



Gosper County Board Minutes



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ELWOOD, NEBRASKA

APRIL 14, 2021

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 14, 2021, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glen Hofman. Deputy Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on April 8, 2021. 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 Deputy 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 March 31, 2021 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Emergency Manager Roger Powell was present and shared a letter from Sandy Benson of the Nebraska Forest Service stating The Loess Canyons Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is launching an update to ensure that it remains a useful tool for protecting communities during wildfire situations and to adjust the CWPP boundary to match county lines. Roger asked the Board to reappoint him since he's served in this capacity before to participate on the steering committee to help with the update. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to reappoint Roger to the steering committee. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to convene as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle and Deputy Assessor Nicole Atterberry were present to set the dates for review of personal property schedules and decisions to be made on written protests pursuant to section 77-1502 of the Nebraska Statutes. Filed protests must be heard by the BOE on or before July 26th. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to set June 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to review Personal Property Schedules and Protests and set June 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. as the first hearing for Property Valuation Protests; set July 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. as the second hearing for Property Valuation Protests and Final Decisions on Protests. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Bader seconded by Hofman to adjourn as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Nicole Townsend and Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan were present to discuss a claim for a refund of property taxes by Nebraska Public Power District. Discussion was held. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to refund NPPD. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Treasurer Townsend shared information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act. The county will be receiving money and will need to add a new fund for the next Budget year. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to create a new fund effective July 1, 2021 called COVID American Rescue Plan. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan was present and requested the Board go into closed session to discuss potential litigation. Motion by Lerdall seconded by Hofman to go into closed session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss potential litigation. Roll Call vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Bader seconded by Lerdall to come out of closed session at 10:30 a.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Attorney Beverly Bogle Louthan and Sheriff Dennis Ocken were present regarding Rd 434. George Fong and Kevin Forester were also present. Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder appeared telephonically. Discussion was held. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to request Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder do a study of Road 434 north of Road 742 located in Sec. 8-T7N- R21 W. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.



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Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder appeared telephonically and gave a road report.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report for January through March 2021. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Pledged Collateral for Pinnacle Bank dated 3/31/21 and Security First Bank dated 4/1/2021. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.
The Board adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J Corder, Deputy Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be April 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.