

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

December 16, 2024

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, December 16, 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 December 12, 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
Lori Kennedy	Deputy County Clerk
Paul B. Schaub	Cheyenne 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: Miller, Johnson, Sanders. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the December 2, 2024, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes for the meeting as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Sanders, 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 114,274.38-Sa; Allo Commun 1,328.52-Se; Jamie Bright 198.32-Mi; CenturyLink 910.64-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,980.80-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,371.83-Ta; Cheyenne Co Court 1,027.50-Se; Cheyenne Co Dist Court 618.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Sheriff 725.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Treas 17,093.38-Ex; City of Sidney 3,957.68-Ut; Connecting Point 79.73-Ex; Crossroads Tech Serv 559.00-Se; Culligan 226.75-Su; DP Electronics 44.98-Se; E-470 Public Hwy Authority 33.10-Ex; Eakes 2,561.36-Su; Election Systems & Software 7,833.31-Se/Ex; Election Workers 400.00-Se; Eleven19 LLC 3,500.00-Ex; FirstNet 750.14-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 2,691.90-Ex; Garden Co Sheriff 1,600.00-Se; GoTo Commun 242.08-Ut; GreatAmerica Finan Serv 145.13-Ex; Hamilton 89.90-Se; Hometown Leasing 370.75-Ex; Linda Jeffers 20.44-Mi; Ron Kissler 153.47-Su; Level 3 Commun 314.36-Se; NebraskaLand Tire 904.21-Ex; Sara Nelson 104.86-Mi; Platte Valley Bank 70.00-Ex; Progressive Ag Foundation 75.00-Ex; Travis Rodak Law 920.00-Se; Royal Flush 200.00-Se; Sidney Public School 415.63-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 645.28-Se/Ex; Sonnys 3,446.70-Su; State of NE DAS 472.00-Se; Thomson Reuters 699.48-Ex; Time 59.07-Ex;

TransUnion 120.00-Ex; US Bank 184.98-Se/Ex; US Bank Atty 3,112.06-Ex/Se/Ut; US Bank Clerk 4,265.61-Ut; US Bank Dist Court 1,380.27-Ex/Su/Se; US Bank Sheriff 2,557.05-Ex/Su; US Bank Treasurer 41.00-Se; US Postal Service 352.00-Ex; Viaero 169.60-Se; WheatBelt PPD 56.72-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 56.16-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 2,160.58-Ut; Wilson Law 1,134.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 201,704.71.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 38,064.64-Sa; CenturyLink 273.04-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 93.72-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,485.02-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,815.51-Ta; E&S Auto 428.48-Ex/Su; Finneys 156.98-Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 11,617.94-Ex; High West Energy 129.24-Ut; Hometown Leasing 198.22-Ex; NE Machinery 1,053.80-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 1,082.06-Ex; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 102.00-Se; Spectrum 89.99-Se; US Bank 143.13-Ex; Verizon 349.70-Se; Village of Dalton 75.00-Ut; Village of Lodgepole 85.05-Ut; Village of Potter 112.71-Ut; Weyerts Electric 409.20-Ex; WheatBelt PPD 183.74-Ut; 21st Century 4,057.85-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 64,007.02.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,836.00-Sa; Allo 150.11-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 123.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 136.79-Ta; City of Sidney 226.68-Ut; Garvin L&C 200.00-Ex; Hometown Leasing 98.14-Ex; Maury or Diane Horst 200.00-Ex; Lamar 412.00-Ex; Maly Mktg 3,200.00-Ex; Larry McCaslin 200.00-Ex; Miles Partnership 5,000.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 50.00-Ex; St George Ranch 200.00-Ex; Nathaniel & Charity Terman 200.00-Ex; US Bank 1,982.22-Ex/Su; Nancy Wolff 200.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 14,415.87.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT

Sidney Sun Telegraph 750.00-Se; US Bank 2,506.22-Su.
TOTAL: \$ 3,256.22.

FAIR

Finneys 1,659.37-Su/Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 1,659.37.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

All Seasons Roofing & Restoration 144,500.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 144,500.00.

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Critter Sitter 250.00-Se; Rural Fire Dist #4 5,000.00-Ex; Sidney Vet Hospital 38.63-Ex; US Bank Sheriff 249.95-Se/Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 5,538.58.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 16,030.29-Sa; APCO Internatl 391.00-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,082.04-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,161.82-Ta; Heidi Gillespie 150.75-Mi; Ideal Linen 36.57-Su; Language Line Serv 5.31-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 15.27-Se; Spectrum 244.62-Se; US Bank 7,486.44-Su/Ex/Se.
TOTAL: \$ 26,604.11.

WIRELESS 911

Prepared 4,880.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 4,880.00.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,051.94-Sa; Bridgeport News Blade 3.73-Se; Chappell Register 4.09-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 273.51-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 277.09-Ta; E&S Auto 163.59-Ex; Finneys 249.19-Ex/Su; FirstNet 265.87-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 316.94-Ex; NE Assoc of Emergency Mgmt 350.00-Ex; Prairie States Commun 336.20-Se/Ex; Splish Splash Car Wash 12.00-Ex; State of NE DAS 22.00-Se; US Bank 529.57-Se/Su/Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 6,855.72.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 473,421.60.

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, Johnson, Sanders. Nay: None.

Correspondence was received from the Potter Fire & Rescue Department thanking the Commissioners for their support of the purchase of a new air compressor.

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

Resolution 2024-30 was reviewed by the Board regarding the reduction of the number of people with mental illness detained in the County jail. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to table consideration for approval or denial of the Resolution until the January 6th meeting to allow the County Attorney time to review the proposed Resolution. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Joe McCarn, Director of the Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board requesting a waiver of the fee for rental of tables and chairs at the Fairgrounds for the annual Chamber Banquet. Discussion was had and a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to waive the chair and table rental fee for this event. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Paul Schaub, Cheyenne County Attorney, submitted to the Board his resignation from the position as the Cheyenne County Attorney and stated that his last day would be January 5, 2025. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to accept the resignation of Paul Schaub as the Cheyenne County Attorney. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Attorney Schaub then discussed the procedure to follow in appointing an interim County Attorney and then a successor County Attorney to finish out the elected term. The interim County Attorney would begin on January 6, 2025 for a period of approximately 45 days. Advertising for the position will begin immediately.

At 8:25 AM, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment of an interim County Attorney. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 9:00 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 made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to appoint Amber Horn as interim County Attorney commencing January 6, 2025. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Attorney Schaub then presented to the Board two separate Contracts for Cheyenne County Deputy County Attorney Services.

The first Contract is between Cheyenne County and David L. Wilson for the period of January 6, 2025, through January 17, 2025 in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the term of the Contract. Upon review and consideration, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Contract as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

The second Contract is between Cheyenne County and Travis R. Rodak and is a continuation of the present Contract that will be concluding on February 1, 2025. The new Contract extends the term of the Contract to May 1, 2025 for the monthly fee of \$7,000.00. Upon review and consideration, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to table this matter to the January 6th meeting. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders directing the County Clerk to begin advertising for the position of successor County Attorney. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Jamie Bright, Extension Educator for Cheyenne County, appeared and notified the Board of the resignation of Lynn Holbrook as a member of the Cheyenne County Extension Board. She requested guidance on advertising for a replacement and was advised to advertise via classified ads as has been done in the past.

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

Kendra Mitchell, Cheyenne County Tourism Director, appeared with a comment from the public. She updated the Board on the "All is Bright" Christmas Tour.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2024.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Lori Kennedy, Deputy Cheyenne County Clerk