

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

Public notice of this meeting was published in the Valley Voice, posted on the Gosper County Website, and on the Courthouse bulletin board on January 15, 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 January 14, 2026, were read. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: Personal Services - January Payroll \$52,952.89 Aflac \$288.76 Ameritas \$8,596.83 Beverly Bogle Louthan, P.C. \$2,845.58 BCBS \$11,412.19 Delta Dental \$816.47 Empower \$2,500.00 First Concord \$334.06 First Concord, LLC \$593.16 IRS \$15,287.50 Madison National \$64.43 Mutual of Omaha \$374.18 NE Dept of Revenue \$2,058.93 VSP \$191.93 Operating Expenses - American Towers \$400.27 Applied Connective \$2,590.43 ATC \$144.70 Black Hills \$974.33 CAMAS Publishing \$224.11 Comfort Inn \$1,124.55 Community Action Partnership Mid-Ne \$652.50 DAS State Acctg-Central Finance \$167.75 Davis Law, LLC \$1,114.50 D. Davis \$45.00 Dawson Co Sheriff Inmate Housing \$1,760.00 DPPD \$694.54 C. Devries \$87.00 Elwood Public Library \$972.67 M. Garrelts \$45.00 Heldt, Mckeone & Copley \$37.50 MIPS \$2,222.53 NACO \$235.00 NACO Planning/Zoning \$40.00 NE Assoc of Co Assessors \$100.00 NE Assoc of Co Clerks, ROD, Elect \$50.00 NE Tech & Telecom \$1,156.40 Pinnacle Bank \$780.00 Pinnacle Bank \$62.60 J. Richie \$45.00 L. Swanson \$84.00 Thomson Reuters-West \$418.00 Village of Elwood \$252.71 West Central Dist Assessors Assoc \$25.00 Woodward's \$37.50 Supplies - Amazon \$380.35 Aurora Coop \$2,720.27 Chase \$47.58 Eakes \$312.85 Lynn Peavey Co \$222.00 Midwest Connect \$284.00 MIPS \$68.00 Pinnacle Bank \$166.97 Equipment Rental - Hometown Leasing \$217.61 Capital Outlay - AT&T \$392.71 FR Customs \$212.50 Hometown Leasing \$82.86 Weisheit Construction Co \$14,000.00

ROAD FUND: Personal Services - January Payroll \$28,362.77 Ameritas \$3,942.89 BCBS \$6,133.00 Delta Dental \$409.49 First Concord, LLC \$348.33 IRS \$7,816.43 Madison National \$36.18 Mutual of Omaha \$146.30 NE Dept of Revenue \$1,013.64 Trustmark \$145.39 VSP \$89.70 Operating Expenses - A & T Repair Inc. \$240.00 ATC \$48.36 Aurora Coop \$850.86 Black Hills \$635.31 Comfort Inn \$249.90 DPPD \$141.28 Eustis Body Shop \$166.73 Integrated Security Solutions \$859.00 John Deere Financial \$844.04 Lofquist Welding \$1,022.00 McFadden Automotive Repair \$1,478.14 NE Tech & Telecom \$320.07 NMC \$3,025.20 Platte Valley Communications \$350.50 Southwest Farm & Auto \$22.98 Twin Valleys PPD \$66.81 Verizon \$119.96 Village of Elwood \$61.97 Village of Smithfield \$162.00 Supplies - Ag Valley Coop \$101.90 Aurora Coop \$24,871.63 Bauer Built \$107.00 Bomgaars \$16.00 Card Services \$109.99 Hemelstrand's Inc \$78.61 Lofquist Welding \$209.80 Matheson Tri-Gas \$57.44 Mead Lumber Co \$77.48 NSG Logistics \$376.56 Overton Sand & Gravel Co \$2,217.83 Southwest Farm & Auto \$208.31 Melvin Kennicutt \$83.65 Capital Outlay - CAMAS Publishing \$35.40 KRVN \$1,104.00 NMC \$263,400.00

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$397,924.45.

Building and Grounds Superintendent Justin Collins presented informal bids for the construction of a new maintenance shed from Axxent Buildings & Doors, Duncan-Theis Construction and Weisheit Construction Co. Inc. Discussion was held regarding the proposed specifications and location of the building. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader, to accept the bid from Weisheit Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$60,190.00 and to approve execution of the contract. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman, to appoint County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan, Nebraska State Patrol Lieutenant Kyle Diefenbaugh, and Gosper County Sheriff Joshua Richie to the County Drug Law Enforcement Fund Board. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann presented a written request received from Alex Carlson to close Rd 732 from one-half mile east of Rd 429 to the end of the dead-end road one-half mile further east. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman, to approve **Resolution 26-1** directing Gosper County Highway Superintendent Kelly Lehmann to study the use of the public road described as a portion of Public Road No. 198 as shown in the Road Book on file in the County Clerk's office (Road 732 in the 911 system), located along the southerly boundary of the SE ¼ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 22 West, and to submit a written report to the Board of Commissioners with recommendations regarding the vacation, abandonment, or closure of said road. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 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 February 11, 2026, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on February 25, 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 February 18, 2026.