

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
June 15, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, June 15, 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 June 11, 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 Philip Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with the following present:

Randal D. Miller	Commissioner of the First District
	Commissioner of the Second District
Philip E. Sanders	Commissioner of the Third District
Jordan Hajek	Cheyenne County Clerk
Amber Horn	Cheyenne 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 Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the current agenda as presented. Roll Call: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the June 1, 2026, meeting have been reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: 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 113,817.48-Sa;Allo 1,101.77-Se; Ashlyn Roelle 88.45-Mi; First Net Mobility 1,315.29-Se; Benckenhauer Construction 3,600.00-Se; Benchmark Government Solutions 22.90-Se; Benzel Pest Control 117.07-Se; Black Hills Energy 2,098.14-Ut; Bomgaars 482.90-Su; Brent Barnes 385.88-Su; C-Weed Mngmt 8,448.50-Se; CCClerk 1,413.90-Su, 1,216.13-Se, 3,500.00-Ex; 8,206.79-Ta, 8,077.43-Re; CCCourt 865.00-Ex; CCDC 543.00-Se; CCSO 516.00-Ex; CC Treasurer 20,953.03-Ex; City of Sidney 4,319.03-Ut; Connecting Point SBluff 68.00-Se; Culligan 553.33-Se; Darin's Auto Repair 4,753.11-Se; Dash Med Gloves 63.57-Su; DP Electronics 44.98-Se; Eakes 3,439.04-Su; Election System & Software 6,250.00-Se; Finney's 379.76-Su; Five Nines 10,583.40-Se; KSID 75.00-Su; FVC 5,417.48-Su; Garden County SO 1,100.00-Se; Georgia Rogers 307.40-Mi; Gordon's Body Shop 907.00-Se; Hamilton Telecommunications 89.90-Se; Hometown Leasing 383.76-Ex; James Bush 2,200.00-In; Jordan Hajek 317.55-Mi; Lumen 314.36-Se; Midwest Special Services 735.90-Se; Mindy Wiegand 347.28-Mi; MIPS 3,833.32-Se; Morrill County SO 975.00-Se; Nebraska Assoc. of County Officials 2,009.67-Ex; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center 105.00-Ex; Nebraska County Attorneys Association 550.00-Ex; NIRMA 86,569.00-Ex; Pritchard & Abbott 17,500.00-Se; Rebecca Lloyd 1,100.00-In; Reynolds Korth & Samuelson PC 652.00-Se; Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority 7,794.25-Ex; Robert S. Harvoy 717.90-Se; Ron Kissler 602.26-Se; Royal Flush Sanitation 100.00-Se; Sara Nelson 66.34-Mi; Scotts Bluff Detention Center 140.80-Se; Sidney Public

Schools 475.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 1,115.64-Se; Sonny's 4,328.85-Ex; Splish Splash 92.68-Ex; Thomson Reuters-West 730.32-Se; TransUnion 120.00-Su; Triple O's 939.43-Se; USPS 198.00-Ex; US Bank-Atty Fees 3,299.74-Se, Dist Court 23.49-Se, Assessor 121.97-Ex, Sheriff 4,968.99-Ex; Westfield Pharmacy 14.39-Ex; Wheat Belt Shooting Range 56.23-UT, Lorenzo Tornado Siren 56.97-Ut, Fairgrounds 2,036.74.
Total: \$360,713.49

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 42,912.35-Sa; AJK Services 4,640.90-Se; B&C Steel 132.07-Su; Black Rock Materials & Supply 141,684.18-Se; Bomgaars 21.76-Su; Charter Comm 100.00-Ut; CCClerk 19.77-Se, 3,197.19-Ta, 2,761.61-Re; Cliff Farms 960.00-Su; Company 13 Brokerage 28,798.35-Se; Dragon Products 512.18-Se; E&S 101.94-Su, 192.82-Se; Finney's 19.99-Se; FVC 49,340.09-Su; High West Energy 106.45-Ut; Ideal Linen 56.37-Su; Nienhueser Farms 1,566.00-Su; NIRMA 69,174.00-In; Nebraska Machinery 19,766.65-Se; Powerplan 376.01-Se; Simon Contractors 33,186.41-Se; Verizon 397.64-Se; Vill Lodgepole 94.08-Ut; Vill Potter 123.43-Ut; WPCI 64.00-Ex; Wheatbelt 167.83-Ut; 21st Century 106.51-Se.
Total: \$400,581.39

VISITORS FUND

1,849.35-Sa; Allo 165.25-Se; Black Hills Energy 128.15-Ut; CCClerk 2,611.44-Ex, 141.48-Ta, 124.83-Re; Hometown Leasing 99.85-Se; Maly Marketing 2,360.00-Se.
Total: \$7,480.35

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

CCCLerk Bldg Repair 307.15-Se; CCExtension 250.00-Se.
Total: \$557.15

KENO LOTTERY FUND

Animal Clinic West O St 72.55-Se; Critter Sitter 250.00-Se; US Bank – Sheriff 240.00-Su
Total: \$562.55

PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS 349.47-Se
Total: 349.47

FAIR

NIRMA 13,582.00-In; ARM Entertainment 6,500.00-Ex; Cervi Championship Rodeo LLC 45,894.00-Ex; Chancy Williams Music LLC 25,000.00-Ex; Dave Rife 23,400.00-Ex; Douglas Production Group 25,000.00-Se; Midnight Rodeo 5,500.00-Ex; CCFair Board 28,500.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 6.47-Ex; Sonny's 135.54-Ex; Arena Rock Show 6,500.00-Ex
Total: \$180,018.01

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 16,891.95-Sa; Centurty Link/Lumen 592.01-Se; Century Link 88.84-Se; Spectrum 257.69-Se; CCClerk 628.81-Ex, 1,209.44-Ta, 1,140.22-Re; Culligan 29.95-Se; Ideal Linen Supply 36.60-Se; NESCA 250.00-Ex; NIRMA 1,118.00-In; Prairie States Communications 110.00-Se.
Total: \$22,353.51

WIRELESS 911 SERVICE

Hamilton Information Systems 1,076.46-Se.

Total: \$1,076.46

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND / EM21

Employee Payroll 4,218.60-Sa; AT&T Mobility/First Net 417.05-Se; Bridgeport News-Blade 6.49-Se; CCClerk 480.23-Su, 282.53-Ta, 284.76-Re; City of Sidney 185.06-Ut; Finney's 45.98-Su; FVC 262.12-Su;Chappell Register 6.14-Se;Western Observer 75.00-Se

Total: \$6,263.96

GRAND TOTAL: \$979,956.34

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve and pay all claims as stated above except payment due to timing discrepancy of Claim Number 2606000117 Rockit Event Pro's LLP \$4,339.35. Delinquent taxes were deducted where owing. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

Correspondence:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk read a Thank you for card from Sharie Occhino and Jerry Zuhlke.

Dear Darrell Johnson, Randy Miller and Phil Sanders – On behalf of my father and myself, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation to help cover the cremation expenses for our loved one, Richard Zuhlke. During this difficult time, your kindness, compassion and willingness to help have meant more to us than words can express. My father lost his wife one year ago, so your support helped eased a financial burden. We are truly grateful for your generosity and the care you show to members of the community during times of hardship. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your thoughtfulness and assistance.

Monthly Fee Reports for the Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Treasurer and Highway Superintendent for the month of May and for the Sheriff for the month of April have been reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Monthly Fee Reports as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

If any county, city, school district, or community college increases its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage, the political subdivision must have a Joint Public Hearing. The notice of the hearing must be sent to the taxpayers in the political subdivision by a postcard notice. It is the responsibility of the County Board to designate a printing service to create the postcard. Accordingly, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve MIPS as the designated printer of the postcards. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Treasurer Sheila Von Seggern, Attorney Amber Horn and Clerk Jordan Hajek interviewed Ryan Watchorn for Commissioner District 2 on Friday the 12th. If accepted by the board Ryan will be sworn in by Judge Weimer on July 1st at 9 AM in the district court room. His first meeting will be on July 6th. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the appointment of District 2 to Ryan Watchorn. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

Randy Mathewson appeared to discuss the noxious weeds and prairie dogs. Randy was questioning the multiple letters sent out for noxious weeds. Superintend Brent Flecher joined the meeting to help address the concerns. Chairman Sanders addressed that he is scheduling Ryan Powers District Supervisor USDA-Wildlife Services to attend August 3rd

Commissioner Meeting to discuss prairie dogs. Ryan Powers phone number is 701-471-0416 and his email is ryan.a.powers@usda.gov.

Ron Leal, Emergency Manager, presented to the Board the Grant Agreement from the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation for Region 21 EMA Fund. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation Grant for Region 21 in the amount of \$31,000. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Anthoney Krajewski, Cheyenne County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on current road activities.

At 8:33 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to adjourn the Board of Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

The Board discussed setting dates for the Property Valuation Protest Hearings. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to set the dates of the Property Valuation Protest Hearings for July 6, 14, 20, 2026. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Next, Christina Lotton, Cheyenne County Assessor addresses the Board regarding Over/under valued property. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve Over/Under valued properties. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. A complete copy is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

At 8:55 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: Aye: Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

There were no comments from the public.

The meeting was recessed at 8:57 A.M., until 9:30 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 A.M., with all members present.

An interview was conducted for the position of Cheyenne County Tourism Director.

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to offer the position of Cheyenne County Tourism Director to Marva Ellwanger. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Dated the 15th day of June 2026.

Philip E. Sanders, Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Vice-Chairman

, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk