

**CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
January 6, 2025**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Court House, 1000 10th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of this meeting was published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on January 2, 2025, aired on News Channel Nebraska Radio, posted on the bulletin board in the County Court House and on the Cheyenne County website. Copies of the agenda were posted on the Court House bulletin board, transmitted to each Commissioner and kept current and available to the public at the Office of the County Clerk. Chairman Darrell Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with the following present:

Randal D. Miller	Commissioner of the First District
Darrell J. Johnson	Commissioner of the Second District
Philip E. Sanders	Commissioner of the Third District
Beth E. Fiegenschuh	County Clerk and Clerk of the Board
David L. Wilson	Acting Deputy County Attorney

Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnson announced a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Chairman Johnson called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Commissioner Sanders nominated Darrell J. Johnson for Chairman and moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Darrell J. Johnson for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Johnson.

Next, Chairman Johnson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Commissioner Miller nominated Philip E. Sanders for Vice-Chairman and moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Philip E. Sanders for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Sanders.

The current agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the current agenda as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Abbreviations for claims: Ex (Expenses), Ga (Garnishment), In (Insurance), Mi (Mileage), Re (Retirement), Sa (Salaries), Se (Service), Su (Supplies), Ta (Tax), Ut (Utilities).

GENERAL FUND

Employee Payroll 160,529.55-Sa; Advanced Medical Imaging 83.57-Se; Axon Enterprise 3,596.18-Ex; Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Chelsey Bartling 425.49-In; Benzel Pest Ctl 402.07-Se; Black Hills Energy 2,179.79-Ut; BC/BS 88,859.13-In; Bluffs Facility Solution 406.82-Su; Bomgaars 4.99-Su; Brandt Court Reporting 257.95-Se; C-Weed Mgmnt 5,722.00-Se; Campbell Drug 568.21-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 11,266.26-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 11,896.46-Ta; Cheyenne Co Treasurer 24,233.93-Ex; Cheyenne Co Treasurer

10,449.89-Ex; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 1,948.33-Ut; Country Printer 62.00-Su; Cranmore Pest Ctl 55.00-Se; Crossroads Tech Serv 800.95-Se; Culligan 147.75-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 59.60-Su; Douglas Kelly etal 937.87-Se; E&S Auto 272.15-Ex/Su; Eakes 787.60-Su; A Elliott Law 7,309.66-Se; Ellison Kovarik & Turman Law 30.00-Se; Entenmann-Rovin 88.50-Ex; Lois Farmer 538.81-Ex; Beth Fiegenschuh 1,100.00-In; Finneys 133.89-Su/Ex; First Concord 400.00-Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 49.57-Ex; Gehrig Stitt 360.00-Se; Robert Harvoy 785.00-Se; High West Energy 45.23-Ut; Holyoke Snyder Longoria etal 296.40-Se; Hometown Leasing 1,784.93-Ex; George Jackson 1,100.00-In; Ron Kissler 125.00-Se; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Midwest Alarm 330.00-Se; Miller Law Office 14,850.00-Se; MIPS 3,884.66-Se/Su; Morrill Co Community Hospital 3,331.00-Se; NE Public Health Lab 105.00-Se; NMS 558.00-Se; Quadient Leasing 1,332.00-Ex; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Se; Schuh Rentals 150.00-Ex; ScottsBluff Co Detention 4,100.00-Se; ScottsBluff Co Treas 7,519.45-Ex; Security First Bank 1,171.64-Re; Sidney Public Schools 475.00-Se; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,324.00-Se; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,398.58-Se; Specialized Pathology Consultants 1,360.00-Se; Spectrum 159.98-Se; State of NE DAS 99.00-Se; Strode Forensics 1,110.00-Se; Thomson Reuters 389.15-Ex; Verizon 259.85-Se; Westfield Pharmacy 175.47-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 399,567.48.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 55,379.82-Sa; Arnulfo Biberos 951.65-In; Black Hills Energy 2,514.73-Ut; BC/BS 26,398.71-In; Bomgaars 149.75-Su/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,653.79-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 4,140.13-Ta; City of Sidney 694.78-Ut; Cliff Farms 1,764.75-Ex; E&S Auto 511.33-Ex; Finneys 25.98-Ex; Hometown Leasing 198.22-Ex; Ideal Linen 101.82-Su; Logan Contractors Sup 446.20-Ex; Matthew Mitchell 49.58-Mi; NPPD 52.01-Ut; NE Machinery 20,254.65-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 2,250.39-Ex/Se; Nienhueser Farms 1,095.00-Ex; Powerplan 372.60-Ex; Spectrum 89.99-Se; Triple O's 207.58-Ex; Verizon 93.72-Se; Village of Lodgepole 85.05-Su; Andrew Wagoner 13.40-Mi; 21st Century Equip 386.84-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 121,882.47.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 2,754.00-Sa; Black Hills Energy 173.07-Ut; BC/BS 2,371.25-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 185.90-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 207.01-Ta; Lamar 412.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 13.36-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 6,116.59.

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT

Coyote Caller 20.00-Se; Finneys 167.25-Su; Flood Commun 750.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 937.25.

FAIR

Department of Revenue 4,618.00-Ta; Sidney Sun Telegraph 7.64-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 4,625.64.

PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION

MIPS 343.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 343.00.

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Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,500.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 7,500.00.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 23,086.94-Sa; Tony Balandran 180.00-Se; BC/BS 12,611.03-In; CenturyLink 1,252.71-Ut; CenturyLink 55.37-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,541.49-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,701.69-Ta; Monique Christensen 351.08-Mi; Dalton Telephone 114.39-Ut; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Hamilton Info Syst 1,366.30-Se; Spectrum 245.62-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 43,078.41.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,871.94-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; BAMXW LLC 838.35-Ex; Black Hills Energy 420.64-Ut; BC/BS 4,443.85-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 328.86-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 339.82-Ta; City of Sidney 194.88-Ut; Evie Flessner 594.44-Mi/Ex; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Splish Splash Car Wash 12.00-Ex; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 13,794.78.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 597,845.62.

A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve and pay all claims as stated above. Delinquent taxes were deducted where owing. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

There was no correspondence to review.

The Clerk presented Resolution 2025-1 for the Board's review. This Resolution reaffirms the E911 surcharge of \$1.00 per month per wired telephone line as defined in Resolution 1994-30. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2025-1 as set forth above. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

The Holiday Schedule for 2025 was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule below. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Jr., Day
Monday, February 17	Presidents Day
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
Friday, April 25	Arbor Day
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 28	Day After Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31	Close at 3:00 P.M.

Commissioner Committee appointments for the year 2025 were next discussed. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Committee appointments as follows. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
Water Quality	Miller	Sanders
Region 21 Emergency Management	Johnson	Sanders
Commission on Aging	Sanders	Miller
Mental Health	Johnson	Miller
Region I-Office of Human Dev.	Johnson	Miller
Panhandle Area Dev. District	Sanders	Miller
Panhandle Community Services	Miller	Johnson
Panhandle Disability Service Inc.	Johnson	Miller
Visitor Committee – Ex Officio	Sanders	---
Waste Management – Landfill	Johnson	Miller
E911 Board	Johnson	Miller
Panhandle Public Health District Board	Miller	Sanders
Cheyenne County Safety Committee	Sanders	---

The list of Appointed Officials for the year 2025 was reviewed. After a discussion, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the following appointments. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Tom Payne	Building and Grounds Superintendent
Skylar Saucedo	Highway Superintendent
Ronald Leal	Emergency Management Coordinator
Heidi Gillespie	Emergency Communications Director
Fred Wiedeburg	Veterans Service Officer
Colleen Terman	Planning and Zoning Administrator
Kendra Mitchell	Tourism Director

The Board designated the official Cheyenne County newspaper, radio station and County website. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate the Sidney Sun-Telegraph as the official Cheyenne County newspaper, News Channel Nebraska as the official Cheyenne County radio station and the County website as the official County website. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

A motion was then made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the following methods of providing notice to the public: publishing the notice in the official Cheyenne County newspaper, broadcasting on the official Cheyenne County radio station, posting notice on the bulletin board in the Cheyenne County Court House, posting notice on the Cheyenne County website or posting notice in three public places. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Treasurer Shelley Bowlin presented Applications from the following Banks regarding the designation of official depositories for Cheyenne County: Adams Bank & Trust; Platte Valley Bank; Points West Community Bank; The Potter State Bank of Potter; Security First Bank Sidney; and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate the above as official depositories of Cheyenne County. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Treasurer Bowlin presented Resolution 2025-2 regarding the investment of County funds. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-2313, the County Board and County Treasurer are allowed and authorized to invest funds of the County and believe it is in the best interest of Cheyenne County to do so. Further, the Board consents to the general investment types by the Cheyenne County Treasurer outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-2315. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2025-2. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

The Board next reviewed Resolution 2025-3 authorizing the Cheyenne County Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$52,000.00 from the Cheyenne County Visitors Improvement 995 Fund to the Cheyenne County Visitors Promotion 990 Fund pursuant to the 2024-2025 adopted

budget. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2025-3 authorizing the Cheyenne County Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$52,000.00 as stated above. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Kendra Mitchell, Cheyenne County Tourism Director, updated the Board on the All is Bright Christmas Tour.

The Clerk presented the Section 504 Plan regarding Americans with Disabilities Act. Cheyenne County will ensure that no qualified disabled individual shall, solely on the basis of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any of its programs, services or activities. After a discussion, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Section 504 Plan. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

The Board discussed the Contract between Cheyenne County and Travis R. Rodak for Cheyenne County Deputy County Attorney Services. David L. Wilson, Acting Deputy Cheyenne County Attorney reviewed and approved the Contract. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Contract. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Contract as approved is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Highway Superintendent Skylar Saucedo updated the Board on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:35 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 10:56 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

A motion was then made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to extend the introductory period for an additional 6 months for Highway Superintendent Skylar Saucedo. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 6th day of January 2025.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk