

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
August 3, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, August 3, 2026, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Cheyenne County Courthouse, 1000 10th Avenue, Sidney, Nebraska. A notice of this meeting was published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph on July 30, 2026, aired on News Channel Nebraska Radio, posted on the bulletin board in the County Courthouse and on the Cheyenne County website. Copies of the agenda were posted on the Courthouse bulletin board, transmitted to each Commissioner and kept current and available to the public at the Office of the County Clerk. Chairman Philip E. Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with the following present:

Randal D. Miller	Commissioner of the First District
Ryan K. Watchorn	Commissioner of the Second District
Philip E. Sanders	Commissioner of the Third District
Jordan Hajek	County Clerk
	County Attorney

Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sanders 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 Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the current agenda as presented. Roll Call: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the July 20, 2026, meeting have been reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. 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 113,301.92-Sa; BCBS 90,577.48-In; C.C.Clerk 7,883.67-Re, 193.00-Ex, 8,151.61-In; C.C.Treasurer 280.54-Ta; Amber Horn 63.33-Se; Elliott Law 7,604.97-Se; Benzel Pest Control 272.25-Se; Black Hills 53.23-Ut; Weed Mngmt 5,722.00-Se; Century Link PHX 118.42-Se; City of Sidney 1,533.25-Ut, 1,666.67-Ex (Eco Dev), 7,500.00-Ex (Library); Cranmore Fire Protection 525.00-Ex; Cranmore Pest Control 55.00-Su; Crossroads Tech Srv 272.40-Se; Culligan 389.49-Se; Darin’s Auto Repair 3,531.39-Se; DP Electronics 24.99-Se; E&S 52.17-Su; Election Workers 165.00-Ex; GIS Workshop 4,788.00-Se; Great American Financial Srv Corp 101.12-Ex; Greg Bailey 1,100.00-In; Hometown Leasing 1,481.49-Ex; Ideal Linen & Uniform 149.92-Su; Lois I. Hart 538.81-Ex; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Miller Law Office 15,500.00-Se; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab 45.63-Ex; NMS 261.00-Se; Region 1 Behavioral Health Auth. 8,760.00-Se; Stacy Bach 7,000.00-Se; Ron Kissler 125.00-Ex; Schuch Rentals 150.00-Ex; Scotts Bluff County Detention Center 8,319.62-Ex; Security First Bank 1,441.08-Ex; Sheila Von Seggern 106.87-Mi; Sidney Glass 562.50-Se; SRMC 1,100.00-Se; Rodak Law 7,000.00-Se; Teri Kuehn 300.00-Ex; Thomas Reuters-West 689.11-Se; Verizon 259.80-Se; WJE Consulting LLC 1,317.00-Se; Woods & Aitken LLP 4,592.00-Se;
Total: \$315,644.23.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 42,002.69-Sa; 25,938.59-In; C.C. Clerk 3,111.10-Ta, 2,696.85-Re; AJK Srv 4,152.10-Se; Black Hills 395.49-Ut; Bomgaars 9.59-Su; Phillip Childers 5.00-Su; City of Sidney 793.05-Ut; E&S 67.97-Su, 177.67-Se; Eakes 124.45-Su; Finney’s 191.79-Su; Ideal Linen/Bluffs Facility Solutions 112.74-Su; Michael Foster 299.45-In; Michael Todd Co 2,766.81-Su; Nebraskaland

Tire 53.88-Se; Nebraska Machinery 1828.80-Su, 2,918.56-Se; Nebraska Public Power Dist. 54.80-Ut; Panhandle Automotive Grp 776.58-Se; Powerplan 941.88-Se; Colleen Terman 34.80-mi; Titan Machinery-Sidney 102.96-Se; Verizon 39.93-Se; Village of Dalton 82.00-Ut; 21st Century Equip 854.74-Se.
Total: \$90,534.27.

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,858.52-Sa; C.C.Clerk 142.18-Ta, 118.80-Re; Lincoln Hwy Scenic and Historical Byway 250.00-Se; Black Hills 53.46-Ut; Benzel Pest Control 188.13-Se.
Total: \$2,611.09.

KENO FUND

CCCLerk 320.25-Ex
Total: \$ 320.25.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 16,474.36-Sa; C.C.Clerk 1,166.76-Ta, 1,112.01-Re, 534.32-Se/Su; BCBS 16,457.69-In; AT&T Mobility 309.67-Se; Century Link/Lumen 677.73-Se; Century Link-PHX 125.61-Se; Dalton Telephone 228.65-Se; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Huber & Associates 3,987.00-Se; Ideal Linen 42.60-se; Language Line Srv 9.44-Se.
Total: \$41,697.63.

E911 Wireless

Hamilton Telecommunications 1,076.46-Se.
Total: \$ 1,076.46.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,218.60-Sa; C.C.Clerk 280.64-Ta, 284.76-Re; BCBS 5,091.61-In; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Adam Howard 350.00-Se; Black Hills 50.09-Ut; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; Bridgeport News-Blade 6.87-Se; DKD Grease N Guns 90.00-Se; Eakes 20.78-Su; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se; Evie Flessner 12.56-Se; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se.
Total: \$11,805.91.

TOTAL \$463,689.84.

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

There was no correspondence to review.

The Board reviewed the new mileage reimbursement rate increase per State of Nebraska Judicial Branch increasing from .725 cents per mile to .76 cents per mile. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve the mileage reimbursement rate. Roll Call: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

Next, Jordan Hajek explained the Union Pacific Supplemental Agreement No. 113 #2. The Union Pacific Railroad and the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation made improvements to a railroad grade crossing located on County Road 131 at UPRR DOT No. 817820H and the fees for such have increased. This is not a charge to Cheyenne County. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to accept the Supplemental Agreement No.113 #2. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Agreement as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Evie Flessner, Region 21 Office Manager provided additional information regarding the Region 21 EMPG Grant Funding. Cheyenne County’s portion is 17,131.28. Cheyenne County could receive a deduction of 17,131.28 in the quarterly billing. A further discussion regarding a new vehicle for Region 21 will happen at Region 21 EMA meeting. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to not relinquish its grant allocation back to Region 21. Roll Call: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None.

Josh Hanson, City of Sidney Manager, addressed the Board to consider approval of the Resolution 2026-15 Fifth Addendum to Landfill Service Agreement between Cheyenne County and the Solid Waste Facility. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the Resolution 2026-

15 for the Fifth Addendum to Landfill Service Agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

Matt Mitchell, Cheyenne County Assistant Road Superintedent updated the Board on road activities.

At 8:28 A.M. a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to adjourn the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

Christina Lotton, Cheyenne County Assessor gave the Board a report on the cemeteries located in the County. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the Cemetery report. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None.

Next Christina addressed the board regarding the 3-year plan of assessment. Christina asked that the 3-year plan of assessment to be tabled until next meeting due to waiting for some information from the Department of Revenue. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to table the 3-year Plan of Assessment as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 8:30 A.M. a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to exit the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

Holli Brandt, Region 1 Administrator addressed the Board regarding updates. The services they are provide are Professional Partner Program, Outpatient Mental Health and SUD Services, Outpatient Assessments for Mental Health and SUD, Medication Management, Supported Employment, Community Support, Emergency Community Support and Crisis Support and that 988 is available to all the Counties in the region. They are in process of renovating the old Kimball, NE., Hospital for a Crisis stabilization center opening in January 2027 with 12 beds for adults, after the start period it will be available for 6 juveniles. Region 1 is also inquiring about additional funds due to unforeseen circumstances with the renovation and asked about the County relinquishing the opioid settlement money.

Comments from the public.

Steven Lissner spoke regarding the Ambulance Service. He did research across the State and recommended Cheyenne County joins Kimball and Morril County to have a Tri-County EMS Service. Steven stated we do not have the money to set up our own ambulance service and that we do not need an ambulance service that you can operate in, you just need to get them to the hospital.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 A.M.

Dated the 3rd day of August 2026.

Philip E. Sanders, Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Vice-Chairman

Ryan K. Watchorn, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk