

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

Chairman Lerdall informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review on the bulletin board next to the Commissioners' table in the meeting room.

The Minutes of September 9, 2026, were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - September Payroll \$58,266.54 American Family Life Insurance \$400.20 Ameritas \$9,597.90 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,845.58 BCBS \$13,230.27 Delta Dental \$795.84 Empower \$2,500.00 First Concord \$1,632.34 First Concord, LLC \$740.82 IRS \$17,570.03 Madison National \$72.82 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,446.04 Trustmark \$512.95 VSP \$182.24 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$416.28 Applied Connective \$2,677.31 ATC \$144.70 Aurora Coop \$98.63 B. Bader \$126.15 Black Hills \$98.98 Byrns Floorcovering \$734.28 CAMAS Publishing \$633.80 Clearly \$543.08 J. Collins \$93.10 J. Collins \$272.65 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$774.52 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law \$417.40 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$240.00 Dawson Co Weed Control \$8,250.00 DPPD \$1,150.98 C. DeVries \$500.25 Election Systems & Software \$2,084.02 Elwood Public Library \$1,004.84 ESRI \$602.00 FGH Law Office \$337.50 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Gosper Co Casa \$1,000.00 Gosper Co Court \$33.10 S. Griffith \$300.00 Heldt, McKeone & Copley \$62.50 Innovative Drone Solutions \$295.00 Lincoln Co Clerk \$2,213.03 Menards \$19.28 MIPS Inc \$2,309.12 NACO \$391.84 National Sheriffs' Association \$26.00 Ne Law Enforcement Training Center \$50.00 Physicians Laboratory \$300.00 Pinnacle Bank \$1,422.18 Pinnacle Bank \$279.00 J. Richie \$45.00 Shaw Law \$387.50 L. Swanson \$43.50 Travis County Constable Precinct 5 \$90.00 Village of Elwood \$261.91 R. Warner \$300.00 R. Wheeler \$140.65 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$1,222.79 Aurora Coop \$2,380.61 Coast to Coast Solutions \$4,264.91 J. Collins \$26.00 Jack's Uniforms & Equipment \$1,268.27 Menards \$395.98 Pinnacle Bank \$613.95 Pinnacle Bank \$472.60 ShoWorks \$433.75 U-Save \$379.44 Uline \$240.60 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - Applied Connective \$2,055.00 AT&T \$579.06 Bomgaars \$259.98 Coro Medical \$3,900.00 Hometown Leasing \$82.86 Platte Valley Glass \$5,250.00 Rasmussen \$84,359.00 Uline \$2,380.66 Interfund Transfer - Gosper Co Treasurer \$298,787.07;

ROAD FUND: Personal Services September Payroll \$41,766.57 Ameritas \$5,935.49 BCBS \$8,988.00 Delta Dental \$619.18 First Concord, LLC \$622.49 IRS \$11,475.69 Madison National \$19.17 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,723.14 Trustmark \$491.94 VSP \$99.32 Operating Expenses - A And T Repair Inc. \$3.50 ATC \$48.47 Aurora Coop \$40.49 Black Hills \$121.06 Card Services \$57.43 Clearly \$81.45 CNH Industrial Capital \$2.95 D&N Lammels \$99.78 DPPD \$122.21 Great Plains Hydraulics \$5,015.00 John Deere Financial \$562.17 Lofquist Welding Inc \$852.00 NMC \$27,489.08 Platte Valley Glass \$405.00 RDO \$740.37 S & W Auto Parts \$164.98 Southwest Farm and Auto \$63.26 Twin Valleys Power \$54.06 Verizon \$717.31 Village of Elwood \$64.05 Supplies - Ace Irrigation \$22,034.82 Ag Valley Coop \$31,123.49 Aurora Coop \$7,066.46 Bauer Built \$2,137.34 Card Services \$19.98 CHS Inc. \$348.53 Gothenburg Tire & Service \$2,423.00 John Deere Financial \$324.66 Nippon Sanso Matheson \$60.92 Mead Lumber Co \$43.96 NMC \$176.40 Olmstead Development \$10,483.72 Paulsen, Inc. \$19,773.65 S & W Auto Parts \$83.88 Capital Outlay - Evans Construction \$5,000.00 Jon Geiger \$200.00 Lexington Regional Health Center \$74.00 Medical Enterprises \$36.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$186,018.23

Sheriff Joshua Richie was present to give a Sheriff's report.

At 10:00 a.m. bids were opened for the Smithfield Bridge Encasement Project #C003704710. Present were Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann, Administrative Assistant Robert Warner, Dillon Cole representing Simon Contractors, Braden Spath representing High Plains Structural Group, and Cole Eger representing General Excavating, LLC. The bids were received and opened in the following order: JJK Construction LLC, \$178,879.90; Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises Inc., \$131,051.50; Simon Contractors, \$167,300.00; High Plains Structural Group, \$126,348.75; and General Excavating, LLC, \$306,173.65. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to accept and sign the bid from High Plains Structural Group in the amount of \$126,348.75. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann presented a road report.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the public hearing for the One- and Six-Year Road Hearing. Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann and Administrative Assistant Robert Warner were present. No others appeared. Lehmann reviewed the One- and Six-Year Road projects. Discussion was held. Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to approve **Resolution No. 26-15** in accordance with Chapter 39, Article 21 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska and prescribed by the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for the One- and Six-Year Road Plan.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Lerdall opened the public hearing for a Special Use Permit requested by Wayne and Michelle Johnson to allow the conversion of an agricultural building to commercial use as a restaurant. Applicant Michelle Johnson appeared and spoke in favor of the request. Stephanie Marshall, Connie Eggleston, and Sharlene Meyer also appeared and spoke in favor of the request. Also present in support of the request were Bonnie Marshall, Tammy Krieger, and Scott Krieger. After discussion, Chairman Lerdall closed the Public Hearing at 11:17 a.m. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve the Special Use Permit for Wayne and Michelle Johnson to convert an agricultural building located on a tract of land in the N1/2 of 18-6-23, addressed as 42030 Hwy 18, to a restaurant. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman; motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall, to move the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled for November 11, 2026, to November 10, 2026. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Motion carried.

County Treasurer Nicole Townsend presented a Delinquent Tax Report.
Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve two Special Designated Liquor Licenses for Crazy Marv’s RV & Cabin Retreat, LLC for events to be held on October 8, 2026 and October 10, 2026. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Motion carried.

The Board approved eight applications for Permits to Construct on County ROW for ATC Communications.
Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to allocate \$300.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood Legion Auxiliary Post #290 for the County Government Day meal. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to adopt **Resolution 26-16** declaring certain county property surplus and authorizing disposal of the surplus property. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.
ATTEST:

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

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be October 14, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on October 28, 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 October 21, 2026.