

The Board of Commissioners, Board of Corrections and Board of Equalization of Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska met in an open and public meeting at 4:30 PM, January 2, 2024, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

A notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, December 28, 2023, and proof of publication is on record. Copies of the agenda, kept continuously current, were available from the County Clerk's office and were submitted to each of the Commissioners on December 29, 2023.

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

ROLL CALL: Ken Meyer, Mark Harris, Charlie Knapper, Russ Reisig, Mike Blue.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve agenda as presented. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Harris. Approve the appointment of Ken Meyer as Chairman of the Board. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve the appointment of Mark Harris as Vice-Chairman of the Board: YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Appoint Officials to various offices as follows:

- Facilities Manager – Jay Steinle
- County Safety Committee Chairman – Jay Steinle
- Central Communications Coordinator – Tyler Rexus
- Veterans Service Officer – Matthew Meyers
- Director of Public Works/Highway Superintendent – Steve Baird
- Building & Zoning Director – William Mabin
- Weed Control Authority Superintendent – Jeff Schledewitz
- GIS/Mapping Director – Ashle Powell
- General Assistance Administrator – Lisa Rien
- Personnel Director/Civil Rights Director – Lisa Rien
- Management Accountant – Lisa Rien
- Detention Center Director – Sheriff Mark Overman
- Information Systems Director – Bytes
- Tourism Director – Brenda Leisy
- Transit Manager – Curt Richter
- Region 22 Emergency Management – Tim Newman

YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Appoint Commissioner Liaisons for Appointed Officials as follows:

- Facilities Manager – Mark Harris
- County Safety Committee Chairman – Mike Blue
- Central Communications Coordinator – Ken Meyer
- Veterans Service Officer – Mike Blue
- Director of Public Works/Highway Superintendent – Russ Reisig
- Building & Zoning Director – Mark Harris
- Weed Control Authority Superintendent – Russ Reisig
- GIS/Mapping Director – Russ Reisig
- General Assistance Administrator – Charlie Knapper
- Personnel Director/Civil Rights Director - Ken Meyer
- Management Accountant – Ken Meyer
- Detention Center Director – Ken Meyer
- Information Systems Director – Charlie Knapper
- Tourism Director – Charlie Knapper
- Transit Manager – Russ Reisig
- Region 22 Emergency Management – Mike Blue

YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Appoint representatives to serve on various boards and committees as follows:

Aging Office of Western Nebraska – Ken Meyer, Alternate Charlie Knapper
Airport Authority Board – Russ Reisig
Building Utilization Committee – Mark Harris
Communications Board/Emergency 911 Advisory Board – Mike Blue
Gering Valley Flood Control Maintenance – Russ Reisig
Panhandle Area Development District & Enterprise Zone Committee – Charlie Knapper, Alternate Russ Reisig
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska – Ken Meyer
Region I Panhandle Health Group Governing Board – Ken Meyer
Region I Office of Human Development – Ken Meyer
Panhandle Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc. – Charlie Knapper
Scottsbluff Drain Maintenance Committee – Mark Harris
Sheriff Merit Commission – Mike Blue, Alternate Mark Harris
Tourism Committee – Charlie Knapper
Weed Control Authority – Russ Reisig
County Personnel Board – Mark Harris, Alternate Mike Blue
SARA Title III LEPC – Charlie Knapper
Housing Authority Board/Public Housing Community Advisory Council – Mike Blue
Mapping Committee – Russ Reisig, Alternate Mike Blue
County Safety Committee – Mike Blue
Cirrus House Board of Directors – Russ Reisig
Scotts Bluff/Morrill County Extension Board – Mike Blue
Regional Governance Group – Ken Meyer, Alternate Mark Harris
Twin Cities Development – Charlie Knapper, Alternate Ken Meyer
Information Systems Committee – Charlie Knapper
Corrections Dept. Contact Person – Ken Meyer, Alternate Russ Reisig
Region 22 Emergency Management Advisory Board – Mike Blue
Panhandle Public Health District – Mark Harris, Alternate Ken Meyer
Heartland Expressway Association – Mark Harris

YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Designate the Business Farmer as 2024 official County newspaper. YEA: Knapper. NAY: Meyer, Harris, Reisig. Blue. Motion fails.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Table designation of 2024 official County newspaper. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Designate the Scotts Bluff County website as an additional method of providing notice of meetings. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Table designation of newspaper for 2024 delinquent tax list publication. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Blue. NAY: Reisig.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Receive Consent Agenda. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Move into Board of Equalization at 4:53 PM. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve one (1) motor vehicle exemption for Panhandle Day Care Center Inc., Scottsbluff as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Knapper. Approve twenty-five (25) motor vehicle exemptions Region 1 Office of Human Development, Scottsbluff as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Harris. Receive tax list corrections. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 4:57 PM. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Reisig. Approve Resolution and Chairman's signature for Program Agreement for Project STWD-CBMP(8)" C79(442). YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Discussion was held regarding fuel bids. No action taken.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approve resolution to allow Treasurer to invest 2024 excess funds as requested by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Reisig.

Motion: Harris. Second: Blue. Approve resolution to set 2024 Delinquent Rate for Insufficient Funds at 1% as requested by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Knapper. Approve bank depositories for 2024 as follows: First National Bank, NPAIT, Pinnacle Bank, Platte Valley Bank, Riverstone Bank, US Bank, NFIT (Union Bank), Nebraska Class, Public Trust as presented by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Recess at 5:21 PM.

Return at 5:25 PM.

Motion: Harris. Second: Knapper. Approve development of RFP from consultation firms to assist Scotts Bluff County Commissioners and Scotts Bluff County Planning and Zoning Commission updating Scotts Bluff County's comprehensive plan which provides guidance and regulations to renewable energy, directing Bill Mabin, Building & Zoning Director to move forward with this issue. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Knapper. Approve the rescheduling of November 4, 2024 Regular Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 12 due to 2024 Election on November 5th as requested by Kelly Sides, County Clerk. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Meyer. Approve possible Work Sessions during the months with five Mondays, as follows: January, July, September, December. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Reisig, Blue. NAY: Knapper.

Motion: Blue. Second: Harris. Approve setting of salary resolution for the Commissioners for 2025-2026 at \$24,893. YEA: Meyer, Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

No public comment.

The Board gave reports on various subjects. The Board received updates and reminders regarding various items from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant; Heather Hauschild, Treasurer; Robert Simpson, Assessor Office Manager.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** ACE HARDWARE, RPR, 71.51; ALLO, SVC, 8.65; AT&T DIST 12 PROBATION, SVC, 57.82; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1448.66; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 3549.12; M BLUE, TRVL, 418.41; C BRANDT, SVC, 716.7; R BRENNER, SVC, 2410; BYTES, SVC, 2746.41; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, RENT, 189.35; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 30.97; COMFORT INN, TRVL, 114.95; CONNECTING POINT, SUPP, 270.95; CROWNE PLAZA, TRVL, 1214.55; DAS CENTRAL SERVICES FINANCE, SVC, 460.04; R DOBY, SVC, 723.01; DOUGLAS CO COURT CRIMINAL TRAFFIC, SVC, 2; EAKES, SUPP, 859.18; R FLOWER, SVC, 3155.8; GERING CIVIC CENTER, SVC, 7006.46; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 11471.32; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, SVC, 514.83; J GUZMAN, TRVL, 360.25; H HAUSCHILD, TRVL, 373.94; HIGH PLAINS SPAS, SUPP, 201.68; HOLYOKE SNYDER LONGORIA REICHERT, SVC, 3436.69; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 670.9; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 71.23; INDOFF, SUPP, 42.99; ISLAND LAW, SVC, 6010; JACK'S UNIFORM & EQUIP, SUPP, 505.08; JURY FEES 621 CLRK DIST, FEE, 3624.32; JUSTICE WORKS, FEE, 200; MADELUNG LAW, SVC, 5200; MAINTAIN X, SVC, 186.09; MATTHEW BENDER & CO, SUPP, 400.31; MENARDS, RPR, 184.75; MIDWEST ELECTRONICS, SUPP, 423; NEBRASKA ASSOC OF CO OFFICIALS, REG, 300; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 218.95; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP, SVC, 595; NEW VICTORIAN INN & SUITES, TRVL, 209.97; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW, SVC, 2645.45; PELL REPORTING, SVC, 1455; W PETERS, SVC, 2495; PRINT EXPRESS, SVC, 2201.65; QUADIENT LEASING, POST, 3585; RWMC, SVC, 3625; RIVERSTONE BK, SUPP, 50; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 1235; SCB CO COURT, FEE, 1843.25; SCB CO SHERIFF FEE ACCOUNT, FEE, 321.84; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 1100.89; SCHLAGER COURT REPORTING, SVC, 4071; SECRETARY OF STATE, SUPP, 40; D SHELDON, RBMT, 150; K SIDES, TRVL, 361.56; WESTERN NEBRASKA NEWSPAPERS, PUB, 11.36; L TABOR, SVC, 2429; TEAM AUTO, SVC, 202.48; THOMSON REUTERS, SVC, 1782.42; UNIVERSITY OF NE, TRVL, 570.12; US BANCORP, MISC, 5420.58; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 89.01; WESTERN PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS, SVC, 4325; WITNESS FEES 622 COUNTY COURT, FEE, 243.4; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 476747.51; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 37986.05; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 17191.23; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 102850; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 4070.44; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2053.22; FNBO, CONT, 15633.82; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, CONT, 794.17; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 1454.32; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 704.47; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, CONT, 100; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 1362.6; YMCA, DUES, 280; LEGALSHIELD, INS, 89.7; EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA, CONT, 200; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS, DUES, 104; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 646.9; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 3597.05; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 55; C'S CLEANING, SVC, 400; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 936.25; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, RPR, 280.09; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SUPP, 7016.8; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL, SUPP, 1240.62; MID AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL, SUPP, 2140.92; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SVC, 134.41; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPT, EQUIP, 4500; NPPD, SVC, 481.92; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP, SVC, 278; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 69.09; K TREMAIN, SVC, 900; US BANCORP, MISC, 4007.93; VISTABEAM, SVC, 131.8; WPCI, SVC, 124; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 135387.04; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 7564.39; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 4378.24; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 34900; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1313.56; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 523.29; FNBO, CONT, 3929; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 481.78; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 358.53; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 441; WASHINGTON STATE SUPPORT REGISTRY, C/S, 263.61; **TOURISM:** B LEISY, TRVL, 93.67; MENARDS, SUPP, 19.98; US BANCORP, MISC, 614.73; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 4948.58; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 571.63; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 233.6; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1025; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 57.5; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 44.34; FNBO, CONT, 150; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 23.73; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** MADISON NATIONAL LIFE, INS, 4077.02; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 5115.37; REGIONAL CARE, INS, 72235.13; US BANCORP, MISC, 95.2; **GENERAL ASSISTANCE:** CANDLELIGHT INN & LOUNGE, ASST, 572; DUGAN-KRAMER CHAPEL, SVC, 1050; PANHANDLE COOP, FUEL, 92.77; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 1784.64; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 97.02; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 45.64; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1000; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 57.5; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 4.86; VISION

SERVICE PLAN, INS, 19.31; **HANDY BUS:** BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 65; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 526.05; EAKES, SUPP, 12.95; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, SVC, 50; FRESH FOODS, SUPP, 34; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 314.17; LOGOZ, SUPP, 75; MENARDS, SUPP, 57.38; TWIN CITY AUTO, RPR, 2218.2; US BANCORP, MISC, 1112.11; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 59499.35; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 3477.62; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 1751.56; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 12850; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 360; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 142.99; FNBO, CONT, 650; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 105.96; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS, DUES, 73; **COUNTY BUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** NDOT TRANSIT PROGRAMS SPECIALIST, RPR, 5004; **WING-DRUGS FUND:** US BANCORP, MISC, 34.24; **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND:** US BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, MISC, 174.75; **JUVENILE AID FUND:** RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 3491.84; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 129.99; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 48.69; FNBO, CONT, 150; **HIDTA FUNDS:** TEAM AUTO CENTER, RBMT, 375; **HOMELAND SECURITY:** REGION 23 EMERGENCY MNGT, RBMT, 659.53; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 2930.03; **E-911 FUND:** US BANCORP, MISC, 900; **DETENTION CENTER:** ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 11.32; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 7743.95; BOB BARKER CO, SUPP, 4929.08; BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, SUPP, 269.94; CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY, SUPP, 194.54; EAKES, SUPP, 87.48; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 15564.9; INDEPENDENT PLG & HTG, SUPP, 2.99; KEPT IN STITCHES, SUPP, 93; MENARDS, RPR, 67.01; MONUMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY, SVC, 200; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP, RPR, 155; NEBRASKALAND TIRE NKC TIRE GROUP, SVC, 864.26; POWERTECH, RPR, 440; RADIOLOGY IMAGING, SVC, 80.68; RWMC, SVC, 74.13; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 1510.76; STERICYCLE, SVC, 172.83; SUMMIT FOOD SVC, SVC, 20534.24; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 467.85; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 307793.21; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 22134.24; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 11392.2; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 70575; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2720.1; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1081.22; FNBO, CONT, 6315.82; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 945.57; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 850; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 677.44; COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, DUES, 1472.22; YMCA, DUES, 624; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, C/S, 1216.04; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SVC, GARN, 462.63; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 890.12; BOX BUTTE CO COURT, GARN, 379.29; ELITE TOTAL FITNESS, DUES, 73; **COUNTY BOND:** BOK FINANCIAL CORP, INRT, 1011331.25; **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** US BANCORP, MISC, 971.14; **NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL:** CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 31.6; INDOFF INC, SUPP, 18.42; SCB CO HWY DEPT, FUEL, 130.64; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 5498.43; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 436.89; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 209.61; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1000; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 35; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 4.86; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 19.31; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS, SVC, 16.95; LIFE FIRST LEARNING, EDU, 900; US BANCORP, MISC, 204.36; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 99890.34; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 7669.66; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 3856.88; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 18300; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 761.78; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 239.84; FNBO, CONT, 1460; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 212.75; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 139.07; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 560.38; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 288.77; YMCA, DUES, 64.

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