

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

September 16, 2024

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, September 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 September 12, 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.

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	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: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the September 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes of the meeting 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 114,096.67-Sa; ACCS Inc 1,297.54-Se; Allo Commun 1,312.00-Se; Jamie Bright 347.06-Mi; CenturyLink 6.80-Ut; CenturyLink 1,084.58-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 231.06-Su/Ex/Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,013.70-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,352.81-Ta; Cheyenne Co Court 1,336.93-Se; Cheyenne Co District Court 870.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Sheriff 1,047.50-Se; Cheyenne Co Treasurer 19,318.22-Ex; City of Sidney 5,023.96-Ut; Connecting Point 78.23-Ex; Crowne Plaza 899.70-Ex; Culligan 449.15-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 59.60-Su; Dept of Revenue Property Assessment 540.00-Ex; Douglas Kelly Ostdiek etal 95.00-Se; DP Electronics 44.98-Se; E&S Auto Sup 29.69-Ex; Eakes 4,753.57-Su; Finneys 42.33-Su; FirstNet 797.14-Se; Five Nines Tech 6,744.88-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 3,709.89-Ex; Garden Co Sheriff 1,150.00-Se; Gordons Body Shop 3,224.00-Se/Ex; Hamilton 89.90-Se; Hometown Leasing 171.20-Ex; Huber & Assoc 2,940.00-Ex; Ideal Linen 135.41-Su; Linda Jeffers 564.04-Mi/Ex; Gary Krajewski 4,889.84-Se; Level 3 Commun 314.36-Se; Logan Co Sheriff 30.00-Se; MIPS 3,419.30-Se; National Domains 380.00-Ex;

Northeast NE Juvenile Serv 686.25-Se; Nossaman Petitt Law Firm 198.25-Se; Office Service Inc 696.99-Su/Ex; Panhandle Auto Group 162.00-Ex; PPHD 150.00-Ex; Readers Digest 20.00-Ex; Regional West Garden Co 170.00-Se; Ricks Towing 154.00-Se; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 1,555.44-Se/Ex; Sonnys 3,728.95-Su; Splish Splash Car Wash 61.02-Ex; Thomson Reuters 699.48-Ex; TransUnion 240.00-Su; UNL 4H ShoWorks 499.50-Ex; US Bank Atty 5,471.39-Ex/Ut/Se; US Bank B&G 365.54-Su/Ex; US Bank Dist Court 134.26-Ex/Su; US Bank Sheriff 1,556.23-Ex/Su; Verizon Wireless 80.02-Se; Westfield Pharmacy 1,003.26-Se; WheatBelt PPD 56.92-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 56.16-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 1,892.79-Ut.
TOTAL: \$ 217,629.49.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 38,206.38-Sa; CenturyLink 269.56-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,511.46-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,809.58-Ta; Contractors Materials 104.80-Ex; Country Printer 95.00-Su; Deaver Tire 101.43-Ex; E&S Auto 669.77-Ex/Su; Eakes 56.00-Su; Floyds Truck Ctr 20.01-Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 43,468.90-Ex; John Hajek 890.62-In; High West Energy 86.62-Ut; Hometown Leasing 198.22-Ex; NE Machinery 37,960.22-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 598.63-Ex; Powerplan 2,292.47-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 50.00-Ex; Colleen Terman 78.13-Mi; Verizon 349.70-Se; Verizon 93.68-Se; Village of Lodgepole 125.06-Ut; Village of Potter 112.71-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 120.76-Ut; 21st Century 2,851.74-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 134,121.45.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,836.00-Sa; Allo 145.11-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 123.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 136.79-Ta; City of Sidney 393.98-Ut; Flood Commun 1,900.00-Se; Lamar 412.00-Ex; Maly Mktg 3,200.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 13.84-Se; US Bank 2,621.42-Ex/Su/Se.
TOTAL: \$ 10,783.07.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT

US Bank 83.82-Su.
TOTAL: \$ 83.82.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION

Bear Graphics 4,178.31-Su; MIPS 343.00-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 4,521.31.

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Critter Sitter 250.00-Se; Sidney Veterinary Hospital 43.63-Ex; US Bank Sheriff 249.10-Su/Ex; Western Drug 18.25-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 560.98.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 15,762.19-Sa; CenturyLink 86.35-Ut; CenturyLink 10.50-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 755.89-Ex/Su; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,063.94-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,141.32-Ta; Hamilton Info Syst 24.03-Se; Ideal Linen 36.57-Ex; Lingo Commun 408.01-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 14.80-Se; Spectrum 244.62-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 19,548.22

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,051.94-Sa; Cheyenne Co Clerk 273.51-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 277.09-Ta; E&S Inc 14.17-Ex; Finneys 305.52-Su/Ex; FirstNet 525.85-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 351.65-Ex; NKC Tire 27.50-Ex; Splish Splash Car Wash 122.00-Ex; US Bank 1,692.22-Se/Su;Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 7,641.45.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 394,889.79.

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 August for the Clerk, Treasurer, Clerk of the District Court and Highway Superintendent and for the month of July for the Sheriff. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Reports as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Next, Cheyenne County Treasurer Shelley Bowlin submitted Resolution 2024-17 directing the Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates in the name of Cheyenne County on those parcels on which there are two years delinquent real estate taxes. The Board reviewed the documentation. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2024-17 as above stated. 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.

The Board reviewed and considered approval of Resolution 2024-18 directing Cheyenne County Attorney Paul Schaub to institute foreclosure action on the liens on all taxes delinquent on all real estate within Cheyenne County, Nebraska, which have been advertised and offered for sale and remain unsold for want of bidders and were sold to Cheyenne County. Further, Treasurer Bowlin is directed to issue Treasurer's Certificates of Tax Sale in favor of Cheyenne County on all parcels of real estate offered for sale for less than three consecutive years and were not sold for want of bidders. The Board reviewed the listed property. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2024-18 as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Cheyenne County Tourism Director Kendra Mitchell submitted an application for an improvement grant for the Living Memorial Gardens in the amount of \$8,000.00 for concrete at the Gardens. The total bid for the concrete is \$26,300.00 and there will also be matching funds for the project. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the improvement grant in the amount of \$8,000.00. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Director Mitchell presented a letter of resignation from Judy Harris who has resigned from the Visitors Committee. Mrs. Harris has been a long-time member of the Committee and has devoted many hours of volunteer work to the community. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to accept the resignation. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

The Board once again discussed the use of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. It was the decision of the Board to solicit bids for the addition to the Sheriff's evidence building and fencing around the building.

The Board completed the quarterly jail inspection.

Cheyenne County Paul Schaub discussed with the Board the possibility of opening a road accessing the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 16 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska. Highway Superintendent Skylar Saucedo and Reg and Mary Kay Warner were present. Mary Kay Warner is the owner of the property. There is no way to get equipment onto the property without driving on the neighbor's property. There is also a row of trees currently next to the property which would preclude the property from becoming an open road. The Board suggested that the neighbors work together regarding the use of the property and also shut off irrigation end gates.

County Attorney Schaub then discussed an application for general assistance for a County burial for Darla Miller. Schaub stated that all of the requirements set in the guidelines have been met and recommended approval of the request. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the payment of \$1,500.00 to Goes Funeral Care. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

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

Randy Mathewson appeared to discuss the County roads and weeds.

There were no comments from the public.

At 9:15 A.M., Chairman Johnson declared the public hearing open to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2024-2025 Cheyenne County budget.

Comments were heard.

At 9:25 A.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 9:25 A.M.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk