

**CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
JUNE 6, 2022**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 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 and on the KSID Radio website, 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
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 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 May 16, 2022 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 137,569.24-Sa; Abacus Data Systems 436.46-Ex; Advanced Medical Imaging Consult 44.13-Se; Khalid Ahmad 70.00-Se; Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Gregory Bailey 515.75-In; Benzel Pest Ctl 430.00-Se; BC/BS 92,379.43-In; Bluffs Facility Solutions 94.76-Ex; Bob Barker 26.76-Ex; Bomgaars 134.97-Su; Robert M Brenner Law 343.00-Se; C-Weed Mgmnt 5,834.16-Se; CenturyLink Phoenix 42.99-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,459.50-Ut/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 9,518.67-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 10,307.86-Ta; Cheyenne Co Court 637.50-Se; Cheyenne Co Dist Court 322.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Sheriff 702.25-Se; Cheyenne Co Sheriff Imprest 30.00-Ex; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 5,655.56-Ut; Comfort Inn 589.75-Ex; Cranmore Pest Ctl 50.00-Se; Culligan 479.95-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 118.70-Su; Digital Ally 1,057.00-Su; E&S Auto Supply 552.56-Ex; Eakes 385.53-Su/Ex; Election Workers 7,974.73-Ex/Mi/Se; A Elliott Law 7,024.85-Se; Finneys 250.59-Ex/Su; First Call Commun 798.00-Se/Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 34.13-Ex; Gehrig Stitt Chapel & Cremation 1,500.00-Se; Hamilton Telecomm 194.50-Se; Hampton Inn Kearney 965.00-Ex; George & Lois Hart 538.81-Ex; Timothy Herrera 750.00-In; Hometown Leasing 1,618.27-Ex; Ideal Linen 250.38-Ex; Kevins Custom Electric 428.63-Se; Ron Kissler 125.00-Ut; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Lake Mac Assessment 6,800.00-Ex; Judy Larsen 10.00-Se; Matzke Mattoon Martens Strommen

4,741.98-Se; Mid American Research Chemical 703.08-Su; Miller Law Office 14,012.00-Se; MIPS 3,323.16-Se; NACO 1,622.17-Ex; NE Assn of Co Clerks 125.00-Ex; NE Safety & Fire Equip 149.00-Se; NebraskaLand Tire 196.29-Ex; Pepsi Cola 293.93-Ex; Premier Land Mgmt Serv 595.00-Se; Quadient Finance 300.00-Ex; Regional West Med Ctr 778.72-Se; Reynolds Korth & Samuelson 146.50-Se; Georgia Rogers 287.85-Mi/Ex; Paul Schaub 115.13-Mi; Schuh Rentals 135.00-Ex; Scotties Potties 100.00-Se; ScottsBluff Co Detention Ctr 1,290.00-Se; Security First Bank 948.28-Re; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Spectrum 363.64-Se; Greg Stevens 750.00-In; Sutton Home Gallery 1,859.98-Ex; Triple O's 2,319.67-Ex; Tyler Technologies 466.22-Ex; US Bank Assessor 1,169.74-Su/Ex; WiMacTel 66.00-Ex; Youngs P&H 784.20-Ex; 21st Century Equip 277.51-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 353,255.59.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 53,237.69-Sa; Black Hills Energy 833.56-Ut; BC/BS 33,260.64-In; CenturyLink 248.45-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,593.53-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,992.26-Ta; City of Sidney 660.23-Ut; Dan's Radiator 120.00-Ex; E&S Auto 889.01-Ex; Finneys 25.30-Ex; Floyds Truck Ctr 1,035.02-Ex; High West Energy 136.04-Ut; Ideal Linen 173.64-Su/Ex; Inland Truck Parts 28.32-Ex; Jebro Inc 102,763.46-Ex; Murphy Tractor 2,140.30-Ex; NE Machinery 16,741.63-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 1,537.28-Ex/Se; NT Building Supply & Rental 70.00-Ex; P&K Equip 18,095.00-Ex; Powerplan 1,036.13-Ex; Precision Truck & Trailer 17,000.00-Ex; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 102.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 16.80-Se; Sign Solutions 1,784.06-Ex; Verizon Wireless 93.60-Se; Village of Dalton 67.42-Ut; Village of Lodgepole 138.09-Ut; 21st Century Equip 1,149.36-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 260,968.82.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 728.32-Sa; Black Hills Energy 96.84-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 49.16-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 55.72-Ta; Lamar 777.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 11.04-Se; True West Publishing 980.00-Ex; US Bank 116.00-Ex; Viaero 100.13-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 2,914.21.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION

MIPS 325.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 325.00.

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City of Sidney 24,316.39-Ex; Dalton Volunteer Fire Dept 6,197.20-Ex; Pleasant View Cemetery 3,300.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 33,813.59.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 16,250.24-Sa; BC/BS 12,390.47-In; Ashley Boman 186.43-In; Abbagale Bush 96.42-Mi/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,096.91-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,210.28-Ta; Dalton Telephone 113.46-Ut; Rave Wireless 2,096.63-Ex; Sydney Rushman 132.33-Ex; Stratus Audio 50.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 33,623.17.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,665.27-Sa; Absolute Solutions 700.00-Ex; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 105.91-Ut; BC/BS 4,041.93-In; Chappell Register 5.52-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 314.91-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 336.91-Ta; City of Sidney 181.90-Ut; David

Dymak 85.41-Mi; Larry Engstrom 46.80-Mi; FirstNet 364.37-Se; Geopliant LLC 2,420.00-Ex; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; US Bank 335.98-Ut/Se/Ex; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.

TOTAL: \$ 15,004.91.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 699,905.29.

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.

Setting the dates for the valuation protest hearings was discussed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to set the dates as follows:

June 20, 2022	10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
July 5, 2022	10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
July 18, 2022	10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board reviewed a Cash-in-Lieu Plan as a benefit for County employees. This Plan offers a choice between the County Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance plan or receiving a cash stipend. The Plan is available to employees who are eligible for coverage through another source, such as spouse's employer, Medicare, Tricare or other group insurance. If you could have coverage through another source as described, other than an individual policy, the employee can waive the Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance coverage through the County. In return for waiving the coverage, the employee will receive a stipend in the amount of \$500.00 a month. This payment will be added to the employee's income and be reported on the W-2. This benefit is taxable income and is subject to tax withholdings and employment taxes. Once the employee is enrolled in the Cash-in-Lieu Plan, the employee must stay with the Plan until the next open enrollment period in June. In order to be eligible, the employee must be an elected official, full-time employee or a part-time employee working at least 20 hours a week. The stipend cannot be used to purchase individual health insurance. The \$15,000.00 life insurance policy included with the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan will be forfeited. After further discussion, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2022-9 approving the Cash-in-Lieu Plan effective July 1, 2022. 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.

Sarah Sinnett addressed the Board regarding the Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystem.

Veterans Service Officer (VSO) Fred Wiedeburg appeared regarding appointments to the Veterans Service Committee. VSO Wiedeburg requested that Kae Nelson be reappointed to the Committee with his term to be July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. The reappointment was approved by the Veterans Service Committee. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the reappointment of Kae Nelson to the Veterans Service Committee with his term to be from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Next, VSO Wiedeburg requested that Stephanie Disney be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ron Gusman. The Veterans Service Committee approved the appointment. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to appoint Stephanie Disney to fill the

unexpired term of Ron Gusman with the term to be from June 6, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

VSO Wiedeburg then spoke to the Board asking that the Cheyenne County Annex be renamed the Ron Gusman Memorial Building after Ron Gusman who was the previous Veterans Service Officer and who recently passed away. There was no action taken.

The Board discussed the reorganization of office space for County offices. Relocation of the VSO office, Sheriff offices and Extension office were the topic of the discussion. The Board stated further information was needed.

At 8:45 A.M., a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to recess the Board of Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Cheyenne County Assessor Melody Keller presented the 3-Year Plan of Assessment. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the 3-Year Plan of Assessment as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Next, Assessor Keller discussed a Tax List Correction for the Robert and Diana Goodwin Trust and Cheyenne County. On May 18, 2022, Cheyenne County purchased the property located at 1212 Jackson Street from the Goodwin Trust. Cheyenne County is an exempt entity; therefore, the valuation for the property needs to be removed from the tax rolls. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Johnson to approve the Tax List Correction and remove the property located at 1212 Jackson Street from the tax rolls. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None. Abstain: Miller.

Assessor Keller then presented a Tax List Correction for Susan Hiett and Darin Van Natter. There was a mobile home on the property. It was removed and because of a clerical error, the valuation was not removed from the tax rolls. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Tax List Correction as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Finally, Assessor Keller presented a Tax List Correction for Fort Sidney Land Development Group. An unimproved lot application was filed listing an additional parcel from past years. Because of a clerical error, two parcels were combined. The two parcels were in two different TIF projects which made the base values of both TIF projects incorrect. One parcel is in the 3rd Modification Prairie Winds TIF project and the other parcel is in the Prairie Winds TIF project. To correct the clerical error, it was necessary to do a Tax List Correction. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Tax List Correction as submitted. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

At 8:57 A.M., a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Tourism Director Kendra Mitchell discussed a Visitors Committee grant for Gold Rush Days in the amount of \$3,500.00. The Visitors Committee approved the grant in the amount of \$3,500.00. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the grant for Gold Rush Days in the amount of \$3,500.00. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Next, Director Mitchell discussed the By-Laws for the Visitors Committee. County Attorney Paul Schaub was directed to review the By-Laws.

Commissioner Sanders discussed the Visitors Committee grant application form. There was a question regarding whether or not the Visitors Committee logo should be on all promotional materials. Again, County Attorney Schaub was directed to research this matter.

Kendra discussed the list of Lodging Tax Licenses. It was her request that the Board send a letter to the Nebraska Department of Revenue for this information. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to request a list of the Lodging Tax Licenses from the Nebraska Department of Revenue. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent Doug Hart updated the Board on road activities.

Steve Olson from the public wanted to discuss with the Board an entrance to his field. The Board informed Mr. Olson that he would need to request to be placed on the Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

Dated this 6th day of June 2022.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk