

# CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**December 15, 2025**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, December 15, 2025, in the 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 December 11, 2025, 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, transmitted to each Commissioner and kept current and available to the public at the Office of the County Clerk. Chairman Darrell 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 Fiegenschuh	County Clerk
Amber Horn	County Attorney

Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Johnson announced a copy of the current Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

The current Agenda has been reviewed. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the current Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the December 1, 2025, meeting have been 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 121,875.65-Sa; Allo Comm.1340.52-Se; Axon Ent. 3596.08-Su; Benzel Pest Control 117.07-Se; Bob Barker Co.76.91-Su; Bomgaars 40.98-Su; Jamie Bright 155.40-Mi; C-Weed Mgmnt 2536.00-Se; Cheyenne County Clerk PC 961.97-Ut, 4901.69-Su, 1325.97-Sa; Cheyenne County Clerk 8631.61-Re, 8839.40-Ta; Cheyenne County Court 500.50-Ex; Cheyenne County District Court 554.00-Ex; Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office 325.50-Ex; Cheyenne County Treasurer 19,820.76-Ex; City of Sidney 3980.58-Ut; Connecting Point 76.19-Ex; Culligan 275.61-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 71.50-Su; Dawson County Sheriff's Office 30.60-Ex; Douglas, Kelly, et al 182.00-Se; DP Electronics 19.99-Se; E&S Auto 119.79-Ex; Eakes Office Solutions 1918.92-Su; Ellison, Kovarik et al 50.00-Se; Finneys 698.54-Su; Five Nines Tech 12,131.16-Se; Frenchman Valley Co-op 2884.01-Ex; Garden County Sheriff's Office 1100.00-Ex; Gehrig-Stitt Chappell 80.00-Su; GoTo Comms 1865.15-Se; GreatAmerica Financial 101.12-Ex; Hamilton Telecommunications 89.90-Se; Hometown Leasing 383.76-Ex; Amber Horn 304.64-Mi; Huber & Assocs. 582.00-Su; Kimball County Sheriff's Office 37.00-Ex; Midwest Special Services 634.55-Ex; Miller Law Office 1702.97-Ex; Kali Miller 603.76-Ex; MIPS 3667.33-Se; Morrill County Sheriff's Office 455.00-Ex; Nebraskaland Tire 65.82-Ex; Sara Nelson 118.65-Mi; Platte Valley Bank 45.00-Ex; Quadient Finance 4040.00-Ex; Regional West Garden County 1452.36-Ex; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Ex; Joelyann Saucedo 292.04-In; Sidney Public Schools 2818.65-Se;

Sidney Sun Telegraph 1063.87-Ex; Sonny's 4902.42-Ex; Splish Splash Car Wash 32.07-Ex; Greg Stevens 1813.89-In; Thomson Reuters 1567.22-Ex; TransUnion 120.00-Su; US Bank Veterans 145.00-Se, 50.00-Ex; US Bank Assessor 41.97-Su; US Bank Attorney 86.39-Su, 469.04-Ex, 319.61-Se; US Bank Bldgs & Grounds 431.77-Su, 200.09-Ex; US Bank Dist Court 59.86-Su, 114.32-Ex; US Bank Treasurer 61.59-Su; US Postal Service 524.00-Ex; WNCC 30.00-Ex; Westfield Pharmacy 371.13-Ex; Wheat Belt 1945.61-Ut.  
**Total: \$232,928.45.**

#### **ROAD FUND**

Employee Payroll 37,100.25-Sa; AJK Services 4061.60-Se; Arnulfo Biberos 824.32-In; Bomgaars 17.99-Su; Cheyenne County Clerk 2396.45-Re, 2757.40-Ta; Cliff Farms 105.00-Su; Contractors Materials 34.00-Su; Cornhusker International Trucks 271.58-Su; Deaver Tire 285.00-Se; E&S Auto 327.75-Su; Equipment Blades 3213.70-Su; Finneys 100.95-Su; Frenchman Valley Co-op 22,414.73-Ex; Highwest Energy 113.58-Ut; Matthew Mitchell 14.70-Mi; NPPD 50.44-Ut; NE Machinery Co 75,135.85-Ex; Nebraskaland Tire 27,844.00-Ex; Nienhueser Farms 67.50-Su; Northern Safety Co 196.77-Su; Sidney Sun Telegraph 143.00-Ex; Spectrum 100.00-Se; Sue's Upholstery 188.50-Ex; Tyler Teague 1,100.00-In; Titan Machinery 1562.01-Su; Verizon Connect NWF 381.66-Se; Verizon Wireless 39.94-Se; Vlg of Dalton 75.00-Ut; Vlg of Lodgepole 88.28-Ut; Vlg of Potter 123.43-Ut; Wheat Belt 195.89-Ut; WPCI 32.00-Ex; WY First Aid & Safety 149.89-Su; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Eqpmnt 1320.84-Su.  
**Total: \$182,834.00.**

#### **VISITORS FUND**

Employee Payroll 1,890.40-Sa; Allo Communications 152.10-Se; Cheyenne County Clerk 127.60-Re, 138.80-Ta; City of Sidney 221.01-Ut; Lamar 3592.00-Ex; Maly Marketing 4698.32-Ex; US Bank 3193.19-Ex.  
**Total: \$14,013.42.**

#### **VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Cruise'n Class Car Club 3860.00-Ex; Dalton Community Shepherds 2928.43-Ex; Kendra Mitchell 36.46-Su; US Bank 1799.28-Su.  
**Total: \$8,624.17.**

#### **FAIR FUND**

Finneys 311.04-Su; Northern Colorado Equipment 10,000.00-Ex; Sidney Feed & Supply 28.99-Su; Sidney Sun Telegraph 14.80-Ex.  
**Total: \$10,354.83.**

#### **PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND**

MIPS 349.47-Se.  
**Total: \$349.47.**

#### **KENO LOTTERY FUND**

Animal Clinic 117.90-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk PC 335.45-Ex; City of Sidney 42,176.00-Ex; Critter Sitter 1450.00-Ex; Dana F. Cole & Co. 8360.00-Se; Sidney Veterinary Hosp 2839.40-Ex; Western Drug 18.25-Ex.  
**Total: \$55,297.00.**

### **E911 FUND**

Employee Payroll 15,459.12-Sa; Abbagale Bush 527.10-Mi, 124.36-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1043.5-Re, 1104.11-Ta; Culligan 29.95-Ex; Ideal Linen Supply 36.57-Se; Language Line Services 5.90-Se; Spectrum 246.92-Se.

**Total: \$18,577.53.**

### **E911 WIRELESS FUND**

Hamilton Information Systems 1076.46-Se.

**Total: \$1,076.46**

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Employee Payroll 4,135.27-Sa; Cheyenne County Clerk 279.13-Re, 276.16-Ta; E&S Auto 141.09-Su; Finney's 324.10-Su; FirstNet/AT&T 359.04-Se; Frenchman Valley Co-op 216.27-Ex; NAEM 150.00-Ex; State of NE DAS 44.00-Ex; US Bank 114.19-Su, 290.60-Ex, 80.00-Se; Western Observer 17.18-Ex.

**Total: \$6,427.03.**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$530,482.36**

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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.

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

A request was made from Cheyenne County Clerk Beth Fiegenschuh to update the signatories on the Cheyenne County Clerk's accounts at Points West Community Bank and Platte Valley Bank. The name of Beth E. Fiegenschuh should be removed from all accounts and the names of Jordan Hajek and Kali Miller should be added to the accounts. Also, on the Cheyenne County Keno account at Platte Valley Bank, the name of Beth E. Fiegenschuh should be removed and the names of Jordan Hajek, Kali Miller, Darrell Johnson and John Fahey should be added. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve changes in signatories as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

A request was made from Cheyenne County Treasurer Shelley Bowlin to update the signatories on the Cheyenne County Treasurer bank accounts, CD's and safety deposit boxes by removing the name of Shelly A. Bowlin and adding the name of Sheila Von Seggern. Marleen Nienhueser will remain as a signatory on these accounts. This will apply to the following bank accounts: Points West Community Bank, Security First Bank, Platte Valley Bank, Adams Bank & Trust, The Potter State Bank and PTMA Financial Solutions. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the changes in signatories as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Amber Horn, Cheyenne County Attorney, addressed a request for a County burial for Richard Scoggins. County Attorney Horn stated that the deceased had not established legal settlement. In order to establish legal settlement, a person must reside in the State of Nebraska for one year prior to death. County Attorney Horn recommended that the

application be denied. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to deny the request for a County burial. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

At the December 1, 2025 meeting, the Board discussed setting the salaries for the 2027-2030 term of office for the Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Commissioner Second District and Third District, Sheriff, Surveyor and Treasurer. The Board reviewed Resolution 2025-25 setting the salaries for the Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Commissioner Second District and Third District, Sheriff, Surveyor and Treasurer as set forth in the Resolution. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2025-25 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.

At 8:15 A.M., Chairman Johnson declared the public hearing open to set a sale date for surplus real estate located on the North 43' of Lot 7, Block 1, Gilgren Addition to Dalton, in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 49 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, including the mobile home located on said property. The original date of the sale was set for December 10, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. Notice of the sale was not advertised in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph in a timely manner so the sale date had to be rescheduled. County Attorney Horn recommended that the sale be held on January 7, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the east door of the Courthouse in front of the District Courtroom. The sale will be conducted using the auction process. The Board will either accept or reject bids. If a bid is accepted, the purchaser will provide the money for the purchase and then a Deed will be prepared for the Board's signature. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to set the sale date for January 7, 2026 at 10:00 A.M., to sell surplus real estate located on the North 43' of Lot 7, Block 1, Gilgren Addition to Dalton, in Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 49 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, including the mobile home located on said property. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

At 8:18 A.M., Chairman Johnson declared the public hearing closed.

Hal Enevoldsen requested his name be removed from the Agenda.

At 8:19 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders 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 and Deputy Assessor Christina Lotton addressed the Board regarding a Tax List Correction for Alicia J. Bonanno and Gerald M. Murphy for tax year 2025. The State of Nebraska informed Mr. Murphy that his homestead exemption had been reduced from 100% tax exempt to 0% tax exempt based on his income. Mr. Murphy appealed the ruling. After review by the State, the exemption was changed from 0% tax exempt to 100% tax exempt. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the tax list correction as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Next, Assessor Hajek presented a Tax List Correction for David E. and Becky L. Halligan for tax year 2025. There was a clerical error on this property. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Tax List Correction as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

At 8:24 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: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Attorney Horn presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Cheyenne County and the Sidney Public Schools to agree to form a coalition for the purpose of providing School Based Mental Health Services for youth ages 11-18 and their families who are at risk for

mental health and/or other behavioral challenges in the school setting. The Agreement is effective January 1, 2026 and will remain in effect until the end of the grant period June 30, 2027. The second Memorandum of Understanding was among the Commissioners of Cheyenne County, Kimball County and Deuel County to agree to form a coalition for the purpose of applying for the fiscal year 2027 Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid. This Agreement is effective beginning January 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until the end of the grant period June 30, 2027. These Memorandums of Understanding are necessary to continue the grant process. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Memorandums of Understanding as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Sarah Sinnett, representing Energizing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (E3), appeared before the Board to request approval to collaborate with Cheyenne County Attorney Amber Horn in drafting an Interlocal Agreement for the creation of an Economic Development Corporation. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the request to collaborate with Cheyenne County Attorney Horn as described above. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Highway Superintendent Anthony Krajewski updated the Board on road activities.

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

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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