

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

October 19, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Monday, October 19, 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 October 1, 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
Amber Horn	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 October 5, 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 106,750.22 -Sa; Allo Communications 1,402.53-Se; Amber Horn 450.00-Se; Ashlyn Roelle 323.28- Mi; FirstNet/AT&T Mobility 437.65- Se; Audrey M. Long (Elliot Law) 284.00- Ex; Bemis Drug 28.38-Ex; Black Hills Energy 1288.00- Ut; BlueLogic 486.00-Ex; Bluffs Facility 282.67-Su; C-Weed Management LLC 11,753.50- Se;CenturyLink 1.29-Se; Chelsey Bartling 112.46-In; Cheyenne Co Clerk Petty Cash 2808.38- In, 2529.41-Ut, 408.57- Ex; Cheyenne Co. Clerk 7,569.60-Re; Cheyenne Co. Clerk 7,636.30-Ta; Cheyenne Co Court 890.50-Ex; Cheyenne Co. District Court 265.00- Ex; Cheyenne Co Sheriff's Office 282.50-Ex; Cheyenne Co. Treasurer 27984.92- Ex; Christina Lotton 399.76- Mi; City of Sidney 5,012.50-Ut; Connecting Point Scotts Bluff 82.25-Ex; Culligan 260.14-Su; Dash Medical Gloves 58.68-Su; Denise Wieser 352.56- Mi; DP Electronics 44.98-Se; E& S Auto Supply 231.70- Ex; Eakes Office Supply 931.16- Su; Election System & Software 1665.43-Se; Finney's 400.23-Su; Five Nines Tech 6,430.55-Se; Frenchman Valley 1,540.15-Ex; Galls 39.44- Su; GoTo Communications 126.72-Se; Hamilton Telecommunications 89.90-Se;High West Energy 49.87-Ut; Holiday Inn Kearney 279.90- Ex; Hometown Leasing 398.07-Ex; Ideal Linen & Uniform 149.92-Se; Ken Graff Ford Cheyenne 28292.00- Ex; Level 3 Communications 314.36-Se; Midwest Special Services 7.00-Se; Outlaws 373.75-Ex;

Petty Cash Cheyenne Co. Attorney 201.27- Ex; Protex Central 180.00-Ex; Randy's Auto Care 81.44- Ex; Rauner & Associates 5,500.00-Ex; Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority 7,794.25- Se; Robert S. Harvoy 918.62- Ex; Royal Flush Sanitation LLC 100.00- Se; Scottsbluff County Sheriff 58.56-Ex; Sidney Glass 623.12-Se; Sun Telegraph 1,993.57-Ex; Sonny's Super Foods 4,219.67- Su; Splish Splash Car Wash 80.49-Ex; State of NE- Department of Administrative Services 198.00-Ex; Steve E. Elmshaeuser 140.00- Ex; SureStay Plus Hotel 120.60- Ex; Thomson Reuters-West 689.11-Ex; TIME 40.00-Su; TransUnion 120.00-Su; Us Bank Clerk 303.95-Su; US Bank B&G 597.32-Su, 817.48-Ex; US Bank District Court 8.15-Su, 423.99-Ex; US Bank Assessor 19.00-Su; US Bank Treasurer 210.63-Su; US Bank Sheriff 4,744.47-Ex, 296.77-Su; US Bank Veterans 154.59-Se; Verizon Wireless 179.84-Ex; Westfield Pharmacy 63.67-Ex; WPCI 225.00-Ex; WJE Consulting LLC 1,317.00-Ex.

Total: \$253,926.74

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 40,030.89-Sa; 21st Century Equipment 859.35-Ex; Cheyenne Co Clerk 2964.83-Tx; Cheyenne Co. Clerk 2584.00-Re; Cheyenne Co. Treasurer Misc. 50-Ex; Christopher Foster 1,100.00- In; Contractors Materials 83.00-Ex; E & S Auto Supply 585.28-Ex; Finney's 65.55-Su; Floyd's Truck Center 337.05-Ex; Frenchman Valley Coop. 21,349.43-Ex; High West Energy 86.27-Ut; Hometown Leasing 169.50- Ex; J & A Traffic Products 227.40- Su; Matthew Mitchell 278.81- Mi; Michael Todd & Company 1,833.72-Ex; NebraskaLand Tire 136.46- Su; Nebraska Machinery Co. LLC 11,594.79- Ex; Northern Safety Co. 383.46- Su; Panhandle Auto Group 9.60-Ex; Sidney Regional Medical Center 30.00- Ex; US Bank Road 101.75- Ex; Verizon Connect 397.64-Ex; Village of Lodgepole 94.08-Ut; Village of Potter 123.43-Ut; Wheatbelt Public Power Dist. 140.73-Ut.

Total: \$85,617.02

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 1,760.00-Sa; Allo Communications 165.24-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 118.80-Re, 125.29-Ta; City of Sidney 258.84-Ut.

Total: \$2,428.17

FAIR FUND

Best Western Plus 534.00- Ex; Hampton Inn 3798.00-Ex.

Total: \$4,332.00

KENO FUND

Critter Sitter 1,150.00-Se; Sidney Veterinary Hospital 50.25-Ex; US Bank Sheriff 64.01-Su; Western Drug 18.25-Ex.

Total: \$1,282.51

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 18,442.56-Sa; Century Link 175.27-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 1,244.86-Re, 1,317.31-Ta; Culligan 29.95-Ex; Ideal Linen Supply 39.60- Su; Language Line Services 9.44-Ex; Monique Christensen 771.40-Mi; Sidney Regional Medical 49.00- Ex; US Bank 233.72-Su, 661.92-Ex; US Postal Service 132.00-Ex; Victoria Closson 563.87- Mi.

Total: \$23,670.90

WIRELESS 911

Hamilton Information Systems 1,076.46-Ex.

Total: \$1,076.46.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 4,218.60-Sa; FirstNet 200.41-Ex; Cheyenne County Clerk 284.76-Re, 280.64-Ta; City of Sidney 181.61-Ex; Eakes Office Supply 18.50-Su; Finney's 37.99-Su; Frenchman Valley Coop 133.21-Ex; DAS State Acct 22.00-Ex; US Bank Region 21 37.51-Su.

Total: \$ 5,415.23

GRAND TOTAL: \$377,749.03

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

Jordan Hajek, Clerk presented to the board the Resolution 2026-24A as a correction to Resolution 2026-24 changing the amount from 1,776,093.81 to 1,735,693.81 to be transferred from County General 100 Fund to County Road 300 Fund in two separate installments. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn, to approve the Resolution 2026-24A. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. A copy of the Resolution can be found in the Clerk's Office.

Warren Phelps was tabled until November 2, 2026, meeting.

A request was made by John Fahey, Keno Operator, to update the signatories on the Keno Bank account at Platte Valley Bank. The name of Kristine Bachert should be added to the account. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve changes in signatories as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None.

Josh Hanson, City of Sidney Manager, presented the Amended Fifth Addendum between the County and Solid Waste. The changes are on Page 1, changing the dates of which the bond is set to close, Page 2 the amount of which is being bonded and on Page 3 the extension of the services changing to April 1, 2041. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve changes as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

Next Josh Hanson discussed the Certificate of Chairperson and County Clerk of Cheyenne County as the final document for the Amended Fifth Addendum. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the Certificate of Chairperson and County Clerk of Cheyenne County. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

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

At 8:20.M., a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn, to recess the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None.

The Board discussed the Levies for the 2026-2027 tax year. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the Levies as reviewed. Roll Call: Aye: Miller,

Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None. A complete copy of the Levies as approved is on file at the Office of the County Clerk.

At 8:22 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.

Joe McCarn, Cheyenne County Chamber Director, introduced Sarah Buchholz as the new Community Engagement Coordinator. Joe reviewed the Q3 Chamber Report. Upcoming Events: City Council Candidate Interviews – October, School Board Candidate Interviews – October, Nebraska Chamber Road Show 10/6, Leadership Cheyenne County Graduation 10/14, Ag Appreciation Cookout 10/29, Shop Cheyenne County Days 11/9-1/9, Annual Banquet 1/9/27, Ag Social 3/16/27 and Dancing with the Stars 4/24/27.

There were no comments from the public.

The Board completed the quarterly jail inspection.

At 8:47 A.M., a motion was made by Miller to enter into executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

At 9:16 A.M., a motion was made by Miller to exit executive session. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

Dated the 19th day of October 2026.

Philip E. Sanders, Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Vice-Chairman

Ryan K. Watchorn, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk