

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 21, 2025, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, January 16, 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 17, 2025.

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

A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Harris gave announcements.

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

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

Motion: Blue. Second: Meyer. Approve the appointment of Charlie Knapper as Vice-Chairman of the Board. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, 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 Director – Cellinda Howard
Veterans Service Officer – Matthew Meyers
Director of Public Works/Highway Superintendent – Steve Baird
Building & Zoning Director – William Mabin
Weed Control Authority Superintendent – Steve Baird
General Assistance Coordinator – Lisa Rien
Personnel Director/Civil Rights Director – Lisa Rien
Management Accountant – Lisa Rien
Detention Center Director – Sheriff Overman
Information Systems Director – Bytes
Tourism Director – Brenda Leisy
Transit Manager – Curt Richter
Region 22 Emergency Management – Rob Crowder

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the Tourism Committee. Participants included: Members of the Board, Lanna Hubbard, Desiree Rice, Chuck Heeman, Melissa Price. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, 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 Director – 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
General Assistance Coordinator – 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: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Meyer. Approve designation of Star Herald as 2025 official County newspaper. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Knapper. Second: Reisig. Table designation of newspaper for 2025 delinquent tax list publication. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Move into Board of Equalization at 5:32 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve twenty-five (25) motor vehicle exemptions for Panhandle Developmental Disabilities Services, Inc., Scottsbluff as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Leave Board of Equalization at 5:35 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Blue. Approve surplus equipment Resolution as presented by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Meyer. Approve the awarding bids for project C-79 (376) to Mark Chrisman Trucking in the amount of \$113, 947 as recommended by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Meyer. Approve The Community Cleanup project to be held April 26, 2025 as recommended by Tony Kaufman and Randy Meininger. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue Approve resolution to set 2025 Delinquent Rate for Insufficient Funds as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Reisig. Approve bank depositories for 2025 – First National Bank, NPAIT, Pinnacle Bank, Platte Valley Bank, Riverstone Bank, US Bank, NFIT (Union Bank) as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Tourism Committee Bylaw change as recommended by the Tourism Committee and presented by Brenda Leisy, Tourism Director. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Knapper. Approve the appointment of Lisa Rien to the position of Scotts Bluff County Communication Center Advisory Board representative. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Blue. Approve temporary contract services for Diversion Office for up to three (3) months as requested by Tamera Frye, Diversion Director. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Old Business.

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

The Board received comments from Dave Wolf, Legacy of the Plains Director. Wolf invited the Board to attend Tourism Committee meetings.

