

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

May 18, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, May 18, 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 May 14, 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
Amber Horn	County Attorney
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 May 4, 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.

The Board reviewed Monthly Fee Reports for the month of April for the Clerk, Treasurer, Clerk of the District Court and Highway Superintendent and for the month of March for the Sheriff. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller, to approve the Monthly Fee Reports as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. 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 114,440.78-Sa; Stacy Bach 7,000.00-Se; Benzel Pest Control 272.25-Se; Black Hills Energy 63.11-Ut; BCBS 84,586.41-In; Bluffs Facility Solutions 125.68-Su; Bomgaars 344.02-Su; Weed Management 5,722.00-Se; CC Clerk Retirement 7,761.77-Re, 8,304.03-Ta; City of Sidney Economic Dev 1,666.67-Ex, Library 7,500.00-Ex, 1,173.98-Ut; County Printer 68.00-Su; Cranmore Pest Control 55.00-Su; DP Electronics 24.99-Se; E&S 23.16-Su; Eakes 382.23-Su; Election Systems & Software 5,183.75-Su; Elliot Law 7,604.97-Se; FVC 49.53-Su; GoTo Communications 1,852.06-Se; Grainger 613.16-Su; Lois I. Hart 538.81-Ex; Holiday Inn-Kearney 389.85-Ex; Hometown Leasing 1,526.75-Ex; Amber Horn 587.25-Mi, 63.33-Ex; Ideal Linen 144.88-Su; Ron Kissler 125.00-Ex; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Re; Christina Lotton 381.35-mi; Miller Law 15,500.00-Se; MIPS 3,697.32-Ex; NebraskaLand 926.46-Se; Oshkosh Clinic 1,189.41-Ex; Prairie States Communications 583.42-Ex; Rave Wireless 2,076.95-Se; Reynolds Kurth & Samuelson PC 610.00-Ex; Rhonda Flower-Court

Guardian 160.00-Ex; Rodak Law 7,000.00-Se; Roods Tire Center 37.40-Se; Schuch Rentals 150.00-Ex; Scotts Bluff Detention Center 3,900.00-Ex; Security First Bank 268.91-Su, 1,441.08-In; SRMC 1,100.00-Ex; Verizon 80.02-Se; Viaero 1,323.61-Se; Sheila Von Seggern 1,100.00-In; Woods & Aitken LLP 5,829.40-Se

Total: \$305,566.25

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 41,363.77-Sa; Action Communications 1,813.63-Ex; Black Hills Energy 1,040.51-Se; BCBS 23,322.14-In; Bomgaars 21.99-Su; Charter 100.00-Se; CClerk 2,653.72-Re, 3078.55-Ta; Phillip Childress 44.43-Ex; City of Sidney 681.76-Ut; Contractors Materials 559.00-Su; Cornhusker International Trucks 455.94-Se; E&S 594.46-Se; Eakes 240.61-Su; Finney's 91.55-Su; Floyd;s Truck Ctr 507.77-Se; Hometown Leasing 204.41-Se; Ideal Linen Scottsbluff 54.48-Su; J&A Traffic Prods 920.00-Su; Michael Todd & Co 2,706.50-Su; Matthew Mitchell 1,496.22-Ex; National Sign Co 2,025.17-Su; Nebraska Public Power Dist. 54.86-Ut; Nebraska Machinery 528.96-Se; RGM Corp 692.90-Se; Verizon 39.92-Se; Village of Dalton 82.00-Ut; Wyoming First Aid & Safety Supply 215.23-Su; 21st Century Equip 496.93-Su

Total: \$86,087.41

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 2155.15-Sa; Allo 165.25-Se; Black Hills Energy 147.81-Su; BCBS 2472.68-Ut; CClerk 145.47-Re, 159.06-Ta; Eakes 10.02-Su; Hometown Leasing 99.85-Ex; Lamar 445.00-Se; Kendra Mitchell 479.95-Mi; Sidney Sun 14.32-Se

Total: \$6,294.56

VETERANS AID

CenTee Cast Metal Products 1,116.36-Su

Total: \$1,116.36

KENO LOTTERY FUND

Gurley Fire Department 8,278.00-Su

Total: \$8,278.00

PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS 349.47-Se

Total: \$349.47

FAIR

Sidney Sun 7.16

Total: \$7.16

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 16,976.90-Sa; AT&T Mobility 291.26-Se; BCBS 14,984.51-In; Lumen 673.49-Se; Century Link 98.02-Se; CClerk 1,145.94-Re, 1,215.92-Ta; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Heidi Gillespie 348.00-Mi; Spectrum 257.69-Se

Total: \$36,563.52

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,218.60-Sa; Kay Anderson 350.00-Ex; Black Hills Energy 76.49-Ut; BCBS 4,634.41-In; Bridgeport News 6.71-Ex; CC Clerk 284.76-Re, 282.53-Ta; City of Sidney 176.59-Ut; Comfort Inn-Kearney 539.80-Ex; Garden County News 7.64-Ex; Adam Hayward 350.00-Ex; Brandon Loy 350.00-Ex; Charles Roderick 350.00-Ex; Western Observer 13.58-Ex; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Ex

Total: \$11,991.11

GRAND TOTAL: \$456,253.84.

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.

Correspondence:

Jordan, Cheyenne County Clerk read a Thank You letter from PAC:

Cheyenne County Commissioners, Thank you very much for your support of the PAC. We appreciate it more than you know. – PACC

Next, Jordan read a letter from Pleasantview Cemetery, Lodgepole, NE:

The purpose of this letter is to request, from the County Commissioners, the annual funds that have been graciously given to our cemetery for maintenance and upkeep for the cemetery grounds. Last year we requested and received 3,300. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Without your financial assistance it would be impossible to keep the cemetery looking nice and well kept throughout the year and give us the ability to make some minor improvements. We have wonderful volunteers who participate in the annual clean up of the cemetery to keep it looking nice but mowing and spraying weeds continues to increase in cost. Thank you so much for your consideration in the matter. -Tom Weber, Chairman.

Jason Petik, CEO Sidney Regional Medical Center. Jason explained that Regional West has been providing ambulance services in Sidney for the past two years. There is an Advisory Council that has been reviewing operations and has concluded that creating a Hospital District for the ambulance services would be beneficial moving forward. Baird Holm, legal counsel, was included in these discussions. Currently the City, County and the Hospital contributed \$150,000 each a year to cover the expenses of the ambulance services. This is operating at a deficit of another \$800,000. Totals around a 1.2 million loss for the ambulance services for a lack of funding from either the insurance companies or the State. The hospital can collect 30 cents of every dollar that they charge. They are looking at putting together a local Hospital District to create a tax levy entity. The Hospital District would take the geographical shape of the 4-fire districts. There will be more community meetings to come.

Amber Horn, Cheyenne County Attorney, presented to the board the General Assistance Application of County Burial for Richard Zuhlke. There are no assets in the Assessor's Office or the Treasurer's Office. Amber is recommending approval. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the County Burial for Richard Zuhlke. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Next, Amber presented the Interlocal Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement. The Agreement is between us and the other counties to streamline a process when and if there is major disaster. Amber stated she has reviewed it along with NIRMA and it has been approved. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the Interlocal Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement. Roll Call: Aye: Johnson, Miller, Sanders. Nay: None.

Lastly, Amber presented the State Grant Award for Juvenile Services Aid Enhancement. A motion was made by Sanders, seconded by Miller to approve the State Grant Award for Juvenile Services Aid Enhancement. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

Mark Roelle and Troy Kurz, presented to the board information regarding the issuance of Special Designated Liquor License for the 2026 Cheyenne County Fair Beer Garden. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the 2026 Cheyenne County Fair. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

Anthony Krajewski, Highway Superintendent, gave an update on the roads department.

Comments from the public:

Sheriff Adam Frerichs – Thanked Darrell for his years of service and to the community. He explained how he has learned a lot over the years from Darrell. Sheriff gave a heartwarming story of how Darrell helped make him the man he is today.

Mark Onstott – Stated that 22 years ago Darrell called him before he ever moved to Sidney, before he was hired by Cabela's. Darrell explained how the community works together. He thanked Darrell for everything he has done and that this community appreciates everything.

Kali Miller – On behalf of Cheyenne County we want to thank you for your 53 years of public service. 5 years as Deputy Sheriff, 2 years as State of Nebraska Probation Officer, 2 years as Sidney Police Officer, 32 years Cheyenne County Sheriff and 12 years as Cheyenne County Commissioner. A lifetime of service was given to the community selflessly over those years. Kali then honored Darrell with a plaque with his years of service.

Randy Miller- Thanked Darrell and stated Darrell has been such a great asset to this community and a great friend.

Philip Sanders – Thanked Darrell for everything he had done and how Darrell has been an asset to him and how Darrell is his friend and always will be.

One of Darrell's daughters spoke about how he is an honorable man at home as he is here.

At 8:45 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit Board of Commissioners and enter the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Sanders, Johnson. Nay: None.

At 9:30 A.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Sanders to exit Board of Equalization and enter the Board of Commissioners. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Johnson, Miller. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

Dated the 18th day of May 2026.

Darrell J. Johnson, Chairman

Philip E. Sanders, Vice-Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk