

# CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSISONERS AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

## SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 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, aired on KSID 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

Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnson announced a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted 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 meeting of August 15, 2022 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 139,252.13-Sa; Abacus Data Systems 436.46-Ex; Advanced Med Imaging Consultants 26.39-Se; Stacy Bach 5,000.00-Se; Tracey Bartling 1,109.12-In; Benzel Pest Ctl 96.75-Se; Best Plumbing H&C 323.07-Ex; Black Hills Energy 1,295.45-Ut; BC/BS 95,869.70-In; Blue Line Embroidery 393.30-Ex; Bluffs Facility Solut 1,401.23-Su; Bomgaars 202.96-Ex; Robert Brenner Law Office 975.10-Se; CWeed Mgmnt 5,253.84-Se; CenturyLink Phoenix 805.93-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 602.55-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 9,599.33-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 10,271.21-Ta; City of Sidney 7,500.00-Ex; City of Sidney 1,666.67-Ex; City of Sidney 3,896.86-Ut; Aaron Conn 94.50-Se; Consolidated Mgmnt Co 34.70-Ex; Coyote Caller 16.00-Ex; Cranmore Pest Ctl 55.00-Se; Digital Ally 215.00-Ex; Rebecca Doby 2,804.24-Se; DP Electronics 199.99-Se; Eakes 371.31-Su; A Elliott Law 7,024.85-Se; Law Office of Steven Elmshaeuser LLC 49.00-Se; Fair Law Office 2,191.00-Se; Beth Fiegenschuh 1,100.00-In; Frenchman Valley Coop 537.04-Ex; Garden Co Sheriff 2,050.00-Se; Hamilton Telephone Co 89.90-Se; George & Lois Hart 538.81-Ex; Robert Harvoy 1,639.89-Se; Holyoke Snyder Longoria etal 285.50-Se; Hometown Leasing 1,654.20-Ex; Ideal Linen 125.19-Ex; Interstate Battery 114.95-Ex; Justice Data Solutions

2,800.00-Ex; Lori Kennedy 723.61-In; Kevins Custom Electric 296.20-Se; Ron Kissler 125.00-Se; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Lincoln Co Detention Ctr 1,045.00-Se; Melchior Contracting 5,319.34-Ex; Mid America Research Chemical 631.86-Su; Miller Law Office 14,012.00-Se; MIPS 3,308.02-Se; NACO 300.00-Ex; Lynn Namuth 49.99-Su; NE Law Enforcement Training Ctr 75.00-Ex; NE Public Health Environmental Lab 105.00-Se; NE Fire Sprinkler 415.00-Se; NE Safety & Fire Equip 150.00-Se; NebraskaLand Tire 1,034.33-Se/Ex; Panhandle Auto Group 79.99-Ex; Pell Reporting 45.00-Se; Pepsi Cola 96.42-Ex; Premier Land Mgmt Serv 945.00-Se; Radar Shop 400.00-Se; Randys Auto Care 73.02-Se/Ex; Regional West Med Ctr 814.55-Se; Regional West Med Ctr 1,582.00-Se; Regional West Physicians Clinic 105.84-Se; Schuh Rentals 135.00-Ex; ScottsBluff Co Detention Ctr 6,792.98-Se; Security First Bank 948.28-Re; Sidney Glass 50.00-Se; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 1,100.00-Se; Spectrum 746.04-Se; State of NE DAS 329.52-Se; Jonathon Stellar 1,155.00-Se; Thomson Reuters 16.05-Ex; US Bank B&G 3,021.81-Ex/Su; Verizon 278.52-Se; Viaero 544.48-Se; Sheila Von Seggern 255.43-In; Western Cartographers 740.00-Ex; Mindy Wiegand 841.57-In; WiMacTel 66.00-Ex; Youngs P&H 603.30-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 359,342.77.

#### **ROAD FUND**

Employee Payroll 45,604.73-Sa; Black Hills Energy 239.11-Ut; BC/BS 30,760.84-In; Bomgaars 29.99-Su; CenturyLink 257.76-Ut; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,061.46-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 3,373.24-Ta; City of Sidney 815.50-Ut; Cornhusker Internatl Trucks 940.09-Ex; E&S Auto 598.74-Ex; Eakes 71.71-Su; Equipment Blades Inc 1,814.00-Ex; Finneys 136.79-Ex; Ideal Linen 141.06-Su; Inland Truck Parts & Serv 1,454.79-Ex; Matheson Tri State Gas 303.01-Ex; NACO 150.00-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 1,242.95-Se/Ex; NT Building Supply 5.97-Ex; Powerplan 8,766.19-Ex; Sidney Regional Med Ctr 30.00-Se; Verizon 388.56-Se; Verizon 93.70-Se; Village of Dalton 66.76-Ut; 21<sup>st</sup> Century 2,744.29.  
TOTAL: \$ 103,091.24.

#### **VISITORS FUND**

Employee Payroll 2,595.60-Sa; Black Hills Energy 37.65-Ut; BC/BS 2,317.37-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 175.20-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 194.89-Ta; Eakes 153.08-Su; Flagship Publishing 600.00-Ex.  
TOTAL: \$ 6,073.79.

#### **FAIR**

Clever Tees 162.47-Ex; Dickey & Assoc 1,163.50-Ex.  
TOTAL: \$ 1,325.97.

#### **PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION**

MIPS 332.82-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 332.82.

#### **E911 FUND**

Employee Payroll 14,175.53-Sa; AT&T 325.88-Se; BC/BS 13,354.92-In; CenturyLink 1,216.42-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 956.85-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1,032.33-Ta; Culligan 29.95-Su; DAS State Acctg 448.00-Se; Frontier Commun 34.19-Se; Heidi Gillespie 385.63-Mi; Lingo Commun 322.87-Ut.  
TOTAL: \$ 32,282.57.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,665.27-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 35.02-Ut; BC/BS 4,342.87-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 314.91-Re; Cheyenne Co Clerk 326.59-Ta; City of Sidney 209.53-Ut; Evelyn Flessner 2,395.35-Mi/Ex/In; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Roods Tire Ctr 570.89-Ex; State of NE DAS 22.00-Se; Sutton Home Gallery 599.96-Ex; Synch/Amazon 1,071.44-Su/Ex; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.  
TOTAL: \$ 15,953.83.

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 518,402.99.**

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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.

Pursuant to LB 644, if a political subdivision intends to adopt a 2022 property tax request which exceeds the Property Tax Request Act's allowable growth percentage, the political subdivision will be required to participate in a joint public hearing and postcard notification requirements of the Property Tax Request Act. Accordingly, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to appoint Jeff Jung as the designee to manage the required joint public hearing. The joint public hearing will be held September 26, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., in the County Commissioners room in the Court House. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board next discussed an Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services to Cheyenne County, Nebraska. The Agreement was between Cheyenne County and WJE Consulting LLC. The Agreement allows the company to prepare a cost allocation plan to determine allowable costs incurred by the County to support and administer Federal and State programs. The plan and indirect cost rates as computed will be all inclusive for claiming indirect costs for all County grants including IV-D claiming. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Sally Harris representing the Oktoberfest Committee appeared to request a Special Designated Liquor License for the annual Oktoberfest celebration to be held September 30, October 1 and 2, 2022 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the issuance of the Special Designated Liquor License as requested. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Ron Leal, Emergency Manager, appeared regarding a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Siren Project Application. This Application concerned the siren project in Lorenzo and Brownson. The proposed cost of the project is \$50,351.94. The County is responsible for \$5,035.19 of the project and the Federal share is \$45,316.75. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Grant Application. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

At 8:15 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to enter into executive session to discuss Court House security. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. Present in executive session were Sheriff Adam Frerichs, Deputy Sheriff Ron Kissler, Dave Porter and Clerk Beth Fiegenschuh.

At 8:50 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Regina Narjes updated the Board on Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce activities.

County Treasurer Shelley Bowlin and County Sheriff Adam Frerichs reported on the returned Distress Warrants. There were 94 warrants issued in the amount of \$40,556.15. There were 79 collected in the amount of \$35,906.94. Next, Treasurer Bowlin reviewed with the Board a list of taxes on personal property and improvements on leased land which are eligible to be stricken but not forgiven. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Distress Warrants report as presented and further to strike the taxes included on the list of taxes on personal property and improvements on leased land eligible to be stricken but not forgiven. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the List of taxes on personal property and improvements on leased land eligible to be stricken but not forgiven as approved is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Treasurer Bowlin then submitted Resolution 2022-17 directing the Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates in the name of Cheyenne County on those parcels on which there are 2 years delinquent real estate taxes. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2022-17 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 quarterly jail inspection was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent Doug Hart presented 2 proposed Seismic Permits and Damage Agreements from Golden Triangle Land Services, Inc. After a review of the Agreements, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Agreements. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Highway Superintendent Hart then updated the Board on road activities.

At 9:30 A.M., Chairman Johnson declared the Budget Hearing open.

Public comments were heard.

At 10:35 A.M., Chairman Johnson declared the Budget Hearing closed.

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Dated this 6th day of September 2022.

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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, Cheyenne County Clerk