

**CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
February 3, 2025**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, February 3, 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 30, 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
Amber Horn	Interim 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.

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

The Minutes of the January 21, 2025 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 112,025.95-Sa; Black Hills Energy 1,658.08-Ut; BC/BS 86,535.88-In; C-Weed Mgmt 5,722.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,854.87-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,213.71-Ta; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 976.38-Ut; Cranmore Pest Cntl 55.00-Se; Crossroads Tech Serv 419.00-Se; Eakes 1,210.04-Su; A Elliott Law 7,309.66-Se; Ellison Kovarik & Turman Law 157.00-Se; Lois Farmer 538.81-Ex; Five Nines Tech Group 8,559.63-Se/Ex; Flood Commun 900.00-Ex; Adam Frerichs 1,100.00-In; GreatAmerica Finan Serv 117.18-Ex; Holyoke Snyder Longoria etal 120.00-Se; Hometown Leasing 1,495.53-Ex; Amber Horn 1,100.00-In; Johnson Controls 20,365.00-Se; Ron Kissler 141.11-Se/Su; Howard Kurth 88.80-Re; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Shannon Kurz 1,021.07-In; Miller Law Office 14,850.00-Se; MIPS 11,379.68-Se/Su; NE Public Health Lab 105.00-Se; NebraskaLand Tire 443.23-Ex; NMS 558.00-Se; Nossaman etal Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Panhandle Auto Group 178.69-Ex; Rodak Law 7,000.00-Se; Paul Schaub 881.31-In; Schuh Rentals 150.00-Ex; ScottsBluff Co Detention 3,550.00-Se; Security First Bank 1,171.64-Re; Sidney Glass 585.00-Se/Ex; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Spectrum 159.98-Se; Thomson Reuters 1,718.48-Ex; Verizon 80.02-Se; Youngs P&H 129.80-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 325,909.70.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 39,961.64-Sa; Black Hills Energy 3,832.08-Ut; BC/BS 25,379.54-In; Bomgaars 33.97-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,613.06-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,968.16-Ta; City of Sidney 744.15-Ut; E&S Auto 336.97-Ex; Eakes 442.96-Su; Equipment Blades Inc 1,668.00-Ex; Finneys 223.98-Su/Ex; Ideal Linen 50.91-Su; Howard Kurth 90.00-Se; Larry McCaslin Consulting 3,762.00-Se/Ex; Michael Todd & Co 467.32-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 75.00-Ex; NE Machinery 872.72-Ex; NE Public Power Dist 59.54-Ut; Powerplan 2,021.17-Ex; Sidney Glass 1,807.24-Se/Ex; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 30.00-Se; Triple O's 36.35-Ex; Verizon 93.73-Se; Village of Lodgepole 85.05-Ut; 21st Century Equip 930.06-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 88,585.60.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,890.40-Sa; Allo 145.11-Se/Ut; Black Hills Energy 215.17-Ut; BC/BS 2,371.25-In; Cheyenne Co Chamber of Commerce 26.00-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 127.60-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 140.94-Ta; Eakes 44.52-Su; Hometown Leasing 201.28-Ex; Lamar 432.00-Ex; Kendra Mitchell 242.90-Mi.
TOTAL: \$ 5,837.17.

PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION

MIPS 343.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 343.00.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Wieser Construction 28,000.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 28,000.00.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 15,573.46-Sa; APCO International 150.00-Ex; BC/BS 12,611.03-In; CenturyLink 1,258.95-Ut; CenturyLink 60.00-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,034.35-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,126.90-Ta; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; FirstNet 305.56-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Hamilton Info Syst 1,410.68-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 34,102.72.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,135.27-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 569.40-Ut; BC/BS 4,443.85-In; Bridgeport NewsBlade 8.94-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 279.13-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 283.46-Ta; Evie Flessner 661.80-In; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 11.93-Se; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 12,143.78.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 494,921.97.

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.

The Board reviewed Monthly Fee Reports for the month of December for the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court and Highway Superintendent and for the months of November and December for the Treasurer and Sheriff. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Monthly Fee Reports as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board reviewed an application for General Assistance from Xena Gallaher for a County burial for Gary Lee Ellis. Cheyenne County Interim County Attorney Amber Horn stated that the financial status of Mr. Ellis' estate was investigated. There were no assets in the estate of Mr. Ellis. Accordingly, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the County burial for Gary Lee Ellis as requested. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

The Fair Board submitted a request to have Travis Sprenger appointed to serve on the Cheyenne County Fair Board to fill a vacancy on the Board. The term of the appointment is from February 3, 2025 through December 31, 2026. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the appointment of Travis Sprenger to the Fair Board with his term to run from February 3, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Joe McCarn, Cheyenne County Chamber Director, presented a quarterly report on the activities of the Chamber.

Jamie Bright, Extension Educator, presented the annual report for the Nebraska Extension.

Kendra Mitchell, Cheyenne County Tourism Director, discussed an event incentive grant from the City of Sidney for Downtown Sounds in the amount of \$7,500.00. On January 8, 2025, the Visitors Committee approved the grant in the amount of \$4,500.00 with a vote of 3 to 1 in favor. The total of the event receipts submitted by the City of Sidney was \$7,500.00. According to the grant guidelines, the most that can be reimbursed is 20% of the total receipts submitted which would be \$1,500.00. After a continued discussion, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the amount of \$1,500.00 as reimbursement to the City of Sidney based on the 20% of \$7,500.00. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. The Sun-Telegraph reported that the word "illegal" was quoted as being said by a member of the Visitors Committee. The Commissioners were adamant that there is nothing illegal being done by the Visitors Committee and it was a poor choice of words.

The Board felt the By-Laws and the grant guidelines for the Visitors Committee needed to be restructured and the Visitors Committee should be suspended pending research of the existing By-Laws and grant guidelines. Tourism Director Mitchell stated that speaking with other Visitors Committees could be advantageous. Commissioner Miller stated the job description and the duties of the Tourism Director also need to be revamped. A time frame of 2 months in which to complete these tasks was suggested. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to temporarily suspend the Visitors Committee until further notice. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Skylar Saucedo, Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 A.M.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2025.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk