

# CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

**APRIL 1, 2024**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 in the Cheyenne County Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Court House, 1000 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of this meeting was published in the Sidney Sun Telegraph on March 14, 2024, 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.

Vice-Chairman Philip E. Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with the following present:

Randal D. Miller	Commissioner of the First District
Philip E. Sanders	Commissioner of the Third District
Beth E. Fiegenschuh	County Clerk and Clerk to the Board
Paul B. Schaub	County Attorney

Chairman Darrell J. Johnson was absent.

Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Sanders 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 Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Agenda as written. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

The Minutes of the March 18, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson

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 105,554.84-Sa; Abacus Data Systems 488.84-Ex; Stacy Bach 5,000.00 Se; Brent Barnes 133.43-In; Black Hills Energy 2,361.68-Ut; BC/BS 85,126.19-In; C-Weed Mgmt 5,722.00-Se; Campbell Drug 163.49-Se; CenturyLink 657.41-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,349.48-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,729.08-Ta; Cheyenne Co Treasurer 17,283.61-Ex; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 892.21-Ut; Consolidated Mgmt Co 190.15-Ex; Cranmore Pest Ctl 55.00-Se; Wendy Cutting 51.80-Se; Dash Medical Gloves 58.80-Su; Joshua Deines 1,100.00-In; E-470 Public Highway Authority 17.65-Ex; Eakes 103.75-Su; A Elliott Law 7,309.66-Se; Lois Farmer 538.81-Ex; Five Nines 7,800.00-Se; Adam Frerichs 500.00-Ex; Robert Harvoy 1,140.00-Se; Holyoke Snyder Longoria etal 1,913.18-Se; Hometown Leasing 1,693.72-Ex; Ron Kissler 218.32-Se/Su; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Christina Lotton 326.54-In; MidStates Valuation 13,200.00-Ex; Miller Law Office 14,850.00-Se; Lynn Namuth 210.60-Se; Marleen Nienhueser 2,950.00-In; Palmer Sales 138.70-Ex; Paula Parker 968.74-In; Pepsi Cola

234.95-Ex; Quadiant Leasing 1,332.00-Ex; Schuh Rentals 150.00-Ex; ScottsBluff Co Detention Ctr 1,440.00-Se; ScottsBluff Co Sheriff 22.20-Se; Security First Bank 1,050.77-Re; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 108.00-Se; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Chelsie Sparks 25.00-Su; Spectrum 275.58-Se; State of NE DAS 99.00-Se; Tyler Technologies 898.00-Ex; Verizon 80.02-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 309,797.37.

#### **ROAD FUND**

Employee Payroll 38,139.10-Sa; Akron Radiator Shop 1,600.00-Ex; Black Hills Energy 2,188.13-Ut; BC/BS 34,240.54-In; Bomgaars 469.98-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,506.91-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,811.29-Ta; City of Sidney 720.41-Ut; Cornhusker Internat'l Trucks 2,035.36-Ex; Deaver Tire 77.00-Ex; E&S Auto Sup 650.62-Ex/Su; Eakes 78.92-Su; Eptura Inc 2,367.15-Ex; Finneys 215.66-Ex/Su; Floyds Truck Ctr 1,833.46-Ex; John Hajek 1,309.38-In; Ideal Linen 97.86-Su; Koke Auto 178.50-Ex; NE Machinery 2,175.84-Ex; Powerplan 1,356.26-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 293.38-Se; Simon Material 9,235.00-Ex; Kurt Tremain 700.00-Se; Weyerts Electric 570.49-Ex; Sherman Wood 31.00-Ex; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Equip 430.75-Ex.  
TOTAL: \$ 106,312.99.

#### **VISITORS FUND**

Employee Payroll 1,836.00-Sa; American Road LLC 150.00-Ex; Black Hills Energy 163.32-Ut; BC/BS 2,411.51-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 123.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 136.79-Ta; Kendra Mitchell 48.24-Mi.  
TOTAL: \$ 4,869.79.

#### **FAIR**

BSA Troop 90 750.00-Se; NE Dept of Revenue 9.51-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 16.22-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 775.73.

#### **E911 FUND**

Employee Payroll 13,421.20-Sa; BC/BS 10,413.28-In; CenturyLink 81.00-Ut; CenturyLink 80.76-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 905.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 975.43-Ta; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 15.27-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 26,464.66.

#### **WIRELESS 911**

Hamilton Info Syst 1,534.20-Se.  
TOTAL \$ 1,534.20.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Employee Payroll 4,051.94; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 306.25-Ut; BC/BS 4,519.30-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 273.51-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 277.77-Ta; City of Sidney 184.61-Ut; Eakes 27.63-Su; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Wilkins Solutions 80.00-Se; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 11,471.01

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 461,225.75.**

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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. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

There was no correspondence to review.

Vice-Chairman Sanders read a Proclamation declaring May Mental Health Month. The purpose of the Proclamation is to increase awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reduce stigma and discrimination and promote appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to declare May Mental Health Month. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

The Board considered an Application for General Assistance from Chris Brewer requesting funds for a County burial for Brett Brewer. County Attorney Schaub has reviewed the Application and found that all requirements had been met and recommended approval of the Application. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Application as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

Next, an Application for General Assistance from Patricia Lloyd requesting funds for a County burial for Angela Toman. County Attorney Schaub has reviewed the Application and found that all requirements had been met and recommended approval of the Application. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Application as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

County Attorney Schaub presented an Agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services for juvenile detention services. This Agreement is for holding pre-adjudicated youth, youth held on adult charges or out-of-state runaways in the facility. The new rate is \$334.00 per day. Portions of the day will be prorated. Cheyenne County is responsible for the cost of all medical care including pharmaceuticals. Cheyenne County is also responsible for the cost of emergency transportation and or any instance where one-to-one supervision is required to ensure the safety of the youth. County Attorney Schaub stated that we currently have an Agreement with the Lancaster County Youth Services. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the renewal Agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

Scott Bauer addressed the Board regarding identity theft.

Melissa Norgard appeared to request use of the County stage for the Downtown Sounds Concerts on June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>. It was the decision of the Board that County property will remain on County property.

Brooke DeNovellis, Chairman of the Visitors Committee, addressed the Board regarding an improvement grant for the Dalton Senior Citizens. At the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, this grant was approved in the amount of \$2,000.00. The amount approved by the Visitors Committee and the amount that should have been presented to the Commissioners on March 18<sup>th</sup> was for \$2,500.00. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to correct the amount of the improvement grant to the Dalton Senior Citizens from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent Doug Hart addressed the Board regarding quotes for Culvert Project C-17-183. There was one quote submitted from Ace/Eaton Metals from Kearney, Nebraska. The quote was for 2 – 72” x 40’ 10 GA 5x1 with headwall with 15’ sheetpile 7 GA, 4 walers, 12 sheet piling, 6 – 50’ tiebacks and cable clamps in the amount of \$46,807.20. After a review of the quote, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the quote from Ace/Eaton Metals in the amount of \$46,807.20. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

The discussion regarding the purchase of a paint striper was tabled.

Next, Highway Superintendent Hart updated the Board on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:40 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to enter into executive session to discuss Court House security. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson.

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

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to remove all signs pertaining to firearms from all Cheyenne County buildings immediately. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Johnson. Further Sheriff Adam Frerichs and Deputy Sheriff Ron Kissler were directed to develop language for the new signage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Dated this 1st day of April 2024.

ABSENT

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Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

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Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

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Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

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Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk