

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, March 17, 2025, in the Commissioners Room, County Administration Building in Gering, Nebraska.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald, March 1, 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 March 13, 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: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve agenda as modified changing 10 motor vehicle exemptions to seven for Regional West Medical Center as requested by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer and moving discussion of relocation of Tourism Director before action item on same subject. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Meyer. Approve Consent Agenda excluding claim #02503235 to be considered as a separate item. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Knapper. Approve claim #02503235. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Blue. NAY: None. Abstain: Reisig.

4:30 PUBLIC HEARING – Discuss and consider approval of Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) request by Randy & Susan Kiesel and Cody & Alexis Kiesel, located in Section 34, Township 21N, Range 55W. No one spoke in favor or in opposition.

Public hearing closed at 4:40 PM.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Blue. Approve Ag Estate Dwelling Site (AEDS) request by Randy & Susan Kiesel and Cody & Alexis Kiesel, located in Section 34, Township 21N, Range 55W. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Blue. Move into Board of Equalization at 4:42 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Reisig. Second: Blue. Approve seven (7) motor vehicle exemptions for Regional West Medical Center as recommended by Heather Hauschild, Treasurer. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Reisig. Approve one (1) motor vehicle exemption for Summit Christian College, Gering. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

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

Motion: Blue. Second: Knapper. Leave Board of Equalization at 4:45 PM. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Meyer. Second: Knapper. Reject all fuel bids as presented by Steve Baird, Highway Superintendent. Baird was directed to check back with the Board monthly regarding fuel prices. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

The Board received a presentation regarding Region I Behavioral Health Authority from Holly Brandt and Lisa Simmons. Discussion was held. Debby Wagner and Tamera Frye addressed the Board. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding Scotts Bluff County Detention Center Medical RFP. Sheriff Mark Overman was directed to have an attorney review the agreement. No action taken.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve a one-year cost share contract between Scotts Bluff County and Twin Cities Development in the amount of \$15,000 each with Placer.ai. Vice-Chairman Knapper informed the Board that Scotts Bluff County needs to be making data-based decisions regarding Tourism. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Recess at 5:42 PM.

Return at 5:50 PM.

Discussion was held regarding the relocation of the Tourism Director. The Board heard from Susan Wiedeman, Legacy of the Plains Board Treasurer and Eleanor Shimek, Legacy of the Plains Board President. No action taken.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Blue. Approve moving the office of tourism director to the Scotts Bluff County Administration Building. Lisa Rien, Management Accountant, read aloud the report of the Building Utilization Committee. Melissa Price, Tourism Committee Member, addressed the Board. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Harris. Second: Meyer. Approve resolution directing the Public Transit Manager to apply for funding under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program for FY 2025/26 and FY 2026/27 as presented by Curt Richter, Transit Manager. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Motion: Blue. Second: Reisig. Approve resolution approving of a 5-year contract with Routematch Software, LLC for scheduling & dispatching software for Tri-City Roadrunner and authorize the Public Transit Manager to sign said contract by direction of the Board of Commissioners as presented by Curt Richter, Transit Manager. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Discussion was held regarding the Budget process for 2025-2026 due September 30th. The Board instructed Lisa Rien, Management Accountant, as to what information they would like to see before them at a meeting scheduled for March 31, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

Old Business.

The Board received an update regarding Time clock plus and payroll from Lisa Rien, Management Accountant, informing the Board that the next step will be working with MIPS.

The Board heard comments from Nicole Egan, Marketing & Promotions, Off-Site Manager; Colleen Johnson, Executive Director of Old West Balloon Fest; Susan Wiedeman, Legacy of the Plains Board Treasurer; all speaking in support of Brenda Leisy as Tourism Director.

The Board was reminded of the Health Fair on March 18 by Lisa Rien, Management Accountant. No action taken.

The Board gave updates on various agencies and committees.

Jason Ossain, Attorney-at-Law, informed the Board that the Executive Session scheduled for the purpose of a personnel issue was requested to be heard in public. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Board would not go into Executive Session.

Motion: Knapper. Second: Reisig. Table employment status of Tourism Director agenda item until March 31, 2025. YEA: Harris, Knapper, Meyer, Reisig, Blue. NAY: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 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, 1174; ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 31.27; ALLO, SVC, 5240.01; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 128.79; B&C STEEL, SUPP, 110; BYTES, SVC, 49405.61; C CALVERT, SUPP, 150; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 246.35; CHARTER COMM, SVC, 309.95; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 23.45; CONNECTING POINT, RPR, 150; CULLIGAN, SUPP, 51.5; CVSOAN, FEE, 120; DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE, SUPP, 33.95; EAKES, SUPP, 3413.41; FBG FACILITIES SERVICES, SVC, 968; R FLOWER, SVC, 1260; GREG'S AUTO BODY & PAINT, RPR, 583.99; HI PERFORMANCE CAR WASH, SVC, 27.08; L HINTERGARDT, SVC, 234; HULLINGER GLASS & LOCKS, SVC, 137.5; M HUTT, SVC, 750; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 1145.94; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 70.07; INTRALINKS, SVC, 125; JUSTICE WORKS, SVC, 150; S LEAVITT, SVC, 74.25; LEGACY COOPERATIVE, FUEL, 323.41; LYNN PEAVEY CO, SUPP, 189.48; MADELUNG LAW, SVC, 70; MENARDS, SUPP, 185.75; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, RENT, 631; MIPS, SVC, 5902.92; MONUMENT TIRE, RPR, 560.08; NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB, SVC, 67.31; NEBRASKA STATE PATROL, SVC, 1513.13; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, SVC, 527.19; NORTHWEST PIPE FITTINGS, RPR, 15.46; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 229.23; PANHANDLE HUMANE SOCIETY, SVC, 2348.25; W PETERS, SVC, 4676.5; PIKE REPORTING, SVC, 303.39; PIP MARKETING SIGNS PRINT, SUPP, 1771.15; POWERTECH, SVC, 546; PRINT EXPRESS, SUPP, 57.13; PYE-BARKER FIRE & SAFETY, SVC, 595; PURCHASE POWER, POST, 12.98; RIVERSTONE BK, FEE, 10; T RODAK, SVC, 3000; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, SVC, 63.48; SCB CO CLERK OF THE DIST CT FILING, FEE, 2048; SCB CO COMMUNICATIONS FUND, TRNS, 225000; SCB CO COURT NON WAIVERABLE FEES, FEE, 2742; SCB CO MUTUAL AID ASSOC, FEE, 100; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 7119.97; SCB FUELING STATION, FUEL, 31.24; SHAGGY BUFFALO CAR WASH, SVC, 105; SHERWIN WILLIAMS, SUPP, 165.97; STAPLES, SUPP, 51.86; SCOTTSBLUFF STAR HERALD RENEWALS, SUB, 260; L TABOR, SVC, 6695; THOMSON REUTERS, SVC, 2923.46; US BANCORP, MISC, 7752.59; VALLEY AUTO LOCATORS, RPR, 20.8; VERIZON WIRELESS, SVC, 60.99; WE TRAVEL, SVC, 2060; WESTCO, FUEL, 26383; WITNESS FEES 622 COUNTY COURT, FEE, 157; WITNESS FEES 971 DISTRICT CRT 621, FEE, 44.2; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY, RPR, 181.96; **ROAD & BRIDGE:** ACE HARDWARE, SUPP, 21.98; ACTION COMM, SUPP, 4036.54; ALLO, SVC, 5.27; J ARMSTRONG, SUPP, 570; AULICK INDUSTRIES, RPR, 364.37; B&C STEEL, SUPP, 104.06; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 154.2; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 152.94; EAKES, SUPP, 186.47; FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER, RPR, 1367.89; FRANK PARTS, RPR, 3102.53; GREG'S AUTO BODY & PAINT, RPR, 583.99; HORSE CREEK TIRE, RPR, 93; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 74.91; INLAND TRUCK PARTS, RPR, 25; JENNY'S CLEANING, SVC, 480; LEGACY COOPERATIVE, RPR, 10; MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SUPP, 8007.12; MIDWEST ELECTRONICS, EQUIP, 109; MIDWEST MACHINERY & SUPPLY, SUPP, 818.17; MORRILL HARDWARE & BLDG SUPPLIES, SUPP, 62501.59; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPT, EQUIP, 22154; NPPD, SVC, 6.38; NEBRASKALAND TIRE, SVC, 3435.51; R NICHOLS, SUPP, 60; NMC EXCHANGE, SUPP, 17100.4; NORTHERN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, RPR, 193.69; OREILLY AUTO PARTS, RPR, 606.25; POWERPLAN, SUPP, 18960.94; REM SCREENING, SUPP, 3125.16; SAPP BROS PETROLEUM, FUEL, 23977.3; SIMON CONTRACTORS, SUPP, 2154.86; SCOTTSBLUFF STAR HERALD RENEWALS, SUB, 130; TEAM AUTO CENTER, SVC, 1527.73; US BANCORP, MISC, 4017.48; VERIZON CONNECT FLEET USA, SVC, 504.4; VILLAGE OF LYMAN, SVC, 119.78; WASTE CONNECTIONS, SVC, 210.17; WESTCO, SUPP, 4891.42; WPCI, SVC, 186; WYOMING BEARING & SUPPLY, SUPP, 904.03; **TOURISM:** COZAD SIGNS, SUPP, 72; B LEISY, TRVL, 388.07; MALY MARKETING, SVC, 135.1; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 9.27; US BANCORP, MISC, 144.31; **PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION:** MIPS, SVC, 652.44; **SELF-INSURED MEDICAL FUND:** PLATTE VALLEY NTL BK, INS, 40701.18; **HANDY BUS:** ALLO, SVC, 3.38; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 603.6; BENZEL PEST CONTROL, SVC, 65; COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC, PUB, 28.36; CULLIGAN, SUPP, 30; EAKES, SUPP, 60.29; FAT BOYS TIRE & AUTO, RPR, 1600.8; LOGOZ, SUPP, 50; MAINTAIN X, SVC, 148.1; MENARDS, SUPP, 55.32; SCB CO GENERAL FUND, FUEL, 9944.42; PODIUM AUTO GROUP DBA TWIN CITY AUT, RPR, 10455.37; US BANCORP, MISC, 275.88; **COUNTY BUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:** NEBRASKA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, VHCL, 8638; **JUVENILE AID FUND:** C FRYE, SVC, 1122; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 6.9; US BANCORP, MISC, 1130.1; 3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS, EDU, 525; **ARPA:** KEA CONSTRUCTORS, SVC, 65711.5; **KENO:** CITY OF MITCHELL, RLTY, 2647.69; PLOWBOYZ SNOW REMOVAL, SVC, 360; CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, RLTY, 5715.29; SPIC AND SPAN CLEANERS, SUPP, 113.5; VILLAGE OF MORRILL,

RLTY, 2585.92; **HEALTH:** SCB CO KENO FUND, TRNS, 17000; **E-911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND:** CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, SVC, 3181.42; VISTABEAM, SVC, 417.7; **E-911 FUND:** CENTURYLINK, SVC, 2220.6; **DETENTION CENTER:** ACE HARDWARE, RPR, 11.2; ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, SVC, 64925.26; AIRGAS USA, SUPP, 94.66; ALLO, SVC, 217.69; BOB BARKER CO, SUPP, 3597.76; CML SECURITY, SVC, 400; COMM ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF WSTRN NE, SVC, 549; COREMR, SVC, 500; CULLIGAN, RENT, 422; GALLS, SUPP, 390.39; CITY OF GERING LANDFILL SYSTEM, SVC, 501.38; GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SRVCS CORP, RENT, 160; IDEAL BLUFFS FACILITY SOLUTIONS, SUPP, 4509.46; IDEAL LINEN, SUPP, 588.08; MENARDS, SUPP, 334.83; MONUMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY, SVC, 400; NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICE, SVC, 4651.25; POWERTECH, SVC, 1168; PRECISION AIR, SVC, 186.08; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, RENT, 111.6; SCB CO TREASURER, POST, 14.49; SCB FUELING STATION, FUEL, 926.56; SIMPLY CLEAN, SUPP, 122; TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, SVC, 18690.42; US BANCORP, MISC, 5077.59; **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:** TRANE US, SVC, 70095; **FLOOD:** CITY OF GERING, SVC, 569.25; **CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS:** ALLO, SVC, 828.56; AT&T MOBILITY, SVC, 374.31; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 251.91; CENTURYLINK, SVC, 172; CHARTER COMM, SVC, 33.62; CYRACOM INTERNATIONAL, SVC, 17.25; NEBRASKA STATE PATROL, SVC, 1010.17; PRINT BROKER, SUPP, 260; ROOSEVELT PUBLIC POWER, SVC, 572.04.

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