

# CHEYENNE COUNTY COMMISSISONERS

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners held an open and public meeting on Thursday, September 19, 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 September 12, 2024, posted on the bulletin board in the County Court House and posted 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

Also present was Jeff Jung, Budget Making Authority.

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.

Next discussed was the approval of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 as evidenced by the budget document. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2024-19 approving the 2024-2025 Cheyenne County budget. 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 discussed increasing the 2024-2025 restricted funds revenues by an additional one percent. Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-519 provides that no government unit shall adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last prior year's total budgeted restricted funds plus allowable growth and plus the basic allowable growth percentage of the base limitation. The base limitation established under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 77-3446 is two and one-half percent. The governmental unit may exceed the limit provided for the fiscal year by up to an additional one percent, based on the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the governing body. After a discussion, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2024-20 approving an additional one percent increase to the base amount for restricted funds authority for a total increase of three and one-half percent in the restricted funds authority for fiscal year 2024-2025. 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.

The Board discussed setting the 2024-2025 Cheyenne County tax levy at \$.4065 per \$100 of actual valuation which is different than the 2023-2024 Cheyenne County tax levy. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.409621 per \$100 of assessed value. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Cheyenne County decreased by 4.06% from the prior year's budget. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2024-21 setting the 2024-2025 Cheyenne County tax levy at \$.4065. 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.

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 A.M.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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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, County Clerk