

CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHEYENNE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

September 8, 2026

The Cheyenne County Board of Commissioners and Board of Equalization held an open and public meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 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 September 4, 2025, 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 Sanders called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M., with the following present:

Randal D. Miller
Ryan K. Watchorn
Philip E. Sanders
Jordan Hajek

Commissioner of the First District
Commissioner of the Second District
Commissioner of the Third District
County Clerk and Clerk to the Board

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: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

The Minutes of the August 17, 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.

The Minutes of the August 31, 2026, meeting have been reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve the Minutes as written. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, 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 147,503.56-Sa; BCBS 86,373.11-In; Allo Comm 1,496.49-Se; Amber Horn 63.33-Se; Benzel Pest Control 310.57-Se; Black Hills 2,290.74-Ut; Bluffs Facility Solutions 359.80-Se; Bomgaars 3.00-Ex; C-Weed Management 5,722.00-Se; Century Link 28.24-Se; C.C. Clerk PCash 199.56-Se, 10,771.06-Ta, 10,464.70-Re; C.C.Court 1,378.40-Se; C.C.D.Court 853.00-Se; C.C.S.O. 733.60-Se; Christina Lotton 331.36-Mi; City of Sidney Eco Dev 1,666.67-Ex, Library 7,500.00-Ex, 10,619.21-Ut; CNN Electrical Srvs 3,440.09-Se; Cranmore Pest Control 55.00-Se; Dash Medical Gloves 82.50-Su; Douglas, Kelly Et Al 252.00-Se; E&S 26.39-Su; Eakes 2,823.05-Su; Elliott Law 7,924.97-Se; Steven Elmshaeuser 710.00-Se; Finney's 660.73-Su; Five Nines 6,080.20-Se; Gehrig-Stitt 2,045.00-Se; GoTo Comm 126.40-Se; Grainger 171.02-Su; Great America Financial Srvs 101.12-Se; Hamilton Telecomms 89.90-Se; Holiday Inn Kearney 559.80-Ex; Hometown Leasing 1,436.69-Se; Huber & Assoc 876.00-Su; Ideal Linen Uniform 149.92-Se; Joelyann Saucedo 584.37-In; Johnson Controls 1,661.72-Se; Law Publications 499.00-Se; Lois Hart

538.81-Ex; Lyle Kurth 17.50-Ex; Midwest Special Svcs 634.55-Se; MIPS 3,766.81-Se; NMS 54.99-Se; Nossaman, Pettit Law 7,000.00-Se; Pepsi 143.78-Se; Phillip Sanders 60.08-Mi; Prairie States Comm 465.00-Se; ProSource Specialties 795.00-Su; Robert S. Harvoy 963.82-Se; Rodak Law Offc 7,000.00- Se; Ron Kissler 125.00-Se; Royal Flush 100.00-Se; Schuch Rentals 150.00-Se; ScottsBluff Detention Center 11,541.52-Se; Security 1st Insurance 40.00-Su; Security First Bank 1,441.08-In; SRMC 1,100.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 1,226.97-Se; SRMC 37,500.00-Se; State of Neb-DAS 99.00-Se; Triple O 145.80-Su; Verizon 259.80-Se; Viaero 803.12-Se; Sheila Von Seggern 1,212.02-In/Mi.
Total 396,208.92.

ROAD FUND

Employee Payroll 60,116.95-Sa; 21st Century Equip 1,824.78-Se; Action Comms 45.00-Se; AJK Services 3,690.08-Se; Black Hills 397.63-Ut; Black Rock Material & Supply 8,222.49-Su; BCBS 25,064.09-In; Bomgaars 49.97-Su; Charter Communications 100.00-Se; C.C.Clerk PCash 24.51-Se, 3,919.57-Re, 4,501.38-Ta; City of Sidney 1,000.25-Ut; Colleen Terman 108.83-Mi; E&S 450.49-Se, 482.67-Su; Eakes 765.72-Su; Finney's 66.65-Se, 58.97-Su; Ideal Linen 112.74-Su; J&A Traffic Prods 7,850.00-Su; Michael Foster 1,100.00-In; Neb Public Power Dist 54.17-Ut; NMS 2,427.56-Se; Nebraska Machinery 17,887.29-Se; Panhandle Automotive 86.40-Se; Phillip Childers 5.00-Su; Powerplan 9,726.04-Se; Titan Machinery 2,683.04-Se; Verizon 39.93-Se; Villg of Dalton 82.00-Ut; Villg of Potter 123.43-Ut.
Total: \$153,067.63

VISITORS FUND

Employee Payroll 2,640.00-Sa; Allo Comm 170.24.-Se; Black Hills 53.29-Ut; BCBS 2,294.73-In; C.C.Clerk 192.61-Ta, 178.20-Re; City of Sidney 331.24-Ut; Hometown Leasing 104.85-Su; Lamar 445.00-Se; Ramada Midtown Center 218.00-Se; Twin Cities Development 200.00-Se; Western Neb Tourism Coalition 4,613.48-Se.
Total: \$11,441.64.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND

Cheyenne County Community Center 2,273.34-Ex; Legion Baseball Concessions 4,999.00-Ex.
Total: \$7,272.34.

PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS 353.93-Se.
Total: 353.93.

KENO FUND

Critter Sitter 250.00-Se; Cheyenne County 4-H Council 3,244.50-Ex.
Total: \$3,494.50.

E911 FUND

Employee Payroll 29,169.08-Sa; AT&T 310.65-Se; BCBS 15,903.19-In; Century Link 88.84-Se; Century Link 650.73-Se; Spectrum 257.69-Se; C.C.Clerk 2,137.90-Ta, 1,968.93-Re; Dalton Telephone Co 114.45-Se; DAS State Acctg 537.60-Se; Frontier 34.19-Se; Nettie Iske 97.28-Mi; SRMC 55.00-Se; Sidney Sun Telegraph 64.01-Se; US Bank 620.86-Se.
Total: \$52,010.40.

Wireless 911

Hamilton Information Systems 1,076.46-Ex.
Total: 1,076.46.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Employee Payroll 5,078.60-Sa; Adam Hayward 350.00-Se; Black Hills 49.57-Ut; BCBS 4920.11-In; Brandon Loy 350.00-Se; Bridgeport News-Blade 3.82-Se; Charles Roderick 350.00-Se; C.C.Clerk 346.43-Ta, 342.81-Re; City of Sidney 254.45-Ut; Elizabeth Yost 350.00-Se; Kay Anderson 350.00-Se; Motorola Solutions 80,916.88-Su; Prairie States Communications 50.00-Se; Splish Splash 13.00-Se.

Total: \$93,725.67.

GRAND TOTAL: \$718,651.49.

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: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

Bonita Dickinson with the American Legion Auxiliary introduced the members present. Terri appeared before the Board requesting declaration of September 17, 2026, as Constitution Day and the week of September 17 through 23, 2026 as Constitution Week. It is asked that businesses, school children and teachers, and citizens rings bells at 4P.M., on September 17, commemorating the day and hour the Constitution was signed in 1787. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None.

Brent Fletcher, Cheyenne County Weed Superintendent, presented to the Board an opportunity to apply for Cash Grant Match for obnoxious weeds for 30,000 per year. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve the Cash Grant Match with PWMMA at a 5% contribution. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None.

John Fahey, Keno Operator, presented to the Board that Chute 39 in Gurley bar would like to have Keno. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to accept Chute 39 as an additional location for Keno. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn, Sanders. Nay: None.

Whitney Whatley, representing the Be Here, addressed the Board stating September is Suicide Awareness and Prevention month. Be Here is sponsoring a "Chalk the Walk" event September 4th though the 10th. The group is encouraging the community to create uplifting art or write encouraging, positive messages on the sidewalks, driveways or community spaces.

Josh Hanson, City of Sidney Manager and Laura Narjes, Library Director, presented the 2026-2027 Library Budget to the Board.

Alisha Juelfs and Melissa Norgard, E3 presented to the Board a Program Overview and Annual Report. The funding partners are currently Sidney Community Donors, Nebraska Community Foundations, USDA Rural Business Development Grant and Local Donors. E3 helps Entrepreneurs, Funding with Grant researching, application-writing budget support, and follow though after submission, Community and youth.

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

Next Anthony also presented a Resolution to set a date for Cheyenne County One and Six Year Proposed Highway Improvement Program. It was determined that this was not needed to set the date for hearing. The hearing will be published in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph as usual.

Lastly, Anthony presented the Annual Certification of Program Compliance stating that we do have a Class A Superintendent for the County. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution 2026-20. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None. A copy of the resolution can be found in the Clerk's Office.

Ron Kissler, Deputy Sheriff County Courthouse Security, presented to the Board the Five Nines Contract to provide managed IT. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Watchorn to approve the Contract. Roll Call: Aye: Sanders, Miller, Watchorn. Nay: None

Next Ron Kissler presented to the Board that the cost to support the server is going to increase roughly by 400%. Ron found a company that will support the server for 11,500. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller the new license for the server of Hyper-V. Roll Call: Aye: Miller, Watchorn Sanders. Nay: None

Ambulance expenditures for the 2026-2027 budget were discussed. Chairman Sanders stated that we all agree that we need an ambulance service and that we want an ambulance service. At the budget meeting on August 31st it was discussed increasing from 150,000 to 250,000. A motion was made by Watchorn, seconded by Miller to approve the increase from 150,000 to 250,000 for the Ambulance Service. Roll Call: Aye: Watchorn, Sanders, Miller. Nay: None

There were no comments from the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Dated the 8th day of September 2026.

Philip E Sanders, Chairman

Randal D. Miller, Vice-Chairman

Ryan K. Watchorn, Member

ATTEST:

Jordan Hajek, Cheyenne County Clerk