



Gosper County Board Minutes



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ELWOOD, NEBRASKA

JANUARY 8, 2020

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2020, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Members Glen Monter and Bruce Bader. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Lexington Clipper Herald on Jan. 4, 2020. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the published notice. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of 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 Dec. 31, 2019 were read. Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

As per state statute, appointments and designations for the year are made. Clerk Cynthia Evans called for the election of a Chairman. Commissioner Bader nominated Terry Lerdall for Chairman. Clerk Evans called for the nominations three times. There were no further nominations. Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to cease the nominations and appoint Terry Lerdall as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Clerk Evans turned the meeting over to Chairman Lerdall. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to appoint Bader as Vice-Chairperson of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners; to appoint Monter as representative to the Board of West Central Area Agency on Aging and representative to the Region II committees; to appoint Lerdall as the representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the alternate representative to the Solid Waste Board; to appoint Bader as the representative to the Gosper County Extension Board; to appoint Lerdall as the Chairman of the Noxious Weed Board; to appoint Verlouis Forster as Gosper County's representative to the NE Cooperative Lottery Board; to appoint Monter to the Two Rivers Public Health Dept; to appoint Lerdall to the West Central Nebraska Development District. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Bader to designate the Lexington Clipper Herald as the legal newspaper for County, the motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to designate the Cambridge Clarion as the legal newspaper to publish Gosper County's legal notices and Commissioners' Minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to designate the Gosper County website (www.co.gosper.ne.us) for posting of meeting notices and minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall Bader Motion carried. Motion by Bader seconded by Monter to designate Security First Bank of Elwood, NE; Pinnacle Bank of Elwood, NE and NPAIT as depositories for Gosper County funds. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Monter to approve the Investment of County Funds by the County Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to appoint Michael J. Snyder as Gosper County Highway Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to appoint Wayne Dietz as Gosper County Surveyor. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to appoint Marty Craig as Gosper County Weed Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Marty Craig, Dawson/Gosper Weed Superintendent was present and submitted five annual reports. Motion by Bader, seconded by Monter to approve the Nebraska Noxious Weed Strategy, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Activity Report, Noxious Weed Infestation Report and Budget Report. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Assessor Cheryl Taft was present and informed the Board she is planning to retire August 31, 2020, she would like to hire a full time employee to start June 1, 2020. Cheryl reported that to serve as a County Assessor you are required to be certified by the Nebraska Dept. of Property Assessment & Taxation, also the new



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employee would need to become certified. The Board thanked Cheryl her forty-two years of service to Gosper County.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader, Motion carried. Assessor Cheryl Taft was present and presented a list of permissive exemptions for tax exemptions on real and personal property by qualifying educational, religious or charitable organizations. No action was taken. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader, Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Clerk of the District Court report for the month of December 2019. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for October through December 2019. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve an Application for Permit to Construction Items on County Road Right-of-Way for Michael Schievelbein. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader, Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to move the Commissioner meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 to Monday, January 27, 2020. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader, Motion carried.

The Board reviewed proposals from Capital Business Systems and Eakes Office Solutions for two Courthouse copy machines. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to accept the Lease Agreement from Eakes Office Solutions for the lease of two copy machines, one black and one color for 60 months in the amount of 186.04 per month. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an email from the State Auditor's office regarding the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. The rate has decreased from .58 to .575 cents per mile beginning January 1, 2020. Motion by Bader, seconded by Monter to reimburse mileage at the rate of .55 cents per mile. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. The furnace at the South County shop has to be replaced, received a quote from Eustis Plumbing & Heating for \$3,100.00. RDO Truck Center called and they have a 2003 Mack dump truck for sale for \$48,000.00. Discussion was held regarding looking at trucks that are available through the State of NE DOT surplus sale. Several Road employees are hauling crushed concrete from Paulsen's in Holdrege and are stockpiling at the State's material site west of Elwood, they are using Adam's Const. side dump and the County's belly dump.

The Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be January 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.