

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 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 Nov. 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 October 28, 2009 were read. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Mary Gruber, CASA board representative was present to request additional funding from Gosper County, due to the loss of grant funding in the amount of \$9,000.00. Atty. Wilson was present and reviewed the Inter-local Agreement between Gosper County and Dawson for CASA services. Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to allow a one time payment of \$500.00 from the Keno/Lottery fund to CASA. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Pat Gerdes, Emerg. Mgr. was present to discuss leasing or purchasing the tower located south of Elwood to allow for better radio coverage in the south part of the County. Pat has applied for grant funds, but needs to check to see if the funds can be used for the purchase of the tower. Others present were Atty. Wilson and Hwy. Supt. Snyder. Discussion was held. The Board asked Pat to do more research regarding if the grant funds can be used to purchase the tower.

Supt. Snyder was present and gave a road report on the following: The blade operators are maintaining their roads, Kelly is hauling gravel with the dump truck, Supt. Snyder has been maintaining for Kelly, Randy has a few odds and ends to finish then he will haul gravel with Kelly; the blade operators put in overtime last week and may have to next week to get caught up on their roads, one hour per day.

Treas. Schutz was present to discuss a new service offered by MIPS Inc., which allows for the payment of taxes online with e-check. The County would need to purchase the swipe keyboard machine in the amount of \$125.00. There would be no other cost to the County; the customer would be charged a \$2.00 convenience fee. Motion by Bruce, seconded by Lerdall to allow the Treasurer to accept the payment of taxes online with e-check. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

At 10:30 am, County Officials met with the Board to discuss the salaries of elected officials for the years 2011-2014. Present were Atty. Wilson, Assr. Taft, Treas. Schutz, Deputy Treas. Townsend, Deputy Clerk Horn, Sheriff Ocken, Hwy. Supt. Snyder and Weed Supt. Delp. Chairman Monter reviewed the statutes which state that the County Board members must set the salaries of the elected officers for the 2011-2014 terms, prior to January 15, 2010. A report from NACO was reviewed regarding the 2011-2014 Minimum Salary Recommendations for County Officials. The recommendations by NACO for Gosper County officers are \$39,200.00 for a minimum base salary per year. The officials would like the board to consider setting the base wage at \$37,313.00 starting Jan. 1, 2011. It was reviewed that for a five year period, the total increase in wages for the officials was 4%. No action was taken.

At 11:00 am, Sheriff Ocken and Clerk Magistrate Wheeler were present to discuss moving the County Court to the second floor and sharing the District Courtroom and office due to security and space. Sheriff Ocken reported that Clerk Evans had visited with District Judge James Doyle and he approved sharing the District Courtroom with the County Court. Clerk Magistrate Wheeler stated she had approached County Court Judge Carlton Clark and he was advised of the proposal. Assr. Taft spoke and stated the Assessor's office would be interested in moving to the County Court office on the first floor. Sheriff Ocken spoke and stated he could use more office space and an interview room. Discussion was held regarding moving the Extension office to the Assessor's office, and allow the Sheriff's office to gain the Extension office. Ext. Mgr. Beck entered the meeting and stated the Board would need to visit with Chuck Burr regarding the moving of the Extension office. Member Bader will attend the Extension Board meeting this evening to discuss the proposal. The Board asked the offices to look at what would have to be done regarding moving computers and furniture. Further discussion will be held at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to approve paying the annual membership dues for 2010 with South Central Nebraska RC&D out of the Keno/Lottery fund in the amount of \$40.00. 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 October 2009. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to approve the Treasurer's Report on Distress Warrants dated Nov. 2, 2009. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to approve the Pledged Security Report from Security First Bank, Elwood dated Oct. 27, 2009. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Monter to approve **Resolution No. 09-18** Approving a Subdivision of a Tract of land partly in the NW1/4 of Section 3, and partly in the NE1/4 of section 4, both in Township 7 North, Range 22 West for Dan Weismann, to meet the requirements of the Gosper County Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Adjournment was at 2:30 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 November 30, 2009, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.