

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

January 5, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, January 5, 2026, in the 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 January 1, 2026, 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
Jordan Hajek	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.

Chairman Johnson called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2026. Commissioner Sanders nominated Darrell J. Johnson for Chairman and moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Darrell J. Johnson for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2026. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Johnson.

Next, Chairman Johnson called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2024. Commissioner Miller nominated Philip E. Sanders for Vice-Chairman and moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Philip E. Sanders for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization for the year 2024. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller. Nay: None. Abstain: Sanders.

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

The Minutes of the December 15, 2025, meeting have been reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. 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 158,099.02-Sa; Advncd Mdcl Imaging 49.34-Ex; Stacy Bach 7000.00 Se; Brent Barnes 27.24-Ex; Benzel Pest Control 212.85-Se; Black Hills Energy 2783.76-Ut; BCBS 81,720.35-In; Bluffs Facility Sltns 148.14-Su; C-Weed Mgmnt 5722.00-Se;

CenturyLink 109.40-Se; Charles Boettcher, DDS 1620.00-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 11,191.09-Re, 11,644.23-Ta; Cheyenne County Treasurer 22,928.25-Ex; City of Sidney 1666.67-Ex, 7500.00-Ex, 2034.96-Ut; Cranmore Pest Cntrl 55.00-Se; Crossroads Tech Srvc 59.90-Se, 658.99-Ex; Darin's Auto 231.07-Ex; Dash Medical Gloves 71.50-Su; DP Electronics 49.98-Se; E&S Auto 79.97 Su; Eakes Office Solutions 902.78-Su; A. Elliott Law 7455.85-Se; FirstNet 857.16-Se; Five Nines Tech 25.15-Se; Grainger 275.70-Su; Hamilton Telecommunications 89.90-Se; Lois Hart 538.81-Ex; Robert Harvoy 1269.85-Ex; High Plains Dntl 168.00-Ex; High West Energy 45.42-Ut; Holiday Inn 374.85-Ex; Home 2 Suites 374.85-Ex; Hometown Leasing 1526.75-Ex; Amber Horn 304.64-Mi, 63.33-Ex; Ideal Linen 135.41-Su; Ron Kissler 244.28-Ex; Knapp Elctr 692.08-Ex; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Ex; Level 3 Comm 314.36-Se; Christina Lotton 103.60-Ex; Midwest Alarm Services 346.68-Se; Midwest Connect 390.00-Ex; Miller Law Office 15,250.00-Se; Randal Miller 1100.00-In; MIPS 4166.09-Se; Morrill County Comm Hosp 2256.90-Ex; Morrill Co Shrf's Offc 455.00-Ex; NACO 160.00-Ex; Nat'l Shrf's Assn 440.00-Ex; Oshkosh Clinic 438.00-Ex; Pepsi-Cola 40.35-Su; Quadient Leasing 1332.00-Ex; Randy's Auto 252.41-Ex; Rhonda Flower 260.00-Ex; Rodak Law Offc 7000.00-Se; Rood's Tire 80.00-Ex; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Ex; Schuch Rentals 150.00-Ex; Scotts Bluff Co Dtntn Cntr 3000.00-Ex; Security First Bank 1233.07-In; Sidney Glass 238.90-Ex; SRMC 1542.34-Ex, 1100.00-In; Sidney Sun Telegraph 429.54-Ex; State of NE-DAS 571.00-Se; Tony Knappen 1100.00-In; Tru by Hilton 749.70-Ex; Verizon Wireless 259.92-Se; Sheila Von Seggern 311.50-Ex; Mindy Wiegand 303.80-Ex.