The Board received updates from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant; Jason Ossian, Attorney-at-Law; Curt Richter, Transit Manager; Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent; Kelly Sides, County Clerk. No action taken.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The following claims were audited, allowed and checks ordered drawn on the various funds, delinquent taxes deducted where owing: **GENERAL:** A ELLIOTT LAW, SVC, 2166; ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD, PUB, 21.21; ALLO, SVC, 5182.43; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 1448.03; BAYARD TRANSCRIPT, PUB, 21; BEST WESTERN PLUS, TRVL, 220; M BLUE, TRVL, 391.41; R BRENNER, SVC, 350; BYTES, SVC, 59620.68; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 23.45; COMFORT INN, TRVL, 749.7; CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRIES, SUPP, 1414; CULLIGAN, SUPP, 42; DENNIS SUPPLY, RPR, 42.81; DOUGLAS KELLY OSTDIEK OSSIAN, SVC, 200; EAKES, SUPP, 1160.83; D EUBANKS, FEE, 98; R FLOWER, SVC, 150; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, RENT, 144; HI PERFORMANCE CAR WASH, SVC, 8.99; HOLYOKE SNYDER LONGORIA REICHERT, SVC, 1250; M HUTT, SVC, 550; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 713.99; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 30.38; INDOFF, SUPP, 19.25; JUROR FEES DIST CRT CO COURT 622, FEE, 2560.1; C KNAPPER, TRVL, 393.53; D LANA, SVC, 102.46; LEGACY COOPERATIVE, RPR, 65.53; LINCOLN CO SHERIFF OFFICE, FEE, 21; MADISON CO SHERIFF OFFICE, FEE, 18.41; MEDIATION WEST, SVC, 262.5; MENARDS, RPR, 649.91; M MEYERS, TRNS, 1000; MICROFILM IMAGING SYS, SUPP, 735; MID STATES ORGANIZED CRIME INFO CTR, FEE, 150; MIPS, SVC, 7010.16; MONUMENT TIRE, RPR, 318.33; NACO, FEE, 495; NE ASSOC OF COUNTY ASSESSORS, FEE, 100; NE ASSOC OF COUNTY TREASURERS, FEE, 75; NE DISTRICT COURT CLERKS ASSOC, FEE, 50; NEBRASKA HEALTH & HUMAN SVCS, SVC, 1464; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 67.26; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, RPR, 259.77; NEW VICTORIAN INN & SUITES, TRVL, 209.97; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW, SVC, 2878.05; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 210.47; PANHANDLE ASSOC OF CO ASSESSORS, FEE, 125; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY, SVC, 2348.25; W PETERS, SVC, 691; POSTMASTER, FEE, 350; PRINT EXPRESS, SUPP, 624.2; PROTEX CENTRAL, SUPP, 12339.28; KRISSA RANDALL, SVC, 200; RIVERSTONE BK, FEE, 10; ROBINSON ELECTRIC, RPR, 225; T RODAK, SVC, 3000; RYANS WELDING, RPR, 360; S&L OUTDOORS, SVC, 310; SAMPLES DEAN LAW, FEE, 750; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 1026; SCB CO COURT NON WAIVERABLE FEES, FEE, 3756; SCB CO REGISTER OF DEEDS, SUPP, 196.02; SCB CO ROAD & BRIDGE, SVC, 1698.19; SCB CO SHERIFF FEE ACCOUNT, FEE, 43; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 1836.64; SCB CO TREASURER QUADIENT, POST, 4000; SCB FUELING STATION, FUEL, 44.52; SECRETARY OF STATE, SUB, 40; R SIMPSON, TRVL, 395.17; C SINNER, SVC, 200; STAPLES, SUPP, 141.58; L TABOR, SVC, 2786; TEAM AUTO, SVC, 67.34; TOTAL FILTRATION, SUPP, 995.29; US BANCORP, MISC, 1969.92; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 141.01; WESTERN NE BOARD OF REALTORS, FEE, 449; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 13.38; ALLO, SVC, 5.64; J ARMSTRONG, SUPP, 510; B&C STEEL, SUPP, 47.65; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 154.2; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 110; EAKES, SUPP, 671.82; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, RPR, 1320.93; FRANK PARTS, RPR, 2916.58; HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, TRVL, 249.9; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 83.59; INLAND TRUCK PARTS, RPR, 1121.97; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SUPP, 2139.94; MBKEM ENTERPRISE, RPR, 162; L MCCASLIN, FEE, 21232.2; MICHAEL TODD INDUSTRIAL, SUPP, 1134.5; MORRILL SUPPLY, SUPP, 30.5; NPPD, SVC, 68.39; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, RPR, 1004.3; R NICHOLS, SUPP, 765; NMC EXCHANGE, RPR, 18436.28; NORTHWEST PIPE, SUPP, 1343.4; POWERPLAN, RPR, 6609.58; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 79.64; ROOSTER RIVER STORAGE, SUPP, 4000; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, FUEL, 18288.19; SCB CO TREASURER, TAX, 2147; SPEECE LEWIS, FEE, 2822.9; US BANCORP, MISC, 123.23; VERIZON CONNECT FLEET, SVC, 504.4; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 21.06; VILLAGE OF LYMAN, SVC, 116.54; VISTABEAM, SVC, 131.8; WASTE CONNECTIONS , SVC, 210.17; WESTCO, FUEL, 2477.27; D WORTHMAN, SUPP, 240; WPCI, SVC, 164; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY, RPR, 326.88; **HIGHWAY/BRIDGE BUY-BACK FUND:** SPEECE LEWIS, SVC, 22463.12; **TOURISM:** ALLO, SVC, 272.41; A LANG, SVC, 56.25; LEGACY OF THE PLAINS MUSEUM, CP IMP, 50000; B LEISY, MISC, 494.81; OMAHA PUBLISHING, PUB, 3670; SPORTS NEBRASKA, FEE, 1000; US BANCORP, MISC, 1197.18; **PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION:** MIPS, SVC, 652.44; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 156871.55; **HANDY BUS:** ALLO, SVC, 4.88; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 65; CULLIGAN, SUPP, 30; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, RPR, 1600.8; FRANK PARTS COMPANY, RPR, 13; MAINTAIN X, SVC, 148.1; ONESOURCE THE BACKGROUND CHECK CO, FEE, 10; SCB CO GENERAL FUND, FUEL, 10546.09; PODIUM AUTO GROUP DBA TWIN CITY AUT, RPR, 10937.53; **HIDTA FUNDS:** AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 258.24; GERING POLICE DEPT, RENT, 850; TEAM AUTO CENTER, RENT, 750; **HOMELAND SECURITY FUND:** AARDVARK, SUPP, 3750; **ARPA:** INDEPENDENCE RISING, SVC, 2435.25; KEA CONSTRUCTORS, ARPA, 556266.8; **KENO:** CITY OF MITCHELL, RLTY, 2741.87; NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TAX, 19676; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, RLTY, 5348.37; VILLAGE OF MORRILL, RLTY, 2638.55; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** ACTION COMM, SVC, 1000; CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, SVC, 1227.51; LOCALITY MEDIA, SVC, 54450; VISTABEAM, SVC, 417.7; E-911 FUND: NACO, FEE, 160; DETENTION CENTER: ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 18.53; ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, SVC, 66402.05; AIRGAS, SUPP, 103.7; ALLO, SVC, 217.04; BYTES, SUPP, 1159.23; COREMR, SVC, 500; CULLIGAN, RENT, 422; DENNIS SUPPLY, SUPP, 26.12; FASTENAL, SUPP, 39.18; CITY OF GERING LANDFILL SYSTEM, SVC, 501.38; HONEYWAGON EXPRESS, SVC, 200; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 3294.85; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, RPR, 55.38; LEGACY COOPERATIVE, FUEL, 7.65; MENARDS, SUPP, 139.98; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CNTR, EDU, 1050; NEBRASKALAND TIRE NKC TIRE GROUP, SUPP, 224.95; S&L OUTDOORS, SVC, 150; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 21.67; SCB FUELING STATION, FUEL, 1122.33; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 118.96; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, INC, SVC, 8893.6; US BANCORP, MISC, 3006.17; WESTERN DETENTION, SUPP, 504.3; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY, RPR, 30.4; **FLOOD:** SCB CO ROAD & BRIDGE, SVC, 1029.65; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALLO, SVC, 1122.43; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 190.2; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 172; CHARTER COMM, SVC, 33.69; CHIMNEY ROCK PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 269.22; EAKES, SUPP, 588; V GLEASON, TRVL, 589.4; C HOWARD, TRVL, 569.8; MICRO KEY SOLUTIONS, SVC, 1326.6; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 667.83.

January 21, 2025
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SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Harris

Charlie Knapper

Ken Meyer

ATTEST:

Russ Reisig

Kelly Sides, County Clerk

Mike Blue