

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2010, 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 February 3, 2010. 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 January 27, 2010 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Monter to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written weed report.

At 9:15 a.m., Christel Smith, Elwood HS German teacher and nine students were present to request Keno/Lottery funds for a cultural trip to Omaha on Feb. 28, 2010. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to allocate \$200.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood Public School/German III class. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried. Assr. Taft was present. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve nine tax exemption forms submitted by Assr. Taft. 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. Assr. Taft reviewed an article she plans to publish in several newspapers explaining the land valuation increase for Gosper County.

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

At 10:00 a.m., Jessica Whalen, Community Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith was present to give an update on recent developments in Congress.

Treas. Schutz and Deputy Treas. Townsend were present to discuss the lease agreement on the Courthouse postage machine with Business Office Systems. The current lease will expire in Aug. 2011. Discussion was held regarding different options available for postage machines. The Board asked that the offices decide which system would work best for all offices.

Motion by Monter, seconded by Lerdall to approve **Resolution No. 10-05** for a Subdivision of a Tract of Land in the S1/2 SW1/4 of Sec. 14-T5N-R23W and partly in the N1/2NW1/4 of Sec. 23-T5N-R23W to meet the requirements of the Gosper County Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to accept the Treasurer's Advertising List for lands, village lots and special assessments in the county for persons with delinquent taxes for year 2008 and prior. Roll Call Vote; "Aye" Monter, Lerdall Motion, Bader Motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m., Road Supt. Snyder was present and gave a road report on the following: He will be attending the NIRMA meeting in Kearney on Feb. 10th; the Elwood shop has been changed around to allow more access to the west bay; the south shop built a bulk oil stand for the Smithfield shop; removed the rails on the Cat D6 motor grader #12; Johnson Lake Outlet bridge (BR-1687(2)) is scheduled for 2011; the One & Six Year Road Hearing will be held on Feb. 24th at 1:00 p.m.; Dawn Miller, Hwy. Supt., Adams Co. may have found help for counties regarding the title VI policy for counties receiving federal aid.

At 11:45 a.m., the Bid Letting was held for a 2010 ½ ton Crew Cab, 4-door, four wheel drive pickup truck for the Gosper County Hwy. Dept. Present was Hwy. Supt. Snyder. The first bid opened was from Black Motor Co., Holdrege, NE for 2010 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT in the amount of 32,824.00. The second bid opened was from Janssen & Sons Ford, Holdrege, NE for a 2010 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$29,881.65. The third bid opened was from Faw Motor Co., Cambridge, NE for a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 1WT in the amount of \$28,455.60; and a bid for a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 1LT in the amount of \$28,616.56 and a bid from Faw's Garage, Arapahoe, NE for a 2010 Dodge Ram 1500 ST in the amount \$27,821.00 and a bid for a 2010 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT in the amount of \$29,089.00. The fourth bid opened was from Plum Creek Motors, Lexington, NE for 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 work truck in the amount of \$25,893.00 and a bid for 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT in the amount of \$26,749.00.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Hwy. Supt. Snyder was present and reported that all bids received were higher than the State of Nebraska Contract Award. Motion by Monter, seconded by Bader to reject all bids received and approve the State of Nebraska Contract Award for a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT ½ ton Crew Cab 4 door 4X4 pickup in the amount of \$23,999.00. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Monter, Lerdall, Bader Motion carried.

Other agenda items reviewed: Grant for Courthouse windows; DPPD meeting, Feb. 10th at the Gosper County Senior Center; West Central Dist. Meeting Feb. 18th, North Platte.

The Board adjourned at 1:45 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 February 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.