

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 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 June 3, 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 May 27, 2009 were read. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

Ed Houlden was present to discuss replacing the emergency siren for the Village of Elwood. He has contacted Pat Gerdes, Emergency Mgr., regarding obtaining a grant for the siren; a grant would cover about 75% of the cost of the siren only, not the installation. Ed has visited with the Rural Fire Board and the Village of Elwood; they have both committed to helping fund the new siren. Quotes for a new siren are approximately \$20,000 and the cost of installation is \$2,500. The Board said the County would be willing to fund \$2,500.00 towards the new siren, to be paid out of the Keno Fund.

Chuck Burr, Extension Educator was present and submitted a Supplement to the Interlocal Agreement between the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Division and Gosper County. The Supplement states that the University shall employ a full time Extension Assistant and Gosper County will reimburse the University for 33% of the total cost of a full time Extension Assistant. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Supplement to the Interlocal Agreement. 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 May. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles regarding the alphanumeric license plate numbering system. Counties with a population of less than 100,000 may elect to switch to the alphanumeric numbering system. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to continue using the county prefix for Gosper County license plates. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from West Central NE Development District, Inc. regarding membership assessment quote for FY 2009-10, designated representative and annual meeting. No action was taken.

Clerk Evans was present and gave a 2008-09 Budget Report as of May 27, 2009.

At 10:00 a.m., Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Assr. Taft was present. Personal Property Schedules were reviewed. The BOARD OF EQUALIZATION recessed at 10:00 a.m., until the meeting of June 30, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Atty. Wilson was present to discuss the Child Support Enforcement contract with Deb Gilg. Discussion was held, Todd will advertise for a new contract. He also discussed a letter he received from the Family Advocacy Network regarding their annual subscription fee in the amount of \$1,000 for Gosper County. Discussion was held, Todd will reply to their letter, regarding Gosper County's level of use compared to the subscription fee.

Treas. Schutz was present to discuss a survey from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles regarding the mailing of motor vehicle renewal registrations cards by DMV. Due to problems encountered by some counties, the DMV has stated they could mail the renewal cards for the county. The Board's response to the survey is to continue to have the County Treasurer mail the renewal cards.

Weed Supt. Delp was present and gave a weed report on the following: she is working on inspections, she may have three forced spraying jobs; discussed caring a weapon while working in pastures, due to rattlesnakes and wild dogs, Atty. Wilson was present and said she was allowed to carry a weapon under the law enforcement section of the Employee Handbook.

Weed Supt. Delp was present and submitted a written Road report on the following: Received a request to purchase the County's bucket truck. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to advertise and take bids with the right to refuse any and all bids to be due June 29, 2009. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. The Gravel Bid letting will be held on June 30, 2009 at 11:45 a.m.; Track pin broke on the crawler, NE Machinery made temporary repairs, the rails, roller, back idlers and pads need to be replaced in early fall, NE Machinery will submit a quote, estimated cost is between \$20,000 to \$30,000; Mike finished the online courses for the LPA schooling in North Platte for the week of June 22 to June 26, 2009; The County received an offer to do the fencing on the west side of the Smithfield Rebuild project, Franzen Fencing, Oconto, NE quoted a price of \$.75 per foot with all new material (wire) for a total of \$6,000., as of May 31, 2009, the County has spent \$6,447. in labor, this includes building all the boxes and finishing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the fence on the east side, which amounts to \$.81 per foot to build, the project has taken longer than expected as a result the projects that were scheduled for this summer and maintenance of the roads have been pushed back or are getting neglected, Mike has alternated blade operators so they can blade their roads, but that hasn't worked due to the rains, another option would be to have the employee's work 2 hours of overtime per day or allow the blade operators to blade 8 hours on Saturday until they get caught up. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to hire Franzen Fencing

to finish the fence so that the road employees can start on the maintenance of their roads. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall "Nay" Bader Motion carried.

At 11:55 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the increase for administrative fees for the flexible benefit plan with First Concord Benefits Group effective July 1, 2009 from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per person per month. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to approve the Application for Permit to Move Building received from Wardcraft Homes for house #4607-M. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the Pledged Security Report from Pinnacle Bank dated May 28, 2009 for the Gosper County Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board discussed reestablishing the Veteran's Service Committee. Atty. Wilson will send a letter to each post in Gosper County asking that they nominate people to be appointed to the Gosper County Veterans Service Committee. The Committee is comprised of 5 veterans who are residents of Gosper County, selected by the County Board, and who have been nominated by recognized veterans organizations, each member will serve a 5 year term.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to allow employees not on the health plan to participate in the long term disability group insurance with National Insurance Services. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to change the date of the July 29, 2009 Commissioner meeting to July 28, 2009. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Adjournment was at 2:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk

Glen H. Monter, Chairperson

(Seal)

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be June 30, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.