

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 6, 2025, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, January 4, 2025, 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 January 3, 2025.

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

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

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

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

4:30 PUBLIC HEARING – Discuss and consider approval of Dave Loos Zoning Change request (Rural Residential to Agricultural) located in Section 31, Township 23N, Range 55W. Dave Loos, property owner addressed the Board and Daniel Romisch spoke in opposition of the request.

Public hearing closed at 4:50 PM.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Knapper. Table decision regarding Dave Loos Zoning Change request (Rural Residential to Agricultural) located in Section 31, Township 23N, Range 55W until March 3, 2025 for the possible sale of the property or a portion thereof between Loos and any interested party. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

4:30 PUBLIC HEARING – Discuss and consider approval of Amendments to the Scotts Bluff County Zoning Regulations; more specifically the implementation of Wind Energy Generation Regulations for wind energy conversion systems. There was no public comment in agreement with the regulation and Vice-Chairman Knapper read aloud Casey Debus' comments regarding opposition of set-backs from dwellings.

Public hearing closed at 5:33 PM.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Approved Amendments to the Scotts Bluff County Zoning Regulations; more specifically the implementation of Wind Energy Generation Regulations for wind energy conversion systems as amended during discussion. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Knapper. Move into Board of Equalization at 5:40 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

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

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 5:41 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Reisig. Approve CBMP Agreement Project No. STWD-CBMP(9) as requested by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve the Resolution for proper completion of Project STWD-CBMP(7) Structure C007932410 as presented by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve NDA (Nebraska Department of Agriculture) year-end reports, activity, budget, control plan, infestation, and roster as presented by Steve Baird, Highway/Weed Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Recess at 6:01 PM.

Return at 6:09 PM.

The Board received a UNL programming update from Jessica Groskopf, Agricultural Economics Cropping Systems Extension Educator; Director, Nebraska Women in Agriculture. No action taken.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Knapper. Remove moratorium and renewable energy. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve the appointment of Cellinda Howard to the position of Communications Center Director as recommended by the committee conducting interviews, made up of Commissioner Mike Blue; Chief Deputy Sheriff Troy Brown; Scottsbluff Fire Chief, Tom Schingle and Shawn Baumgartner, Regional West Emergency Services Program Manager. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

Discussion was held regarding the continuance of Communications Center oversight by the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Department. No action taken.

Old Business.

The Board received an update regarding Time clock plus and payroll from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant.

No public comment.

The Board received updates from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant; Phil Kelly, Attorney-at-Law; and Curt Richter, Transit Manager . No action taken.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Motion: Harris. Second: Reisig. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation at 7:12 PM. Participants: The Board; Phil Kelly, Attorney-at-Law; Jason Ossian, Attorney-at-Law and Lisa Rien, Management. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None. Absent: Meyer.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:33 PM.

Roll Call: Harris, Knapper, Reisig, Blue. Absent: Meyer.

The Board recessed at 7:33 PM to continue to Detention Center Tour.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** ACE HARDWARE, RPR, 43.69; AT&T DIST 12 PROBATION, SVC, 60.4; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1448.03; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 3468.4; R BRENNER, SVC, 3340; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, SVC, 193.83; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 29.36; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 141.25; CHARTER COMM, SVC, 309.95; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 26.72; CONNECTING POINT, SVC, 32; CRESCENT ELECTRIC, SUPP, 204.77; CROWNE PLAZA, TRVL, 1119.6; DAS STATE ACCTG CENTRAL FINANCE, SVC, 150; DOCU-SHRED, SVC, 284; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK OSSIAN, SVC, 2881; EAKES, SUPP, 1025.57; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, SUPP, 12076.2; FBG FACILITIES SERVICES, SVC, 3681; R FLOWER, SVC, 720; FRANK PARTS, RPR, 108.63; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 15797.41; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, SVC, 294.5; R HACKETT, SUPP, 150; HALL CO COURT, SUPP, 1.75; H HAUSCHILD, TRVL, 364.48; HEARTLAND EXPRESSWAY ASSOC, FEE, 3515.04; HOLIDAY INN, TRVL, 124.95; HOLYOKE SNYDER LONGORIA REICHERT, SVC, 3341.19; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, RPR, 291; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 596.44; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 76.23; JACK'S UNIFORM & EQUIP, SUPP, 44.89; D LANA, SVC, 2891.99; LARIMER CO SHERIFFS OFFICE, FEE, 17.4; LEGACY COOPERATIVE, FUEL, 203.57; MADELUNG LAW OFFICE, SVC, 9169.8; MADISON CO SHERIFF OFFICE, FEE, 106.3; MATZKE MATTOON MARTENS & STROMMEN, SVC, 950; MENARDS, RPR, 345.98; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, SVC, 48; MIDWEST CONNECT, SUPP, 351; MILE HI WATER TEC, SUPP, 645; MIPS, SVC, 120.8; S MUEHLBAUER, TRVL, 140.7; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 277.23; NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY, SVC, 240; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, SUPP, 1435; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW, SVC, 1005.69; PELL REPORTING, SVC, 54.6; W PETERS, SVC, 741.5; PHYSICIANS LABORATORY, SVC, 424; QUADIENT LEASING, POST, 3427.38; RWMC, SVC, 3625; RIVERSTONE BK, SUPP, 50; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 760; SCB CO INFORMATION SYS, SVC, 5940; SCB CO ROAD & BRIDGE, RPR, 91.65; SECRETARY OF STATE, SUB, 190; STAPLES, SUPP, 763.67; SUBWAY, MEAL, 65.91; L TABOR, SVC, 4815; P TALLMAGE, SVC, 1697.7; TEAM AUTO, SUPP, 860.84; THOMPSON GLASS, RPR, 70; THOMSON REUTERS, SVC, 4521.14; TK ELEVATOR, SVC, 765.42; TRANSUNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE, SVC, 353; UNIVERSITY OF NE, TRVL, 777.64; UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN, SVC, 468.5; US BANCORP, MISC, 5783.63; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 89.52; WITNESS FEES 622 COUNTY COURT, FEE, 107; WOODS & AITKEN, SVC, 875; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 354.81; COLONIAL LIFE INS CO, INS, 745.63; EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA, CONT, 700; FNBO, CONT, 17183.99; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 1362.6; LEGALSHIELD, INS, 89.7; NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS, CONT, 200; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, CONT, 555; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 468465.28; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 16673.9; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 37702.66; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2055.77; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 3892.7; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 106095; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 1438.91; YMCA, DUES, 203.5; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 3158.81; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 152.86; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 165; COLUMN SOFTWARE, PUB, 83.5; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 907.04; HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT, SVC, 21645; JENNY'S CLEANING, SVC, 480; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SUPP, 247; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SUPP, 14093.64; MBKEM ENTERPRISE, RPR, 150; MIDWEST MACHINERY & SUPPLY, SUPP, 1193.3; MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, SVC, 155; NPPD, SVC, 504.27; NEBRASKA SAFETY & FIRE EQUIP, SUPP, 351; PLATTE RIVER GLASS, RPR, 332.64; QUICK CARE, SVC, 125; SIMON CONTRACTORS, SVC, 14980.31; US BANCORP, MISC, 1906.24; WHITING SIGNS, SUPP, 330; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 408.74; FNBO, CONT, 4175; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 128614.57; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 4034.84; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 7880.3; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 562.34; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1355.82; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 35785; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 25; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 449.94; WASHINGTON STATE SUPPORT REGISTRY, GARN, 195.18; **TOURISM:** FNBO, CONT, 200; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 5269.67; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 235.9; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 597.46; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 45.53; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 57.5; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1135; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 23.73; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** MADISON NATIONAL LIFE, INS, 4147.97; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 230554.87; REGIONAL CARE, INS, 72511.71; **HANDY BUS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 603.6; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 65; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 410.97; COLUMN SOFTWARE, PUB, 20.73; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, RPR, 16; FENDER MENDERS, RPR, 1000; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 548.84; MENARDS, SUPP, 121.1; PRINT BROKER, PUB, 2020; TRAPEZE SOFTWARE GROUP, SVC, 1819.38; PODIUM AUTO GROUP, RPR, 9116.04; US BANCORP, MISC, 153.6; WILBURN'S TRANSMISSIONS, RPR, 192.96; FNBO, CONT, 900; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 72389.88; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 2017.95;

RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 3843.71; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 108.36; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 325; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 13765; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 96.34; **DRUG COURT:** US BANCORP, MISC, 30; **SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND:** RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 5320.66; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 210.09; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 444.31; **JUVENILE AID FUND:** PANHANDLE PARTNERSHIP, SVC, 1826.75; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 24.15; US BANCORP, MISC, 158.61; 3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS, EDU, 750; FNBO, CONT, 125; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 2842.52; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 79.47; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 235.98; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 13.15; SCB CO TREASURER, ION, 35; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1060; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 9.62; **HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** CO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOC, FEE, 450; IMPROVISED ELECTRONICS, EDU, 5529.99; PENDAR TECHNOLOGIES, SUPP, 75500; REGION 23 EMERGENCY MNGT, MISC, 667.19; ROTHENBUHLER ENGINEERING, SUPP, 11660; T STOHLMAN, EDU, 1522.66; **DETENTION CENTER:** ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 25.98; AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC, FEE, 60; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 160.16; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 112.34; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, SVC, 8966.31; BOB BARKER CO, SUPP, 5488.02; CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM, SVC, 248; COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF WSTRN NE, SVC, 1439; DENNIS SUPPLY, RPR, 24.12; GALLS, SUPP, 7.99; CITY OF GERING UTILITY DEPT, SVC, 12485.23; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, RENT, 160; KEPT IN STITCHES, SUPP, 241; H MANKA, SVC, 33.25; MENARDS, RPR, 564.25; PLATTE RIVER GLASS, RPR, 584; PPCT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, SUPP, 478.22; RWMC, SVC, 135.49; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, RENT, 195.3; TIMECLOCK PLUS, SVC, 4047.18; TRANE US, RPR, 102.76; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, SVC, 37628.91; US BANCORP, MISC, 163.19; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 42.94; WESTERN MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS, RPR, 182.78; J WICKHAM, MEAL, 19.58; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 1292.8; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 677.44; COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, DUES, 1411.1; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, GARN, 1028.29; FNBO, CONT, 8520; PANHANDLE COLLECTIONS, GARN, 548.65; PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, CONT, 91; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 327181.57; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 11928.53; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 24019.98; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 1116.85; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 2513.08; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 75555; SUGAR VALLEY FCU, CONT, 850; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 913.66; WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT, GARN, 450; YMCA, DUES, 567.25; **COUNTY BOND:** BOK FINANCIAL CORP, BOND, 1015837.5; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALARM SECURITY TECHNICIANS, SVC, 16.95; ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS, GARN, 397.21; CAVALRY SPV I, GARN, 191.11; COLONIAL LIFE, INS, 139.07; FNBO, CONT, 2769.17; FOP LODGE #41, DUES, 635.24; RIVERSTONE BK, P/R, 114445.36; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 4594.47; RIVERSTONE BK, TAX, 10164.75; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 233.87; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 699.04; SCB CO TREASURER, INS, 19600; VISION SERVICE PLAN, INS, 222.37; YMCA, DUES, 67.

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