

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 31, 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 25, 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 March 11, 2009 were read. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Audit and approval was made for the following payrolls and claims

GENERAL FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- March payroll: \$40,613.62, M. Atterberry, \$241.39, PT, M. Hudson, \$203.00, PT; American Family Life Ins, \$425.10; Ameritas Life Ins Co, \$4,737.21; BC/BS of NE, \$9,838.40; Delta Dental Plan of NE, \$795.30; First Concord Benefits Group LLC, \$417.50; Hartford Life Ins Co, \$490.00; Illinois Mutual, \$15.00; IRS, \$8,084.82; NE Child Support Pmt Ctr, \$676.29; NE Dept of Revenue, \$956.72; Philadelphia American Life Ins Co, \$67.63; Todd Wilson, PC, \$1,541.67; OPERATING EXPENSES – Agri Computer Sales, \$48.00; AS Central Finance, \$174.57; ATC Comm, \$59.95; Bertrand Herald, \$21.20; C. Carlsen, \$20.00; Community Action Ptn of Mid-NE, \$511.29; Dawson PPD, \$509.95; Dawson Co Sheriff, \$2,560.00; Elwood Bulletin, \$525.07; Elwood Public Library, \$612.33; Gilg Law Ofc, PC, \$600.00; Gosper Co CDC, \$391.88; Gosper Co Extension, \$103.08; HawkEye Inc, \$3,612.23; Heldt & McKeone, \$1,017.23; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc, \$91.46; Kearney Clinic, PC, \$134.85; MIPS Inc, \$1,021.84; D. Mitchell, PC, \$275.00; NE Assn of Law Enf Firearms, \$20.00; NE Dept of Labor Workforce Safety, \$108.00; NE Law Enf Training Ctr, \$50.00; NE Dept of Prop Assmt & Taxation, \$100.00; NE Tech & Telecomm, Inc, \$519.33; D. Ocken, \$20.00; SourceGas, \$1,026.54; B. Thornburg, \$37.09; Urbom Law Ofcs, \$352.00; Village of Elwood, \$157.67; Wal-Mart, \$13.20; J. Westman, \$20.00; SUPPLIES– Aurora Co-operative, \$304.47; Business Ofc Systems, \$240.00; Cardmember Svcs, \$20.26; Eakes Inc, \$403.40; Galls, \$97.96; Hanna Land & Cattle dba Computer Assistance, \$90.00; Ofc Solutions Assoc, \$184.86; OfficeNet, \$134.50; Platte Valley Comm, \$58.00; Quill Corp, \$94.60; The Red Barn, \$406.15; Sav-A-Little, \$41.31; Ultramax, \$232.00; EQUIPMENT RENTAL- Axis Capital Inc, \$179.27; Elwood Bldg Co, \$100.00; Hometown Lsg, \$304.71;

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- March payroll: \$20,276.51; American Family Life Ins, \$102.10; Ameritas Life Ins Co, \$2,281.07; BC/BS of NE, \$5,536.17; Delta Dental Plan of NE, \$378.35; First Concord Benefits Group LLC, \$201.50; IRS, \$3,609.10; NE Dept. of Revenue, \$448.14; E. Withers, \$19.00; OPERATING EXPENSES- Agri Co-op, \$355.61; Alltel, \$100.85; ATC Communications, \$45.88; Bellamys Inc, Elwood, \$116.29; Dawson PPD, \$121.56; Eilers Machine & Welding Inc, \$423.54; W. Hays, \$156.28; Mr Automotive, \$303.92; NE Tech & Telecomm Inc, \$174.36; NMC Inc, \$2,429.69; NE Truck & Eqpt Co Inc, \$62.56; SourceGas, \$1,607.75; S&W Auto Parts, \$23.24; Village of Elwood, \$38.30; SUPPLIES- Ag Systems Inc, \$169.00; Ag Valley Co-op, \$111.21; All Points Cooperative, \$24.75; Aurora Co-operative, \$631.21; Bellamys Inc, Arapahoe, \$19.23; Central Tire & Tread Inc, \$840.00; CNH Capital, \$232.38; Holdrege Auto Parts Inc, \$82.36; Lewis Sharpening, \$36.00; Linweld, \$36.69; Mead Lumber, \$404.11; Newman Traffic Signs, \$220.72; Orschelns, \$87.07; Overton Sand & Gravel, \$844.92; The Red Barn, \$102.19; Sav-A-Little, \$30.55; TBO/Nebraskaland, \$197.26; Tractor Supply Credit Plan, \$279.99; WalMart, \$99.44;

RELIEF FUND: OPERATING EXPENSES- Gosper Co CASA, \$600.00;

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: OPERATING EXPENSES- Bertrand Area Chamber of Commerce, \$200.00; Career Svcs (Hero Flight), \$400.00; Elwood Public School, \$300.00;

NOXIOUS WEED FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- March payroll: \$2,306.31; American Family Life Ins, \$85.20; Ameritas Life Ins Co, \$259.46; BC/BS of NE, \$1,078.55; Delta Dental Plan of NE, \$68.60; IRS, \$261.02; NE Dept. of Revenue, \$27.88; OPERATING EXPENSES- Alltel, \$28.58; NE Tech & Telecomm Inc, \$47.69; Village of Elwood, \$26.09; SUPPLIES- The Red Barn, \$54.18;

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$403,587.52.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Assr. Taft was present and submitted two Tax List Correction. Asst. Bogle was also present Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve Tax List Corrections #907. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve Tax List Correction #908. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried. Treas. Schutz was present. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to approve an Exemption Application for Tax Exemption on Motor Vehicles Owned by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations for the Hope Lutheran Church of Smithfield for a Boy Scout Trailer. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Darrell Gregg and Norman Evans were both present to accept and discuss the job description of maintenance of the E911 signs in Gosper County. Hwy. Supt. Snyder was present and recommended assigning the top six townships and East Muddy to Norman and the remaining six townships to Darrell, based on the number of roads and intersections in each township, the Board approved.

At 11:45 a.m. Hwy Supt. Snyder was present and gave a road report on the following: the Schilling project is finished; the project on 747BE east of Hwy 283 is seeded and covered with mulch, the fence on the south side needs to be rebuilt; the blade operators are blading roads this week and weather permitting will start fencing on the Smithfield North project next week, everyone will help; the motor in the backhoe needs repaired, Kelly is in the process of repairing; found a motor for Bill's pickup, the Board asked that it be repaired on County time.

The Board recessed for lunch at noon.

At 1:00 p.m., Dennis Gengenbach was present to request that a culvert be added to improve drainage in the southeast corner of Sec. 10, T6N, R21W. Atty. Wilson and Hwy Supt. Snyder were present. Discussion was held. No action was taken.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to approve a County Road Agreement between the County and Arapahoe Telephone Co. (ATC) to install buried fiber optic cable as per the attached map. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded Bader to approve **Resolution No. 09-06** to apply for federal funding for a project starting in the northeast corner of the SE1/4 of Sec. 7, T8N, R21W and proceed north for 8000 feet to the northeast corner of the NE1/4 of Sec. 6, T8N, R21W which consists of 3" bituminous overlay on 1.5 miles of road, known as STPE Project on FAS 1695 and carried on the One and Six year plan as Project C-37(204) and **Resolution 09-07** to submit for federal funding for a project starting in the southeast corner of the NE1/4 of Sec. 19, T8N, R21W and proceeding north for 8000 feet to the northeast corner of the SE1/4 of Sec. 7, T8N, R21W, which consists of 6" bituminous surfacing on 1.5 miles of road, this will be known as STPE Project on FAS 1695 and carried on the One and Six Year Plan as Project C-37(202). Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

At 2:15 p.m., Sheriff Ocken was present to discuss funding for the Click-it or Ticket grant. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to allow a transfer of \$600.00 from the General Miscellaneous to the Sheriff to fund the grant. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall "Nay" Bader. Motion carried. Other items discussed was the County Audit, Deputy Chris Carlsen will graduate from the Law Enforcement Center on April 9, 2009. Dennis discussed the problems he is having with ATC internet at the Courthouse, and would like to contact Qwest for other options, the Board approved.

A letter was reviewed from Donald D. Wilson, CPA regarding the 2007-08 County Audit. His comments and recommendations state that the County Sheriff close the two bank accounts at the Security First Bank, Elwood for the STOP and DARE programs and deposit the funds with the County Treasurer. Also recommended that the County Board transfer the Canine (K-9) donations from the General Fund to a new Canine (K-9) Fund. Three new funds will be established in the County Budget, one for the STOP Diversion, for the DARE Program, and for the Canine (K-9) program, all future receipts and disbursements for these programs will then be accounted for in these funds starting July 1, 2009. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to direct Clerk Evans to reply to Donald D. Wilson, CPA on behalf of the Board, regarding the planned corrective actions to the attached audit comments. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed one application for mowing four abandoned cemeteries in Gosper County. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to accept the application from Glen Monter to mow four abandoned cemeteries and to be paid \$200.00 per cemetery per year. Roll Call Vote: 'Aye" Monter, Bader "Abstaining" Monter. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Delinquent Tax List for records for up to 2007 and direct the County Attorney to start foreclosure proceedings. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the request made to the NE Liquor Control Commission by Sundy's Inlet, Inc., #2 Johnson Lake Dr 18, Elwood, NE, for an addition of a sidewalk café approximately 12' x 23'. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

A letter was received from NACO regarding a new benefit available to County employees, effective July 1, 2009, all employees on the health plan will receive a Long-Term Disability plan. The Board may also elect to offer LTD to employees not on the health plan and or additional coverage to employees. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Buy-Up Option for County employees for the Long-Term Disability Group Insurance through National Insurance Services. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Other items reviewed was a letter and survey from Kendall Moseley, Phelps County Board Adm. Ass't. in regards to the CASA program.

The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk  
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Glen H. Monter, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be April 8, 2009, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on April 29, 2009 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 April 22, 2009.