

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

JULY 1, 2024

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024 in the Cheyenne County 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 June 27, 2024, 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 and on the Cheyenne County website, transmitted to each Commissioner and kept current and available to the public at the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Darrell J. 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 to the Board
Paul B. Schaub	County Attorney

Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnson announced a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted and made available in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

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

The Minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. 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 110,633.42-Sa; Abacus Data Syst 562.16-Ex; Adams Co Sheriff 18.50-Se; Advanced Med Imaging 76.15-Se; Allo Commun 150.00-Se; Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Benzel Pest Ctl 99.00-Se; Best P&H 1,220.00-Se/Ex; Black Hills Energy 1,478.23-Ut; Brenda Blanke 51.17-In; BC/BS 85,781.10-In; Bluffs Facility 72.03-Su; Charles J Boettcher DDS 773.00-Se; Bomgaars 154.98-Su; Shelley Bowlin 355.10-Mi; C-Weed Mgmnt 5,722.00-Se; Campbell Drug 24.74-Se; CenturyLink 695.24-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 146.06-Mi; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,728.55-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,088.31-Ta; Cheyenne Co Treas 24,432.85-Ex; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 2,500.68-Ut; Color Concepts 694.16-Ex; Cranmore Pest Ctl 55.00-Se; Dash Med Gloves 58.80-Su; E&S Auto 169.96-Ex; Eakes 2,500.00-Ex; A Elliott Law 7,309.66-Se; Lois Farmer 538.81-Ex; Finneys 1,348.69-Su/Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 580.80-Ex; GIS Workshop 4,788.00-Ex; Holyoke Snyder Longoria etal 2,590.57-Se; Hometown Leasing 986.87-Ex; Huber & Assoc 450.00-Ex; Ideal Linen 135.41-Su; Kevins Custom Electric 140.05-Se; Ron Kissler 125.00-Se Koke Auto 61.97-Ex; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Miller Law Office 14,850.00-Se; MIPS 3,691.30-Se/Ex; Municipal Graphics 430.72-Ex; NACO 125.00-Ex; NCSEA Treas 115.00-Ex; NE State Treas 100.00-Se/Ex; NIRMA 93,453.00-In;

Postmaster 320.00-Ex; Quadiant 1,332.00-Ex; Radar Shop 140.00-Su; Ramada 214.00-Ex; Roods Tire 55.45-Ex; Schuh Rental 150.00-Ex; Security First Bank 1,171.64-Re; Sidney Reg Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Sidney Reg Med Ctr 569.41-Se; Spectrum 159.98-Se; Triple Os Bldg Sup 90.86-Se; Verizon 260.00-Se; Sheila Von Seggern 1,100.00-In; Western Drug 149.42-Se; Westfall Pharmacy 281.61-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 407,340.58.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 42,040.60-Sa; Black Hills Energy 343.09-Ut; BC/BS 33,669.94-In; Bomgaars 340.97-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 55.45-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,770.26-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,097.82-Ta; City of Sidney 700.62-Ut; Dragon Products 436.74-Ex; Finneys 90.55-Ex/Su; Floyds Truck Ctr 938.88-Ex; Brad Franks 77.72-Mi; Doug Hart 302.16-In; Ideal Linen 50.91-Su; NE Machinery 11,492.76-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 2,664.50-Ex; NIRMA 75,416.00-In; Roods Tire 50.00-Ex; Colleen Terman 14.74-Mi; Triple O's Bldg Sup 13.48-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 174,567.19.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,836.00-Sa; BC/BS 2,371.25-In; Certified Folder Display 4,061.56-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 123.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 136.79-Ta; Flagship Publishing 651.00-Ex; Grow Nebraska 100.00-Ex; NE Travel Assoc 500.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 13.36-Se; Western NE Tourism Coalition 5,081.51-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 14,875.40.

PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION

MIPS 343.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 343.00.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Ace Irrigation & Mfg 46,807.20-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 46,807.20.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 13,699.91-Sa; BC/BS 11,293.21-In; CenturyLink 81.00-Ut; CenturyLink 167.18-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 924.77-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 993.40-Ta; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; FirstNet 308.20-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 28,039.46.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,051.94-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 42.59-Ut; BC/BS 4,443.85-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 273.51-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 277.09-Ta; Evie Flessner 356.44-Mi; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 11,195.42.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 683,168.25.

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: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

There was no correspondence to review.

If any county, city, school district, or community college increases its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage, the political subdivision must have a Joint Public Hearing. The notice of the hearing must be sent to the taxpayers in the political subdivision by a postcard notice. It is the responsibility of the County Board to designate a printing service to create the postcard. Accordingly, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate CSG to print the postcards. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Jason Nelke addressed the Board regarding the Northside Park Revitalization Project. The City of Sidney is in the process of applying for a grant for the project. The grant is through the Nebraska Games and Parks Commission. The project will provide new playground equipment and safety improvements at the northside park. Mr. Nelke as the grant writer asked if the Board would consider writing a letter of support for the project. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to write a letter of support for the Northside Park Revitalization Project and direct County Attorney Paul Schaub to draft the letter of support. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Mindy Cape addressed the Board regarding the spraying of weeds by the County Weed Superintendent, Brent Fletcher. Ms. Cape stated that when the weeds were sprayed, some of the chemical drifted into her garden and trees. Commissioner Sanders informed Ms. Cape that the County is responsible for the control of noxious weeds located in the ditches.

Cheyenne County Fair Board members Troy Kurz, Ryan Filsinger, Tyler Bailey and Pat Finney addressed the Board with the 2024 County Fair update. Shelby Roelle was also present. The group discussed the location of the beer garden. The location will be expanded from last year. The area this year will include what once was known as the Elk's building. Once again, the security will be provided by volunteers and the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Department. The Board expressed no concerns regarding the beer garden and approved the beer garden as designed.

Tom Thompson from Nebraska Machinery Company introduced himself to the Board. He is the new salesman for Nebraska Machinery Company.

At 8:25 A.M., a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to recess the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

It is necessary to set the date, time and location for the 2024 Valuation Protest Hearings. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to set the dates, times and locations for the 2024 Valuation Protest Hearings for July 15, 2024 from 9:30 A.M., to 5:00 P.M., and July 16, 2024 from 8:00 A.M., to 5:00 P.M. The hearings will be held in the County Commissioners meeting room. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

At 8:30 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

County Attorney Schaub discussed with the Board proposed agreements for forensic pathology and coroner call transportation services. Regional West Medical Center will no longer perform autopsies and the Gehrig-Stitt Chapel and Cremation Services will no longer provide transportation services. The closest locations for forensic pathology services are in Larimer and Weld Counties in Colorado. The closest location for coroner calls transportation services is in Denver, Colorado. The closest Nebraska location is in Omaha. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to table this matter until the July 15, 2024 meeting. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Next, County Attorney Schaub presented an Addendum to Ambulance Agreement among Cheyenne County, City of Sidney and Morrill County Community Hospital. The original Agreement expired on June 30, 2024. The Addendum extends the term of the Agreement to August 31, 2024. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Addendum to Ambulance Agreement extending the term of the current Ambulance Agreement to August 31, 2024. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board discussed the use of ARPA funds for an expansion of the current evidence building. Cheyenne County Sheriff Adam Frerichs was present. Sheriff Frerichs is in the process of contacting building contractors regarding the expansion of the current evidence building.

The Board then addressed the purchase of a Countywide computer server to be paid from ARPA funds. This would allow all of the County's records to be stored in one place. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to move forward with the purchase of a Countywide computer server to be paid from the ARPA funds. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent Doug Hart submitted his letter of resignation effective July 5, 2024. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to accept Superintendent Hart's resignation effective July 5, 2024. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

A motion was then made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to appoint Skyler Saucedo as the Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent effective July 5, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Mr. Saucedo does not have a Highway Superintendent's license at this time, but he is taking the necessary steps to obtain the license.

The Board was then updated on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

At 9:05 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to enter into executive session to discuss Contract negotiations. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 9:22 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Dated this 1st day of July 2024.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk