

A meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2024, at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska. Present were Chairperson Terry Lerdall, and Members Glenn Hofman and Bruce Bader. Deputy Clerk Karen Corder was present to record the proceedings. County Attorney Beverly B. Louthan was present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Valley Voice on February 1, 2024. 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 Deputy 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.

The Minutes of January 31, 2024 were read. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Marty Craig, Dawson/Gosper Weed Superintendent was present and gave a weed report.

Motion by Lerdall, seconded by Bader to convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Assessor Pam Bogle was present and submitted Permissive Exemption Applications. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve the Exemption Applications. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to adjourn as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Bader, Hofman, motion carried.

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

The Board approved an Application for Permit to Construct on County Road ROW for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to allocate \$500.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood Area Foundation for the 2024 Gala. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Hofman, Lerdall, Bader, motion carried.

Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to allocate \$200.00 from the Keno Lottery Fund to the Elwood High School Post Prom Party. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Calvin Devries, 4-H Educator was present and reviewed the 2023 Annual Report. Discussion was held on the hiring of an Extension Office Manager. Calvin reported they extended the ad to run another two weeks. The wage of the current Office Manager was discussed and Calvin requested it be raised to match the amount in the ad. Motion by Hofman, seconded by Bader to approve raising the wage of the Office Manager to \$17.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

Charles McGraw, Transportation Director for RYDE Transit-Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska was present and submitted a request for local match in the amount of \$13,100.00 and a resolution for public transportation in Gosper County for FY 2024-2025. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to approve **Resolution 24-1**, which instructs Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska, to apply for Federal and State funds for RYDE Transit for FY 2024-2025. Roll Call Vote "Aye" Bader, Hofman, Lerdall, motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Mike Snyder was present and gave a road report. Motion by Bader, seconded by Hofman to sign the Agreement for Professional Services by and between Oak Creek Engineering, LLC and Gosper County Board of Commissioners for 2024 Routine and Special Bridge Inspections. Roll Call Vote: "Aye" Lerdall, Hofman, Bader, motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

Karen J. Corder, Deputy Clerk

Terry G. Lerdall, Chairperson

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The next regular meeting of the Gosper County Board of Commissioners will be February 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Gosper County Courthouse, Elwood, Nebraska.