

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

November 18, 2024

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, November 18, 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 November 14, 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
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 Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders.

The Minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the Minutes of the meeting as written. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders.

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 115,888.86-Sa; Allo 1,328.28-Se; Chelsey Bartling 668.30-In; Brenda Blanke 1,048.83-In; Shelley Bowlin 113.05-Ex; Jamie Bright 247.90-Mi; Campbell Drug 169.48-Se; CenturyLink 584.65-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 6,725.98-Su/Se/Ut/In/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,165.20-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 8,484.36-Ta; Cheyenne Co Court 1,063.50-Se; Cheyenne Co District Court 1,067.00-Se; Cheyenne Co Sheriff 549.50-Se; Cheyenne Co Treasurer 20,722.96-Ex; City of Sidney 4,191.34-Ut; Connecting Point 70.05-Ex; Crossroads Coop Tech Serv 1,456.00-Se; Culligan 1,067.70-Su; CVSOAN 100.00-Ex; Darins Auto Repair 300.00-Se; Dash Med Gloves 59.60-Su; DP Electronics 94.96-Se; Eakes 378.07-Su; Election Workers 8,434.70-Ex/Se/Mi; A Elliott Law 4,068.10-Se; Beth Fiegenschuh 73.14-Su/Mi; Finneys 79.22-Su/Ex; First Call Commun 427.50-Se; FirstNet 1,499.84-Se; Five Nines Tech 6,399.60-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 3,321.92-Ex; GreatAmerica Finan Serv 117.18-Ex; Hamilton Telecommun 89.90-Se; High West Energy 45.52-Ut; Hometown Leasing 370.75-Ex; Huber & Assoc 565.00-Ex; Ideal Linen 135.41-Su; Linda Jeffers 220.05-Mi; Jurors 984.74-Ex; Shannon Kurz 85.11-Ex; Level 3 Commun 314.36-Se; LifeSmiles 353.00-Se; Midwest Special Services 403.30-Mi; NACO 1,663.94-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 64.78-Ex; Sara Nelson 409.66-Mi/Ex; Nossaman Petit Law

122.25-Se; Office Service 10.80-Su; Plummer Ins 40.00-Ex; ProSource Specialties 650.00-Su; Georgia Rogers 259.96-Mi; ScottsBluff Co Detention 4,140.00-Se; Secretary of State 20.00-Su; Sidney Sun Telegraph 1,905.61-Se; Sonclear 395.00-Se; Sonnys 4,607.02-Su; Splish Splash Car Wash 53.40-Ex; Thompson Reuters 723.48-Ex; US Bank Atty 6,636.43-Se/Ex/Ut; US Bank Treasurer 34.72-Se; Western Drug 113.33-Se; Westfield Pharmacy 976.09-Se; WheatBelt PPD 56.72-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 56.16-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 2,874.24-Ut; Fred Wiedeberg 24.12-Mi; Mindy Wiegand 477.71-Mi; Denise Wieser 24.79-Mi; David Wilson 880.00-Se; Witness Fees 290.78-Mi.
TOTAL: \$ 230,044.90.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 36,471.80-Sa; B&C Steel Corp 220.75-Ex; CenturyLink 276.32-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 120.77-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,326.88-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2,697.32-Ta; E&S Auto 161.90-Ex; Eakes 282.98-Su; Finneys 618.04-Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop 26,515.25-Ex; High West Energy 72.36-Ut; Hometown Leasing 198.22-Ex; Interstate Battery 235.95-Ex; NE Machinery 3,127.93-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 3,926.05-Ex; Spectrum 89.99-Se; Timberline Fasteners 167.09-Ex; Triple O's 189.00-Ex; US Bank 393.35-Ex; Verizon 349.70-Se; Village of Dalton 75.00-Ut; Village of Lodgepole 128.40-Ut; Village of Potter 112.71-Ut; WheatBelt PPD 141.46-Ut; 21st Century Equip 1,631.71-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 80,530.93.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,836.00-Sa; Allo 150.11-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,915.47-Ex/Su; Cheyenne Co Clerk 123.93-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 136.79-Ta; City of Sidney 345.66-Ut; Lamar 412.00-Ex; Maly Mktg 3,200.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 13.84-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 8,133.80.

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT

Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,684.19-Su; Finneys 141.05-Su.
TOTAL: \$ 1,825.24.

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Cheyenne Co Clerk 139.91-Ex; Critter Sitter 250.00-Se; Lodgepole Depot Museum 2,000.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 2,389.91.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 14,153.25-Sa; CenturyLink 147.70-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 955.34-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,018.22-Ta; Dalton Telephone 114.39-Se; FirstNet 617.12-Se; Hamilton Info Syst 204.03-Se; Ideal Linen 73.14-Su; Language Line Serv 11.80-Se; Spectrum 244.62-Se.
TOTAL: \$ 17,539.61

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,051.94-Sa; Chappell Register 8.59-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 314.71-Ut/Su/Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 273.51-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 277.09-Ta; E&S Inc 261.72-Ex; Finneys 87.31-Su; FirstNet 265.87-Se; Frenchman Valley Coop 391.53-Ex; Garden Co News 10.50-Se; Ron Leal 1,100.00-In; Prairie States Commun 575.60-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 6.68-Se; Splish Splash Car Wash 60.00-Ex.
TOTAL: \$ 7,685.05.

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 348,149.44.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve and pay all claims as stated above. Delinquent taxes were deducted where owing. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Johnson, Nay: None. Absent: Sanders.

There was no correspondence to review.

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

Joe McCarn, Cheyenne County Chamber Director, spoke with the Board considering a Resolution declaring November 23, 2024 through December 15, 2024 Shop Cheyenne County NE Days as a special holiday shopping event. Throughout Shop Cheyenne County NE Days, all residents and visitors are encouraged to shop locally, explore our unique stores and enjoy the holiday spirit that makes Cheyenne County such a special place to live, work and visit. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 2024-28 declaring November 23, 2024 through December 15, 2024 Shop Cheyenne County NE Days. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

At 8:15 A.M., sealed bids were opened for the repair of the roof on the Court House building. The bids were as follows:

<u>COMPANY NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
All Seasons Roofing and Restoration	\$438,000.00
Twin City Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.	\$421,640.00
Prairie View Roofing, LLC	\$321,600.00

After a review of the bids, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to table the awarding of the bid until the December 2, 2024 meeting to allow Cheyenne County Building and Grounds Superintendent Tom Payne time to research each bid. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Johnson. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders.

Cheyenne County Treasurer Shelley Bowlin delivered the Distress Warrant report. There were 96 Distress Warrants turned over to Sheriff Adam Frerichs on October 30, 2024 in the total amount of \$18,507.86. As of November 15, 2024, 28 Distress Warrants have been paid in the amount of \$5,406.10 with 68 Distress Warrants to be collected in the amount of \$13,101.76.

At 8:40 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to recess the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization.

Cheyenne County Assessor Jordan Hajek presented a Tax List Correction for tax year 2023 regarding property owned by Mahadev LLC, Lot 3A S/D of Lot 3, Block 1, Amended Plat, Arby's Addition to Sidney. There was an Agreement to settle this case and reduce the actual valuation from \$1,793,390 to \$1,494,892 in TERC case 23C 0044. This agreement was approved by TERC. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to approve the Tax List Correction as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders.

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

At 9:00 A.M., the meeting was recessed to the Cheyenne County District Courtroom to attend County Government Day.

At 9:20 A.M., the meeting was reconvened in the Commissioners Meeting Room with Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Miller in attendance.

Kendra Mitchell, Cheyenne County Tourism Director, updated the Board on the All is Brite Christmas Tour event. The event has been expanded from last years' event. Tourism Director Mitchell is applying for a \$10,000 State grant to assist in marketing.

The Board reviewed the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024 for Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2024. The Certification was from January 1, 2024 to July 5, 2024 for former Highway Superintendent Douglas Hart and from July 5, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for Highway Superintendent Skyler Saucedo. Also, the Board reviewed Resolution 2024-29 authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution 2024-29 as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Absent: Sanders. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

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

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Dated this 18th day of November 2024.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

ABSENT

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Beth E. Fiegenschuh, Cheyenne County Clerk