on County ROW for Dawson Public Power District.

The Board reviewed an amended bid from High Plains Structural Group for the Structure No. C003710610 replacement project, which had been postponed from the October 14, 2026 meeting. The original bid amount was $337,535.50, and the amended bid amount is $318,335.50. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to accept the amended bid from High Plains Structural Group in the amount of $318,335.50. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

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

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be November 10, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on November 30 ,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 November 19, 2026.