

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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 August 17, 2023, 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 August 21, 2023 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 109,452.61-Sa; Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Benzel Pest Ctl 106.43-Se; Best P&H 1,199.99-Se/Ex; Black Hills Energy 1,456.22-Ut; BC/BS 91,449.56-In; Bluffs Facility Solutions 449.94-Su; Box Butte Co Sheriff 18.50-Se; C-Weed Mgmt 5,398.09-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,739.86-Se/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 7,470.26-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,019.75-Ta; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 6,076.28-Ut; Consolidated Mgmt Co 75.75-Ex; Coyote Caller 16.00-Ex; Cranmore Pest Control 55.00-Se; Crossroads Coop Tech Serv 75.00-Se; Audrey Elliott Law 7,165.35-Se; Fair Law Office 630.00-Se; Beth Fiegenschuh 122.39-Su; Hamilton Telephone Co 89.90-Se; Lois Hart 538.81-Ex; Hometown Leasing 1,693.72-Ex; Ideal Linen 130.19-Su; Ron Kissler 141.11-Se/Su; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Shannon Kurz 8.56-Ex; Miller Law Office 14,432.00-Se; MIPS 3,430.27-Se; Motel 6 66.99-Ex; NCSEA 90.00-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 171.76-Ex; NT Building Sup 306.00-Ex; Panhandle Auto Group 67.61-Ex; Pepsi Cola 74.99-Ex; Regional West Med Ctr 2,140.60-Se; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Se; Schuh Rental 135.00-Ex; Security First Bk 1,050.77-Re; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se;

Spectrum 387.15-Se; Triple O's 79.28-Su; Verizon 80.02-Se; Jared Weber 1,177.36-Ex; Western Pathology 1,000.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 283,653.24.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 36,682.71-Sa; BC/BS 35,615.22-In; Bomgaars 544.68-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,425.48-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,675.47-Ta; Phil Childers 31.00-Se; City of Sidney 788.53-Ut; E&S 694.74-Ex; Eakes 142.77-Su; Finneys 99.92-Ex; Floyds Truck Center 1,052.93-Ex; Ideal Linen 97.86-Su; Michael Todd & Co 607.19-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 3,638.76-Ex; Nextran Truck Ctr 135.44-Ex; Roods Tire Center 553.80-Ex; Spectrum 89.99-Se; Timberline Fasteners 170.58-Ex; Verizon 327.80-Se; Verizon 93.53-Se; Village of Dalton 66.76-Ut; 21st Century 1,343.05-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 87,878.21.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,782.40-Sa; Black Hills Energy 41.93-Ut; BC/BS 2,411.51-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 120.31-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 132.68-Ta; Flagship Publishing 651.00-Ex; Kendra Mitchell 75.33-Mi; Sidney Sun Telegraph 13.29-Se; True West Publishing 980.00-Ex; Viaero 102.27-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 6,310.72.

FAIR

Allo Commun 420.67-Se; Chappell Lions Club 750.00-Ex; Ryan Filsinger 324.90-Se; Potter Dix Football 500.00-Se; Sidney Athletic Club 500.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 7.79-Su; Sonnys 156.70-Ex; Toys for Tots 500.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 3,160.06.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION

MIPS 339.55-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 339.55.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 13,910.80-Sa; BC/BS 12,824.79-In; Ashley Boman 36.94-In; CenturyLink 651.34-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 937.75-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,008.02-Ta; DAS State Acctg 448.00-Se; Frontier 68.38-Ex; Nichole Helms 36.03-Mi; Spectrum 235.94-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 30,157.99.

WIRELESS 911

Hamilton Information 497.33-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 497.33.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 3,968.60-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 38.99-Ut; BC/BS 4,519.30-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 267.88-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 271.40-Ta; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 275.00-Se; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 10,741.17.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 422,738.27.

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.

The Board reviewed an Engagement Letter from Dana Cole & Company covering the Cheyenne County audit of financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Engagement letter for the Cheyenne County audit of financial statements. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board examined Resolution 2023-28 proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week and September 17, 2023 as Constitution Day. Glenda Condon was present for the Proclamation. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2023-28 proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2023 as Constitution Week and September 17, 2023 as Constitution Day. 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.

Sally Harris appeared before the Board and requested a Special Designated Liquor License be issued for the annual Oktoberfest festival to be held October 6th, 7th and 8th. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the issuance of the Special Designated Liquor License as above requested. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

John Fahey, operator of the Cheyenne County Keno, addressed the Board regarding the requirement that all checks written have 2 signatures. Mr. Fahey requested that only one signature be required. After a discussion, the Board decided to postpone a decision until after the keno audit had been completed and inquire of the auditor if this requirement was necessary. Next, Mr. Fahey requested that his daughter, Christine Bachert, be added as an additional operator to the Agreement. The Board directed County Attorney Schaub to research this matter.

At 8:25 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: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Cheyenne County Assessor Jordan Hajek presented a Tax List Correction for tax year 2021 regarding the settlement of The Money Express Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) Case No. 21R 0042. The taxpayer accepted the confession of judgment changing the value from \$545,323 to \$392,048. TERC has signed off on the new value. 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.

At 8:27 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: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent Doug Hart, presented an Agreement between Cheyenne County and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for the Statewide Stop Sign Program or local safety project for funding with Federal-aid funds. The project is for the purchase and installation of the STOP sign devices. Cheyenne County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement. After a review of the Agreement and Resolution 2023-26, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2023-26 approving the Agreement as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Nebraska Statutes require an Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards be filed in order to receive the Highway Allocation funds. This Certification ensures that the Highway Superintendent has complied with the requirements of the Board of Classifications and Standards. The Board reviewed Resolution 2023-27 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2023-27 and the Annual Certification of Program Compliance as reviewed. 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.

Superintendent Hart then updated the Board on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:45 A.M., the meeting was recessed until 1:00 P.M.

At 1:00 P.M., the Board of Commissioners reconvened with all members present.

At 1:00 P.M., Chairman Johnson declared the public hearing open for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2023-2024 budget. Budget Making Authority Jeff Jung was present. Jung reviewed the budget documents.

There were no comments from the public.

At 1:13 P.M., Chairman Johnson declared the public hearing closed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 1:13 P.M.

Dated this 5th day of September 2023.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk