

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 11, 2009, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Glen Monter, and Members Terry Lerdall and Bruce Bader. Clerk Evans was present to record the proceedings.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Elwood Bulletin, Elwood, NE on March 4, 2009. 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 Monter 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 February 25, 2009 were read. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

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

At 9:15 a.m., Deputy Treas. Townsend was present to discuss several options available for handling the postage for the Courthouse. Atty. Wilson, Deputy Clerk Horn and Treas. Schutz were present. Atty. Wilson contacted Axis Capital regarding the misrepresentation made by the salesman from Business Office Systems, Kearney, NE, when the County entered into the postage meter lease agreement in 2006. It was sold to the County as a 63 month lease, as it was cheaper than leasing for 36 months, the County would only be locked into 36 months, but as per Axis Capital the County is locked into the 63 months. The options available are to continue the lease until the end of the 63 months or payoff the lease and return the postage machine. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to continue with the current lease for twenty-seven months with Business Office Systems. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Assr. Taft was present and reviewed the land values for 2009.

At 10:15 a.m., Kathy Beck, Extension Manager was present to inform the Board that the Extension Office will be closed on Fridays starting March 13th through May 1st, as the Extension Board would like her to use up her vacation time.

Weed Supt. Delp was present and reported she is helping the Road Dept., and still needs to have David Beck look at the weed truck.

Two applications were received for the maintenance of the E911 signs in Gosper County. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to offer the job to both applicants, and divide the County into two areas using the highways as the dividing lines, each person would be paid \$10.00 per hour and \$.55 per mile, each person will need to keep a log of the date worked, miles driven and signs repaired or replaced, if sign posts are missing, they will be responsible for calling diggers hot-line prior to replacing the post, the log would then be submitted to the Gosper County Board and then to the Dawson County Clerk for payment out of the E911 fund. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried. Clerk Evans will notify the two applicants to inform them of the Board's decision.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution No. 09-05** regarding the Nebraska Department of Roads, under direction of the Federal Highway Administration is writing a new Local Public Agency manual providing for policy and regulations to be implemented on local federal aid projects. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

At 11:15 a.m., Hwy. Supt. Snyder was present and gave a road report on the following: The transmission went out of the 2000 Dodge pickup, Black Motor repaired the transmission, with a 2 year/24,000 mile warranty; Hwy Dept. has added new and used runway planks on three pony truss bridges that the dirt was removed from last winter; started building fence on the Shilling project last week, but will have to wait until next week due to moisture; Ken will finish the sloping on Rd 747 or District 4 road this week, will seed and put the straw down.

At 11:30 a.m., Jim Varvel, Security First Bank, Elwood was present to discuss loan options for a new motor grader for the Road Dept. Hwy. Supt. Snyder was present and submitted a proposal from Pinnacle Bank, Elwood, NE and Ameritas Investment Corp for NACO. Discussion was held. The estimated amount of the loan would be \$100,000.00, for a term of four years.

At 11:45 a.m., Tim Baxter, Nebraska Machinery Company was present to discuss the motor grader bids submitted at the Feb. 25, 2009 meeting. Hwy. Supt. Snyder recommended purchasing the 2009 Caterpillar 140M from Nebraska Machinery Company. Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to accept the loan from the Security First Bank, Elwood. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to accept the bid from Nebraska Machinery Company for the 2009 Caterpillar 140M motor grader in the amount of \$206,300.00 less the trade allowance of a Cat 140H in the amount of \$90,100.00 for a balance of \$116,200.00. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

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

At 1:00 p.m., the Board reviewed the 2008 NIRMA Annual Report and the 2008 Community Action of Mid-Nebraska Annual Report.

Adjournment was at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

Glen H. Monter, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be March 31, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.