

# CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

**February 17, 2026**

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 February 12, 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

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 February 2, 2026, 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 110,590.37-Sa; Adamson Police Prods 123.05-Su; Allo Comms 1,351.28-Se; Bob Barker Co 708.70-Su; Jamie Bright 160.95-Mi; CenturyLink 112.80-Se; Cheyenne County Clerk PC 1,797.01-Ut; 7,813.62-Re, 8,014.07-Ta; Cheyenne County Court 891.00-Ex; Cheyenne County DC 704.00-Ex; Cheyenne County Sheriff 629.50-Ex; Cheyenne County Treasurer 23,667.02-Ex; City of Sidney 4,209.38-Ut; Connecting Point 101.45-Ex; Cranmore Pest Control 55.00-Se; Crossroads Tech Srvc 150.00-Se; Culligan 470.76-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 71.50-Su; Douglas, Kelly, et al 168.00-Ex; DP Electronics 44.98-Se; Sherrie Dudley 1,100.00-In; E&S Auto 850.93-Su; Eakes Office Solutions 3,054.64-Su; Ellison, Kovarik, et al 50.00-Ex; Finneys 534.94-Su; FirstNet 761.02-Se; Five Nines Tech 7,312.20-Se; FVC 2,902.20-Ex; Garden County Sheriff 2,500.00-Ex; Gehrig-Stitt Chapel 120.00-Ex; GoTo Comms 1,884.80-Se; Grainger 98.90-Su; Jordan Hajek 107.30-Mi; Hamilton Telecommunications 89.90-Se; High West Energy 42.87-Ut; Hometown Leasing 383.76-Ex; Amber Horn 498.80-Mi, Huber & Assocs 206.04-Su; Ideal Linen 144.88-Su; MIPS 3,697.32-Ex; NACO 50.00-Ex; Sara Nelson 118.18-Mi; Office Service 88.20-Su; Paula Parker 1,100.00-In; Paul Payne 1,230.00-Ex; Prairie States Comms-131.70-Ex; Quadient Finance 58.08-Ex; Quadient Leasing 435.00-Ex; Regional West Garden County 3,091.92-Ex; Ashlyn Roelle 44.23-Mi; Rood's Tire 18.00-Ex; Royal Flush 100.00-Ex; Scotts Bluff Co Detention 3,100.00-Ex; Secretary of State 40.00-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 879.91-

Ex; Sonnys 4,415.54-Ex; Splish Splash Car Wash 9.00-Ex; SRMC 19,201.77-Ex; State of NE-DAS 472.00-Se; Thomson Reuters 1,749.22-Su; TransUnion 120.00-Su; Twin Rivers Transfer 518.00-Ex; US Bank Veterans 147.00-Se; US Bank Attorney 34.16-Su; 387.83-Ex, 319.61-Se; US Bank B&G 356.16-Ex; US Bank Clerk 25.76-Su; 401.70-Se; US Bank Sheriff 2,064.25-Ex, 1,050.70-Su; US Bank Treasurer 55.09-Su; Wilson Law Office 500.00-Se; Nicole Wright 2,200.00-In; Young's Plumbing 2,894.51-Se.  
**Total: \$235,582.46.**

#### **ROAD FUND**

Employee Payroll 41,551.96-Sa; AJK Services 3,040.00-Se, 1,905.30-Mi; Barco Municipal Prods 1,436.62-Ex; Bomgaars 12.99-Su; Cheyenne County Clerk 2,669.80-Re, 3,090.87-Ta; Phil Childers 83.71-Ex; E&S Auto 405.79-Su; Eakes Office Solutions 493.57-Su; Finneys 74.38-Su; FVC 8,239.25-Ex; High West Energy 156.38-Ut; Interstate Battery 571.80-Su; J&A Traffic Prods 1,342.50-Ex; Koke's (NAPA Auto Supply) 508.48-Su; NE Machinery Co 12,905.89-Su; NebraskaLand Tire 1,348.80-Ex; Northern Safety Co 56.17-Su; Postmaster-126.00-Ex; Rockmount Research 200.90-Su; Doug Schneider 32.75-Ex; Sidney Glass 110.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 42.77-Ex; Spectrum 100.00-Se; Triple O's 45.51-Su; Verizon Connect NWF 381.66-Se; Vlg of Potter 123.43-Ut; WPPD 275.72-Ut; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Eqpmnt 1,577.26-Su.  
**Total: \$82,910.26.**

#### **VISITORS FUND**

Employee Payroll 1,970.40-Sa; Allo Comms 165.25-Se; Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce 222.00-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 133.00-Re, 144.92-Ta; City of Sidney 234.27-Ut; Maly Marketing 3,200.00-Ex; US Bank 2,194.20-Ex, 94.15-Su.  
**Total: \$8,358.19.**

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

Kendra Mitcherll 46.00-Su; US Bank 328.50-Ex.  
**Total: \$374.50.**

#### **FAIR FUND**

Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce 100.00-Ex; Hampton Inn 1,780.00-Ex; Holiday Inn 1,349.50-Ex; Sidney Sun Telegraph 212.44-Ex.  
**Total: \$3,441.94.**

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

MIPS 349.47-Ex.  
**Total: 349.47.**

#### **KENO LOTTERY FUND**

Critter Sitter 250.00-Ex; Sidney Veterinary Hosp 50.25-Ex; US Bank Sheriff 90.01-Su; Western Drug 18.25-Ex.  
**Total: \$408.51.**

#### **E911 FUND**

Employee Payroll 13,580.99-Sa; Cheyenne Co Clerk PC 1,861.74-Sa; Cheyenne Co Clerk 916.73-Re, 960.42-Ta; Culligan 29.95-Ex; Ideal Linen Supply 36.57-Su; Language Line Services 10.03-Se; Spectrum 246.92-Se.  
**Total: \$17,643.35.**

## **E911 WIRELESS FUND**

Hamilton Information Systems 1,076.46-Se.

**Total: \$1,076.46.**

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND**

Employee Payroll 4218.60-Sa; Susanna Batterman 53.65-Mi; Chappell Register 6.54-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 284.76-Re, 282.53-Ta; E&S Auto Supply 38.66-Su; Eakes 45.68-Su; Finneys 235.08-Su; FirstNet 362.83-Se; FVC 151.77-Ex; Dave Hottell 56.55-Mi; NKC Tire 101.29-Ex; Jim Reichman 40.60-Mi; Sidney Sun Telegraph 5.73-Ex; Splish Splash Car Wash 28.00-Ex; State of NE (DAS) 22.00-Se; US Bank 584.24-Su, 214.67-Ex, 80.00-Se; Western Observer 4.81-Ex.

**Total: \$6,817.99.**

**GRAND TOTAL: \$356,863.13.**

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

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

Under correspondence there was an email received from the Cheyenne County Chamber stating Cheyenne County was nominated for Community Champion Spotlight.

Kacey Huff along with Alex Weiss on behalf of Lodgepole Panther Activity Center Committee appeared before the board and asked for \$10,000 from the Keno Funds to help the old Lodgepole School become up to code with a purchase of exterior of doors. The board discussed \$7,500. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to approve the Village of Lodgepole for \$7,500 for the Panther Activity Center for the old Lodgepole School. Roll Call: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Colleen Terman Resolution 2026-8 for mill and resurface the roadway and surfaced shoulders with asphalt, and lighting upgrades along Highway US 385 beginning at the end of the concrete surfacing just north of the west junction of US 385 (Mile Marker (MM) 34.05 and extends north to 0.2 miles north of the north corporate limits of Gurley (MM 46.54), Cheyenne County, Nebraska; will start June 15, 2027 and end on November 25, 2027. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2026-8 as stated above. Roll Call: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Next Colleen Terman Resolution 2026-9 for a request from Double R Farms, Inc., for a subdivision and a change in zoning on a parcel of land located in part of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 33, Township 13 North, Range 50 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, containing 3.0 acres more or less, to be known as Tract 1, Double R Farms Subdivision and to change zoning from Agriculture (A) to Residential Estate (RE); A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to approve Resolution 2026-9 as stated above. Roll Call: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Resolution as adopted is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

Jason Petik, CEO of Sidney Regional Medical Center addressed the board regarding Rural Ambulance Services and Reimbursement. Jason is requesting a letter from the county for

determination that Sidney Regional Medical Center qualifies for cost-based reimbursement. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to approve Amber Horn to draft a letter within a deadline of 2 weeks. Roll Call: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Robert Hilpert, Potter Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the board of a request for \$4,000 from the Keno funds for two back-up generators. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller, to approve the Potter Volunteer Fire Department for \$4,000 for the two back-up generators. Roll Call: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk presented the changes of the revised 2026 Handbook. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to approve the 2026 Handbook. Roll Call: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Anthony Krajewski, Highway Superintendent, to set a closing date for the applications of Highway Superintendent and republish in the newspaper. Closing date as of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders, to add an ending date for the application of Highway Superintendent to be March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Roll Call: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Akile Banister, President and Founder of Banisters Leadership Academy and Cari Persino, Team Lead for the Cheyenne county program, addressed the board of the programs offered for the youth; Night Life, Family Navigator, Healthy Kids Movement, Goal Setting, Healthy Communities Movement, Easla and Summer Easla, Y2M and Simmonds Youth Advocacy.

At 9:15 A.M. Sealed Bids for Motor Graders were unsealed. Received bids from Nebraska Harvest Center, Murphey, and CAT.

Nebraska Harvest Center				
XCMG		2025	New	\$ 449,000.00
CAT				
4	12M3	2018	5800	\$ 127,000.00
4	12M2	2014	5500	\$ 93,500.00
6	12M3	2016	5550	\$ 118,500.00
4	140M2	2014	3475	\$ 100,500.00
4	14D	2026	NEW	\$ 321,600.00
JOHN DEERE				
4JD	670G	2026	2026	\$ 277,944.47
6JD	772G	2025	2025	\$ 354,523.32
6JD	772G	2020	2020	\$ 252,000.00
6JD	672G	2019	2019	\$ 174,000.00

At 9:28 A.M. the bids were heard for the Semi-Trucks that were presented to the board at the February 2, 2026, meeting.

2026 Semi-Truck Quote Comparison											
Truck #	Dealer	Salesman	Phone #	Year	Make	Model	Engine	Trans	Mileage	Price	Note
1	Big Truck	Mike	402-533-1001	2021	Pete	579	X15	EF12	361,000	\$35,000	Cab Swap
2	Sahling	Spencer	308-270-3475	2021	Int	LT	X15	EF12	373,000	\$42,900	
3	Sahling	Spencer	308-270-3475	2021	Int	LT	X15	EF12	374,500	\$42,900	
4	Sahling	Spencer	308-270-3475	2021	Int	LT	X15	EF12	403,500	\$39,900	
5	Rush	Terry	308-379-4147	2021	Pete	579	X15	EF12	420,823	\$53,900	
6	Sahling	Spencer	308-270-3475	2021	Int	LT	X15	EF12	474,500	\$35,900	
7	Rush	Terry	308-379-4147	2021	Pete	579	X15	EF12	503,703	\$44,900	

Anthony Krajewski, Highway Superintendent update on the roads department.

There were no comments from the public.

At 9:37 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None. Also present were Cheyenne County Clerk Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Deputy Clerk Kali Miller, Cheyenne County Director Heidi Gillespie and Sidney of City Interim City Manager Josh Hanson.

At 10:00 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

At 10:01 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve Cheyenne County Director Heidi Gillespie an additional 2% increase for 2026 for a total increase of 5% retroactive. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

At 10:15 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the purchase of the 12M3 2016 Caterpillar for a price of \$148,000, trade in \$29,500 for a total net difference of \$118,500. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 10:25 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the purchase of the International Stock # UMN145467 Semi-Truck for a purchase price of \$39,900. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.

Dated the 17th day of February 2026.

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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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Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk