

Gosper County Board Minutes



COURTHOUSE

ELWOOD, NEBRASKA

JUNE 29, 2022

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 30, 2022, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice, Cambridge, NE on June 16, 2022. 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 June 8, 2022 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- June Payroll: \$63,501.07; AFLAC, \$590.98; Ameritas, \$7,119.00; BC/BS, \$9,575.16; Delta Dental, \$708.38; Empower, \$200.00; First Concord, \$956.11; IRS, \$14,404.26; B. Bogle Louthan PC, \$2,491.97; Madison Nat, \$79.78; NE Dept of Rev. \$2,270.35; US Treasury, \$39.90; VSP, \$162.58; **OPERATING EXPENSES-** Agri Comp Sls, \$75.00; ATC, \$124.70; Black Hills, \$158.40; M. Brandt, \$37.44; CAMAS, \$144.34; Chase, \$1,363.36; Comm Act Prtnrship, \$1,174.22; K. Corder, \$117.00; Crowne Plaza, \$374.85; DAS St Acct, \$137.84; Dawson Co Shrf, \$3,640.00; DPPD, \$639.37; Dawson Co Weed, \$8,250.00; J. Daake etal P.C., \$2,000.00; Elwood Pub Lib, \$876.58; C. Evans, \$58.50; Furnas Co Emgcy Mgt, \$2,853.75; Gosper Co CASA, \$750.00; Gosper Co Clerk of Dist Crt, \$35.00; GTP Acq, \$355.84; Heldt, McKoene & Copley, \$440.00; Ideal Linen, \$141.72; MIPS, \$2,004.37; Moonlight Elect, \$398.22; J. Naputi, \$45.00; NE Assoc of Clrk, ROD, EC, \$250.00; NE Tech & Tele, \$784.57; NIRMA, \$27,863.00; Platte Valley Comm, \$254.57; T. Rekart, \$45.00; R. Schroeder Ph.D, \$1,200.00; E. Shultz, \$70.20; N. Townsned, \$244.53; Urbom Law, \$596.20; Vill of Elwood, \$193.78; C. Ward, \$45.00; Woodward's, \$50.00; 1,000 Plus, \$150.00; **SUPPLIES-** Aurora CoOp, \$2,000.19; Des Moines Stp, \$36.90; Gosper Co Clrk, \$259.12; GT Dist, \$3,599.25; Midwest Connect, \$223.00; On Target Ammo, \$469.69; USave, \$1,975.97; **EQUIPMENT RENTAL-** Hometown Lsg, \$229.88; **CAPITAL OUTLAY-** Motorola, \$43,500.00; Verizon, \$200.05;

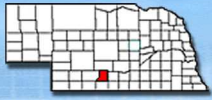
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- June Payroll: \$34,438.60; G. Brakhahn, \$1,187.92; Aflac, \$39.10; Ameritas, \$3,773.10; BC/BS, \$6,179.82; Delta Dental, \$476.22; First Concord, \$760.00; IRS, \$7,820.36; Madison Natl, \$32.79; NE Dept of Rev, \$1,071.09; NIRMA, \$32,765.00; VSP Vision, \$87.95; **OPERATING EXPENSES-** A&T Repair, \$271.87; Ag Valley, \$35,674.43; ATC, \$44.36; Aurora CoOp, \$4,990.91; Black Hills, \$139.87; DPPD, \$116.56; K. Lehmann, \$19.74; Lofquist Weld, \$188.40; NE Tech & Tele, \$232.67; NMC Exch, \$8,149.59; Platte Vall Auto, \$79.57; S&W Auto, \$64.54; D. Schurr, \$102.12; Southwest Frm & Auto, \$76.33; TVPPD, \$48.84; Valentine Hosp, \$192.00; Verizon, \$93.60; **SUPPLIES-** Bauer Blt, \$1,752.84; Capital One, \$25.75; Card Svc, \$875.79; CDL, \$124.78; CHS Agri Svc, \$226.71; Gothenburg Tire & Svc, \$543.00; Matheson, \$39.06; Mead Lumb, \$14.97; Menards, \$309.11; Newman Traf Sgn, \$186.75; Overton Sand & Grav, \$13,506.12; Paulsen Inc, \$10,971.50; M. Snyder, \$254.63; **CAPITAL OUTLAY-** W. Dietz, \$600.00; Pfeifer's Mach Sls, \$35,000.00; SkilDril, \$4,470.00; Vill of Elwood, \$50,048.01;

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- Lutz, \$69.00;

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM: SUPPLIES- Ace Irrig, \$10,472.65;

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$206,156.80.

Michael Bliven, Canyon Lakes Brewing Co. was present and submitted a revised application for an addition to his liquor license for a beer garden/outdoor gaming area. Attorney Beverly Louthan was present.



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Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the changes, reducing the area from 75'x75' to 50'x72' and adding fencing of steel cables to the 6x6 posts. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Roger Powell, EM was present and give an update. No action was taken.

Treasurer Niki Townsend, Chairperson of the ARPA Committee was present and gave an update. No action was taken.

Gregg O'Brien, NE Machinery Co. was present to discuss purchasing a new motor grader. Discussion was held. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Sales Agreement for a new 2022 Caterpillar 140-15A motor grader and trade in the 2015 Caterpillar 12M3. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report.

At 11:15, the Gravel Bid Letting was held. Present were Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder, Joe Moore, Paulsen Inc., Cozad, NE and Troy Olmstead, Overton Sand & Gravel Co., Overton, NE. The first bid opened was from Overton Sand & Gravel Co. in the amount of \$10.60 per ton. The second bid opened was from Paulsen Inc in the amount of \$10.42 per ton. Hwy. Supt. Snyder recommended accepting the bid from Paulsen, Inc. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to award the bid to Paulsen, Inc. in the amount of \$10.42 per ton delivered to Gosper County roads July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The gravel contract stipulated that a performance bond be provided, based on an estimated 20,000 per ton of gravel.

Co. Atty. Beverly B. Louthan and Sheriff Craig Ward were present to discuss personnel issues. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to go into closed session at 11:45 am to discuss the personnel issues. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to come out of closed session at 12:05 pm. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Hofman to accept the resignation of Sheriff Craig Ward effective August 1, 2022. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. The Board accepted and thanked Craig for his 12 years of service to Gosper County.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to reconvene as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle, Deputy Assessor Nicole Atterberry and Attorney Beverly B. Louthan were present. The following were present and gave testimony regarding their protests: Charles & Angela DeFilipps - No.22-5; - Robert Warner - No. 22-7 & Phantom Farms LLC, Dan Keller - No.22-8. No action was taken. Assessor Bogle reviewed protests No. 22-01 through No. 22-9. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Undervalued, Overvalued and Omitted Property Report dated 3/18/22 thru 6/30/22. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to recess as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION until July 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

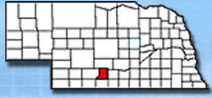
Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allocate \$200.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the L2 For Kids. Roll Call Vote: "Aye", Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to leave the mileage rate at \$.585 for the remainder of 2022. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board received a Membership Assessment Statement from West Central Nebraska Development District for annual dues. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to not pay the annual dues of \$2,730.00. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to ask the Board for their recommendation to Officials and Dept. Heads for completing the FY2022-23 budget. Discussion was held. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to recommend to County Officials and Dept. Heads, a 3% wage increase, effective Jan. 1, 2023 and no more than a 3% increase in the total budget request for FY 2022-23. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to move the July 27th (Wednesday) Commissioner meeting to July 25th (Monday). Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.



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Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution No. 22-10** transferring funds from the General Miscellaneous Fund to the General Fund for the County Assessor in the amount of \$191.21. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk
(Seal)

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be July 13, 2022, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on July 25, 2022 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 July 18, 2022.