Total: \$376,501.18.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 56,873.06-Sa; Barco Municipal Prods 854.62-Su; Black Hills Energy 2042.09-Ut; BCBS 23,633.09-In; Bomgaars 145.91-Su; Matthew Carlson 75.85-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 3717.48-Re, 4262.89-Ta; City of Sidney 1643.14-Ut; Deaver Tire 1202.74-Ex; Douglas Schneider 25.24-Ex; E&S Auto 983.75-Su; Finneys 2197.41-Su; Floyd's Truck Cntr 88.88-Su; Hometown Leasing 204.41-Ex; Ideal Linen 101.82-Su; Interstate Battery 581.80-Su; J&A Traffic Prods 1297.75-Su; Michael Todd & Co 166.96-Su; NPPD 68.24-Ut; NE Machinery Co 2074.28-Su; NSG Logistics 530.25-Su; Newman Traffic Signs 134.40-Su; Panhandle Auto Group 602.97-Su; Pine Bluffs Grave; & Excavating 522.45-Su; RAKA 6481.00-Ex; SRMC 30.00-Ex; Spectrum 100.00-Se; Vlg of Dalton 75.00-Ut; Vlg of Lodgepole 88.28-Ut; 21st Century Eqpmnt 264.80-Su.

Total: \$111,070.56.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 2835.60-Sa; Black Hills Energy 192.91-Ut; BCBS 2472.68-In; Cheyenne Co Chamber of Commerce 600.00-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 191.40-Re, 211.11-Ta; Cheyenne Co Extension 250.00-Ex; Flood Communications 750.00-Ex; Hometown Leasing 99.79-Ex; KHAS-AM 598.00-Ex; KKPR FM 416.00-Ex; Miles Partnership 500.00-Ex; The Twister 120.00-Ex.

Total: \$9,237.49.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Finneys 818.64-Ex; Sidney Oktoberfest 5674.50-Ex.

Total: \$6,493.14.

FAIR FUND

Cheyenne County Clerk 100.00-Ta; David Rife 2600.00-Ex; Fair Board Petty Cash 3940.14-Ta; 500.00-Ex.

Total: \$7,140.14.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS 349.47-Se.
Total: \$349.47.

KENO LOTTERY FUND

Cheyenne Co Chamber of Commerce 7500.00-Ex; Dana F. Cole & Co 8360.00-Ex.
Total: \$15,860.00.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 20,958.02-Sa; AT&T Mobility 312.70-Se; BCBS 13,133.73-In; CenturyLink 1354.56-Se; Cheyenne Co Clerk 1414.68-Re, 1524.78-Ta; Dalton Telephone Co 112.53-Se; DAS State Acctng 1075.20-Se; NESCA 90.00-Ex; Spectrum 246.92-Se; US Bank 11.73-Se, 5625.60-Su, 31.58-Ex.
Total: \$45,892.03.

E911 WIRELESS FUND

Apco International 17,000.00-Ex; Equature 7352.25-Ex; GeoComm 6915.30-Ex.
Total: \$31,267.55

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4975.27-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Black Hills Energy 318.68-Ut; BCBS 4634.41-In; Cheyenne County Clerk 335.83-Re, 340.42-Ta; City of Sidney 197.76-Ut; Evie Flessner 305.20-Mi, 294.72-Ex; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se.
Total: \$13,152.29.

GRAND TOTAL: \$616,963.85.

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.

Heidi Gillespie, Communication Center Director presented Resolution 2026-1 for the Board's review. This Resolution reaffirms the E911 surcharge of \$1.00 per month per wired telephone line as defined in Resolution 1994-30. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2026-1 as above set forth. 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 Holiday Schedule for 2026 was reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the 2026 Holiday Schedule below. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr., Day
Monday, February 16	Presidents Day
Friday, April 3	Good Friday
Friday, April 24	Arbor Day
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Friday, July 3	Independence Day Observed
Monday, September 7	Labor Day
Monday, October 12	Columbus Day
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 26	Thanksgiving
Friday, November 27	Day After Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Day
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31	CLOSE at 3:00 P.M.

