

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2023, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall and Members Bruce Bader and Glenn Hofman. Clerk Cynthia Evans was present to record the proceedings. County Atty. Beverly B. Louthan was also present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on October 12, 2023. 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 Lerdall announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to approve the October 11, 2023 minutes. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Audit and approval were made for the following payrolls and claims:

GENERAL FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- October Payroll: \$73,911.99; AFLAC, \$802.31; Ameritas, \$8,839.47; BCBS, \$11,344.78; Delta Dental, \$811.13; Empower, \$200.00; First Concord, \$1,380.83; IRS, \$15,694.30; B. Bogle Louthan PC, \$2,604.11; Madison Nat, \$79.61; NE Child Suprt Sys, \$500.00; NE Dept of Rev. \$2,428.45; UNL, \$3,551.47; VSP, \$191.45 OPERATING EXPENSES- Applied Connect Tech, \$2,561.90; ATC, \$124.70; Black Hills, \$281.55; CAMAS, \$396.90; J. Collins, \$158.03; Comm Act Prtnrshp of Mid NE, \$1,793.42; K. Corder, \$235.79; DAS St Acct, \$167.75; Davis Law, \$481.44; D. Davis, \$45.00; Dawson Co Shrf, \$1,560.00; DPPD, \$879.07; C. DeVries, \$148.03; Elwood Pub Lib, \$916.75; Gosper Co Treas, \$52.50; GTP Acq, \$370.07; Heldt, McKeone, & Copley, \$312.50; Ideal Linen, \$182.94; R. McFarland, \$45.00; MIPS, \$2,084.54; D. Mitchell, \$512.50; NACO, \$7.12; J. Naputi, \$77.14; NE Tech & Tele, \$860.84; Reg II Human Svc, \$2,007.47; J. Richie, \$45.00; E. Shultz, \$65.50; Urbom Law, \$277.51; Village of Elw, \$217.24; C. Vossler, \$45.00; Woodward's, \$65.00; SUPPLIES- Aurora CoOp, \$1,336.05; Chase, \$1,448.02; Eakes, \$502.28; MARC, \$637.76; Mendards, \$195.29; Nextoner, \$219.63; Plum Creek Promo, \$239.86; USave, \$228.96; EQUIPMENT RENTAL- Hometown Lsg, \$229.88; CAPITAL OUTLAY- Computer Asst, \$157.50; Verizon, \$200.05;

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: PERSONAL SERVICES- October Payroll: \$38,002.43; G. Brakhahn, \$99.85; M. Schutz, \$772.92; S. Griffith, \$2,406.39; Aflac, \$39.10; Ameritas, \$4,193.47; BC/BS, \$5,354.80; Delta Dental, \$545.28; First Concord, \$945.83; IRS, \$8,668.02; Madison Natl, \$51.70; NE Dept of Rev, \$1,205.19; VSP, \$99.39; OPERATING EXPENSES- ATC, \$47.68; Aurora CoOp, \$5,607.46; Black Hills, \$192.84; Central Hydro, \$213.42; DPPD, \$131.61; Eustis Plumb & Heat, \$147.94; John Deere Fin, \$2,962.25; K. Lehmann, \$279.13; Lofquist Weld, \$726.00; Meridian Rntl, \$96.10; NACO, \$150.00; NE Crane, \$3,039.74; NE Tech & Tele, \$246.78; NMC, \$63,007.37; Platte Vall Auto, \$667.52; RDO Truck Ctr, \$701.30; S&W Auto, \$147.32; TVPPD, \$50.56; Verizon, \$133.66; Vill of Elw, \$53.47; Village of Smithfield, \$92.00; SUPPLIES- Ace Irrig, \$32,758.52; Ag Valley, \$152.21; Bauer Blt, \$2,322.81; Card Svc, \$185.07; CHS, \$312.08; Eastwood Contr, \$8,671.68; Gothenburg Tire, \$3,734.05; Matheson, \$38.25; Mead, \$35.94; Newman Traf Sgn, \$185.86; Overton Sand & Grav, \$46,323.73; Red Barn, \$1,593.97; Surplus Ctr, \$20.07; R. Warner, \$234.49; CAPITAL OUTLAY- Tractor Supply, \$2,099.99;

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND: OPERATING EXPENSES- Wilkins Architecture, \$12,800.00;

KENO/LOTTERY FUND: OPERATING EXPENSES- Elwood Legion Aux Post #290, \$200.00;

TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS: \$202,159.23.

Todd Whitney, Extension Educator and others were present to discuss the duties and salary for the position of the Extension Office Manager. Discussion was held regarding a starting hourly wage for the office manager. The Board tabled their decision until the next Commissioner meeting on Nov. 8, 2023.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to convene as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Clerk Evans presented the additional Rates of Tax that are set and certified by other counties for FY 2023-2024. The following are the Rates of Tax set by Gosper County on Oct. 11, 2023 and Rates of Tax set and certified by other counties for FY 2023-2024: **Gosper County**: General-.206746; **Agricultural Society**: General-.003911; Sinking-.001508; Total-.005419; **Central Community College**: General-.067234; Capital Improvement-.017490; Haz-Mat-.000667; Total-.085391; **Tri-Basin NRD**: General-.024764; **Village of Elwood**: General-.438221; **Village of Smithfield**: General-.265240; Bond-.139452; Total-.404692; **Sanitary and Improvement Dist. #1**: General-.066100; Bond-.082368; Total-.148468 **ESU#10**: General-.013709; **ESU #11**: General-.014921; **Robb Cemetery**: General-.001137; **Miller Cemetery**: General-.001413; **Rural Fire Protection Districts -Gosper-Elwood**: General-.015000; **Gosper-Phelps Bertrand**: General-.007839; Sinking-.007089; **Holbrook/Edison/Arapahoe**: General-.013048; Sinking-.004349; Bond-.013048; Total-.030445; **Lexington**: General-.015000; **Oxford**: General-.015561; Sinking-.003862; Total-.019423; **School Districts: Lexington**: General-1.020000; Special Building Total-.030000; Total -1.050000; **Eustis-Farnam**: General-.701793; Special Building -.102443; Total-.804236; **Arapahoe**:

General-.710003; Bond - .168782; Special Building - .041615; Total- .920400; **Cambridge:** General-.863928; Special Building - .044053; Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking-.030000 Total-.937981; **Elwood:** General-.510754; Special Building -.083770; Total-.594524; **Bertrand:** General-.698216; Bond-.024076; Special Building -.107541; QCPU-.042535; **Southern Valley:** General-.704729; Bond-.049524; Special Building - .013880; QCPU- .013666. Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to adjourn as the **Board of Equalization**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report.

Todd Whitney, Extension Educator was present. Discussion was held regarding the use of the old Weed office upstairs, now used by the Extension, to allow the Bldg. Supt. to use it for an office. There were no objections.

The Board received a letter from the Elwood Area Foundation regarding the 2023 Give Big Elwood. Motion by Bader, seconded by Lerdall to allow \$250.00 from the Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation – 2023 Give Big Elwood. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board received a letter from the Elwood TeamMates regarding a request for a donation to the program. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allow \$250.00 from Keno/Lottery Fund to the Elwood TeamMates. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from NIRMA regarding the recommitment of insurance coverage for three years from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve recommitting with NIRMA/NIRMAII for insurance coverage and approve **Resolution No. 23-14 - Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMAII Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2023 and **Resolution No. 23-15**. Roll Call Vote: “Aye” Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cynthia E. Evans, Clerk  
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Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be November 9, 2022, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. The Board will convene on November 30, 2022 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 November 23, 2022.