Commissioner Committee appointments for the year 2026 were next discussed. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Committee appointments as follows. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
Water Quality	Miller	Sanders
Region 21 Emergency Management	Johnson	Sanders
Commission on Aging	Sanders	Miller
Mental Health	Johnson	Miller
Region I-Office of Human Dev.	Johnson	Miller
Panhandle Area Dev. District	Sanders	Miller
Panhandle Community Services	Miller	Johnson
Panhandle Disability Service Inc.	Johnson	Miller
Visitor Committee – Ex Officio	Sanders	---
Waste Management – Landfill	Johnson	Miller
E911 Board	Johnson	Miller
Panhandle Public Health District Board	Miller	Sanders
Cheyenne County Safety Committee	Sanders	---

The list of Appointed Officials for the year 2026 was reviewed. After a discussion, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the following appointments. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Tom Payne	Building and Grounds Superintendent
Anthony Krajewski	Highway Superintendent
Ronald Leal	Emergency Management Coordinator
Heidi Gillespie	Emergency Communications Director
Fred Wiedeburg	Veterans Service Officer
Colleen Terman	Planning and Zoning Administrator
Kendra Mitchell	Tourism Director

The Board designated the official Cheyenne County newspaper. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate the Sidney Sun-Telegraph as the official Cheyenne County newspaper. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Next, the Board designated the official Cheyenne County radio station. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate News Channel Nebraska as the official Cheyenne County radio station. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Next, the Board designated the official Cheyenne County website. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to designate cheyennecountyne.net as the official Cheyenne County website. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Lottery Audit for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Treasurer, Sheila Von Seggern presented Resolution 2026-2 authorizing the transfer from Cheyenne County Visitors Improvement 995 Fund to the Visitors Promotion 990 Fund pursuant to 2025-2026 adopted budget. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2026-2 as above set forth. 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.

Resolution 2026-3 authorizing the transfer from Cheyenne County General 100 Fund to the Cheyenne County Road/Bridge 300 Fund. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2026-3 as above set forth. 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.

Resolution 2026-4 authorizing the transfer from Cheyenne County Roads Sinking 801 Fund to the Cheyenne County Road/Bridge 300 Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adopt Resolution 2026-4 as above set forth. 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.

Resolution 2026-5 regarding the investment of County funds. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-2313, the County Board and County Treasurer are allowed and authorized to invest funds of the County and believe it is in the best interest of Cheyenne County to require securities in lieu of a bond. The Board and Treasurer require the amount of pledged securities equal a value of 102% of the amount of investment over and above the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Accordingly, a motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to adopt Resolution 2026-5 authorizing the County Treasurer to hold pledged securities equal to a value of 102% of the amount of investment over and above the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Next, Treasurer Sheila Von Seggern presented Applications from the following Banks regarding the designation of official depositories for Cheyenne County: Adams Bank & Trust; Platte Valley Bank; Points West Community Bank; The Potter State Bank of Potter; Security First Bank Sidney; and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to designate the above as official depositories of Cheyenne County. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board regarding voting members of the Fair Board. Pat Finney, Tyler Bailey and Kip Miller have been reappointed. The members retained were Troy Kurz, Travis Sprenger, Mark Roelle, Zach Oliverius and Ryan Filsinger. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to accept the results of the Fair Board election. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

The Board regarding voting members of the Visitors Committee. Sherri Wadlington, Sonia Corne and Gina Elsen have been reappointed. The members retained were Anne Rexroth, Marva Ellwanger, Brooke DeNovellis and Matt Elston. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to accept the results of the Visitors Committee election. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board regarding voting members of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Philip Narjes and Rex Adams have been reappointed. The members retained were Bill Sydow, Walter Narjes, Nan McMillen, Ron Flohr and Valerie Nienhueser. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to accept the results of the Planning and Zoning election. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Joe McCarn, Chamber Director presented the 2025 Quarter 4 Chamber Report.

Sandi Bybee, representing the Pheasants Forever organization appeared and requested the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License for the annual banquet to be held at the Fairgrounds on March 7, 2026. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the issuance of a Special Designated Liquor License for the Pheasants Forever annual banquet to be held at the Fairgrounds on March 7, 2026. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Amber Horn, County Attorney presented to the board the CBA Juvenile Services Grant. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to accept the CBA Juvenile Services Grant. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

The Board made the quarterly jail inspection.

Anthony Krajewski, Highway Superintendent update on the roads department. Doug Snyder is the new road foreman. Doug Snyder will be attending the next meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 A.M.

Dated the 5th day of January 2026.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk